



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Starr Elementary

Anderson 3

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 743

Principal: Valerie Neal

Superintendent: L. Hugh Smith

Board Chair: Curtis Wiles

PERFORMANCE

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

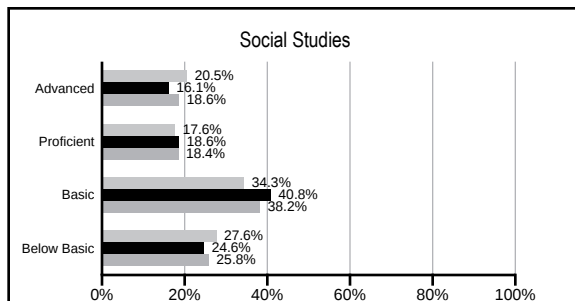
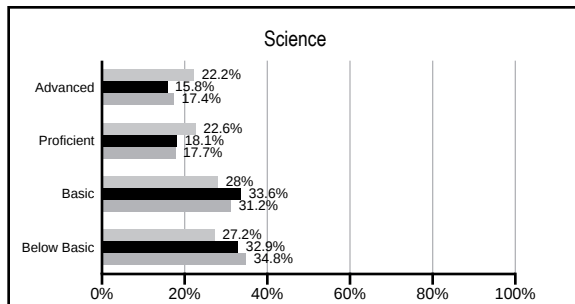
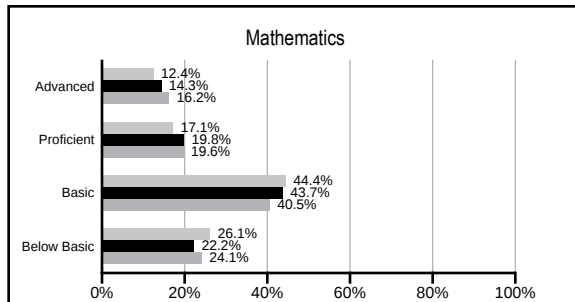
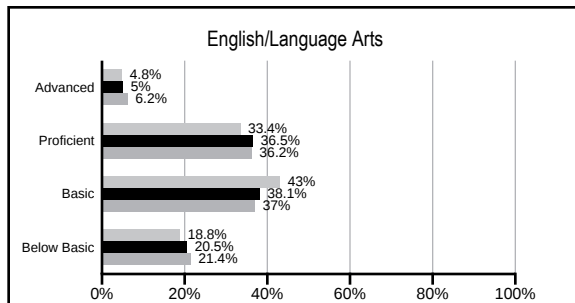
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	54	28	1

* 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.

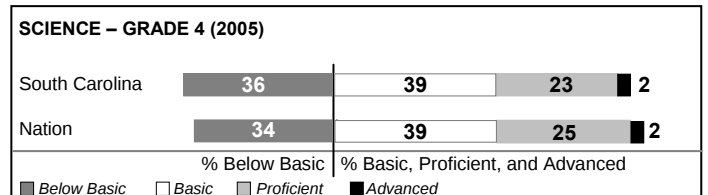
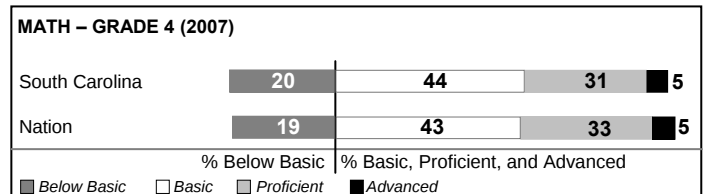
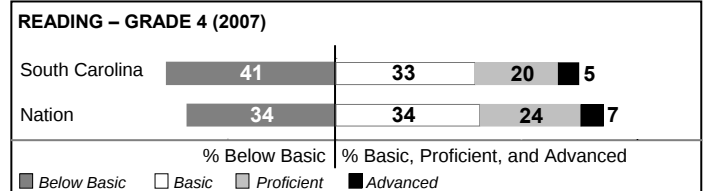
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



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=743)				
Retention rate	7.3%	Up from 4.3%	2.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.3%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.9%	Up from 10.2%	9.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 8.9%	8.7%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.9%	Up from 44.7%	57.9%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	No Change	80.4%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Down from 94.9%	87.1%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 93.4%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,509	Up 6.7%	\$45,347	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Up from 19.3 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	No Change	89.5%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,434	Down 3.3%	\$6,890	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	70.8%	Up from 69.9%	68.4%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.0%	Up from 63.8%	64.8%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	84.2%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	107	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	87.6%	77.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.7%	75.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.2%	84.1%	70.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-08 school year at Starr Elementary has been extremely motivating for all of our school members. Our focus has been to continue to maintain our high expectations in line with state standards developed by the Department of Education. Our mission is focused on goals that each child will learn and develop their highest potential enabling them to become responsible, self-motivated, lifelong learners by fostering parent involvement, embracing diversity, providing challenging, accountable, and innovative educational opportunities in a safe and caring atmosphere.

At the present time we have 747 students who attend Starr Elementary. We are very proud of their accomplishments. The students here at Starr Elementary work extremely hard as is seen by the achievements noted in many areas, including a student who was recognized by the Lt. Governor for the Governor's Citizenship award and one student who won first place in a Clemson University Martin Luther King Celebration 2008 poster contest. Starr Elementary also celebrated the following: four students who received two gold medals and two students who received silver medals at the Regional Science Fair at Clemson University; a Spelling Bee winner who won 3rd place in the Regional Spelling Bee; Terrific Kids; Awards Day; Honor Roll; Attendance Awards; Accelerated Reader Awards; After School Program; APPLE Academics; and the Starr Student Award. We have involved the students in various opportunities such as APPLE Art, Fifth Grade Chorus, St. Jude's fundraiser that collected over \$5000.00, and Jump Rope for Heart that raised over \$7000.00. Students also brought in 5004 cans of food for disadvantaged community members.

The faculty and staff continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for learning. In order to expand their knowledge skills, they have been involved in many endeavors such as taking a class on poverty as well as SMART board instruction. They also attended many conferences to become more knowledgeable in their content areas. We have also initiated the "Writing to Win," program. The faculty also administered Dibels and the Ohio Assessment, as well as PACT. All of these endeavors have allowed teachers to use test data to help analyze student progress and needs.

Special congratulations go to Mrs. Heather Smith who was selected as the Starr Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Valerie Neal, Principal
Melissa Davis, SIC Chair

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