SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Allendale Elementary
Allendale
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 569**
Principal: Sheila Leath
Superintendent: Dr. Ora Lee Watson
Board Chair: Alonzo Fraizer

PERFORMANCE

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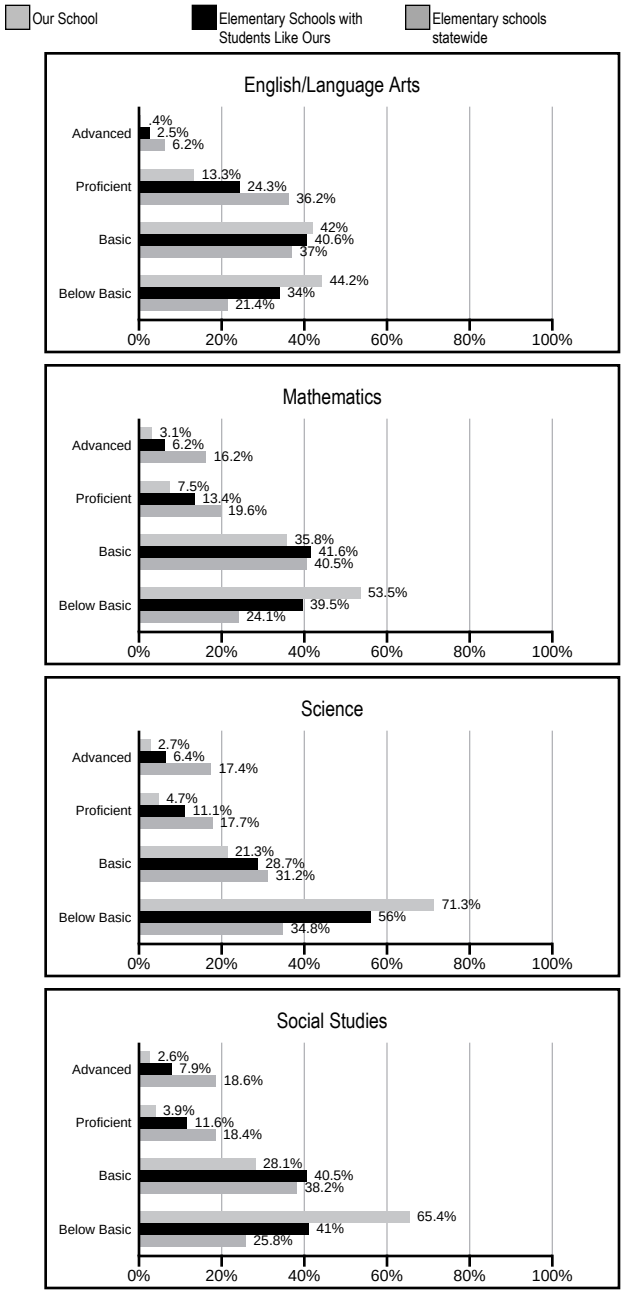
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	R
2007	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	RP
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	Silver	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	4	46	61

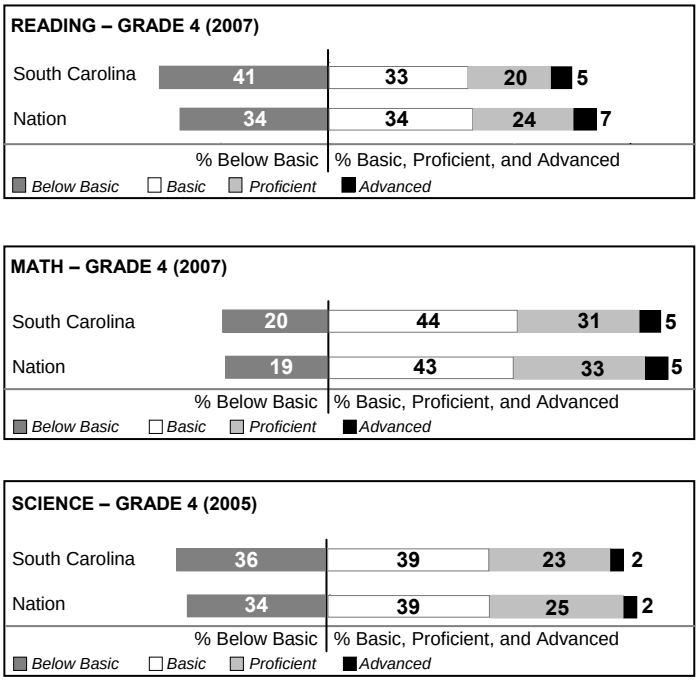
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PACT PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

** Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.*



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=569)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Down from 6.8%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.3%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	2.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.6%	Up from 4.9%	7.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	35.3%	Down from 37.5%	53.3%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	61.8%	Down from 65.0%	68.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.3%	Down from 12.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.5%	Down from 76.0%	82.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 93.0%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$38,976	Up 1.5%	$43,737	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.6%	Up from 0.0%	2.2%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Up from 18.4 to 1	16.3 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.9%	Up from 85.9%	89.1%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	$8,276	Up 3.7%	$8,241	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	71.7%	Up from 70.7%	68.1%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	65.9%	Up from 62.9%	60.2%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%		66.0%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	71	23
Percent satisfied with learning environment	52.9%	85.7%	68.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	51.5%	82.6%	52.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	21.9%	81.4%	60.9%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2007-08 school year, Allendale Elementary's theme "Teamwork Makes The Dream Work" served as a foundational belief that underpinned our efforts.

All instructional practices are based on the district curriculum, which provides the framework for the teaching of Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The curriculum is closely aligned with the South Carolina Curriculum Standards. At Allendale Elementary, teachers use research-based, instructional strategies as they provide direct instruction in reading comprehension and decoding skills, spelling, word study, and grammar.

Teachers were engaged in frequent and continuous conversations regarding student data such as MAP, PACT, and Benchmarks. Data-driven instructional decisions were made based on the findings.

Over half of our classrooms now have Promethean interactive boards installed. We have found these boards to captivate students, keep them engaged in the lesson, and encourage learning. Our goal is to have an interactive board in every classroom.

A critical component to maintaining high staff morale and increasing student achievement is providing opportunities for continued adult learning that helps teachers build and maintain a solid foundation for their teaching. For our staff, professional development enriches and revitalizes them while allowing time for self-reflection and further growth. Teachers received training in the High Scope Curriculum, differentiated instruction, best practice in the four content areas, and training on the use of the Promethean interactive whiteboard.

Students participated in various afterschool activities including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, dance, music, drill team, Beta Club, gardening, and arts and crafts. We had our first Night of the Arts program to spotlight our many talented students. Students sang, danced, and recited poetry. We plan for this to become an annual event.

Students received School to Work experience by applying for various jobs within the school. Students were expected to complete a job application, get two letters of support from their teachers, and participate in a face-to-face interview. Various positions were available including school store clerk, safety patrol, flag patrol, drill team, and co-anchors for TNN our morning news show.

Here at Allendale Elementary, parents and staff will continue to work together as partners to increase student achievement.

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