



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mossy Oaks Elementary
Beaufort County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 437

Principal: Donald A. Gruel

Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale

Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Good	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Good	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Good	Silver	Not Met	N/A

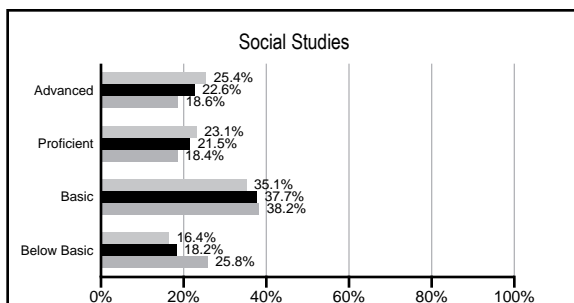
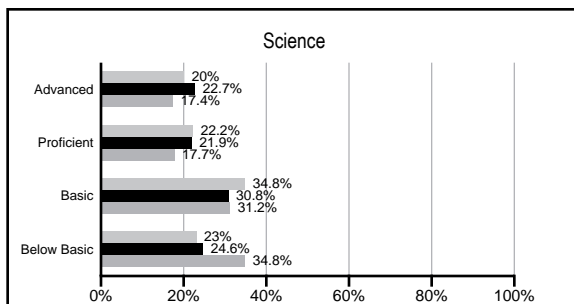
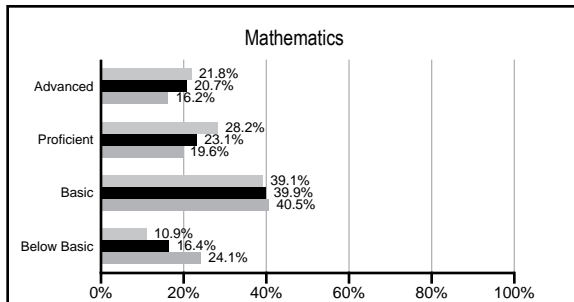
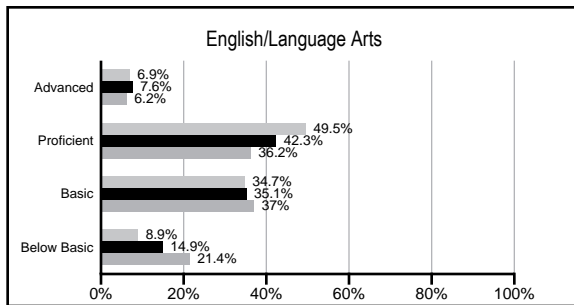
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	30	55	4	0

* 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=437)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 3.1%	2.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	24.9%	Down from 26.6%	15.4%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Up from 6.3%	6.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=32)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.8%	Up from 65.6%	59.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	81.3%	No Change	80.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Up from 89.5%	89.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.1%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$53,222	Up 8.1%	\$46,269	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 18.8 to 1	19.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.7%	Up from 88.8%	90.2%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,462	Up 14.5%	\$6,405	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.0%	Down from 69.7%	69.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.1%	Down from 67.2%	66.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		91.4%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	68	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	85.1%	96.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1%	77.6%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	83.8%	94.8%

*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 2007-2008 school year was an exciting time to be at Mossy Oaks Elementary School. Because of our high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement, we earned the Palmetto Silver award for the third consecutive year. This year the staff spent much time analyzing student achievement data, and we used this information to plan more effectively for instruction as we became more technologically proficient. We are fortunate to be able to provide a variety of programs to address individual needs of our students. Accelerated Reader, Everyday Counts Calendar Math, Analogy of the Day, Math Facts in a Flash, and Rhymes and Times are just a few of the programs that are used school-wide to ensure that students are receiving standards-based instruction that will help them be successful in school.

Character education is also an important part of the daily school routine. The students say a respect pledge each morning, and we continue to emphasize the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, and citizenship. An extension of this is our Encouragers' Club, which is a service learning club of 38 students that is very active in our school and the community. They have been involved in Relay for Life, Festival of Trees, Red Ribbon Week, Pennies for Patients, letter-writing to soldiers, and other activities that benefit others. Our creative arts program brought together the whole community in two greatly successful productions by 3rd graders and 5th graders. The Mossy Oaks Chorus performed at the State Fair in the fall, and our Book Club members read the twenty South Carolina Children's Book Award titles and chose their favorite.

Last year we had more than 765 volunteers donating more than 8300 hours in approximately 55 different events/activities to make our school a better place. We have been particularly fortunate to be the beneficiary of Beaufort Middle School's community service requirements and their teacher cadet program. Many of our students have had quality one-on-one assistance from these middle school students. Mossy Oaks Elementary continues to benefit from a strong base of parental support. Our PTO has sponsored wonderful family-oriented activities such as the Back-to-School Luau and swim party, the Fall Fling, and the wildly successful Hoe Down, which drew a full house of Mossy Oaks family members at the middle school gymnasium! This year, one parent spearheaded an after-school Creativity Club which had so many applicants that they had to provide two classes instead of the one that was originally planned.

Our School Management Team was actively involved in the successful school district bond referendum. Parent survey results were analyzed, and plans are already being made for next year. Much change will be in store for our school since we are losing several staff members to retirement and will be adding new personnel who will bring innovative new ideas to Mossy Oaks. We continue to live by our school motto of being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

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 Jerrie LeGare, School Management Team Chair

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