SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Kershaw Elementary
Lancaster County
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 460**
Principal: Mrs. Jennifer C. Etheridge
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Charlene McGriff

PERFORMANCE

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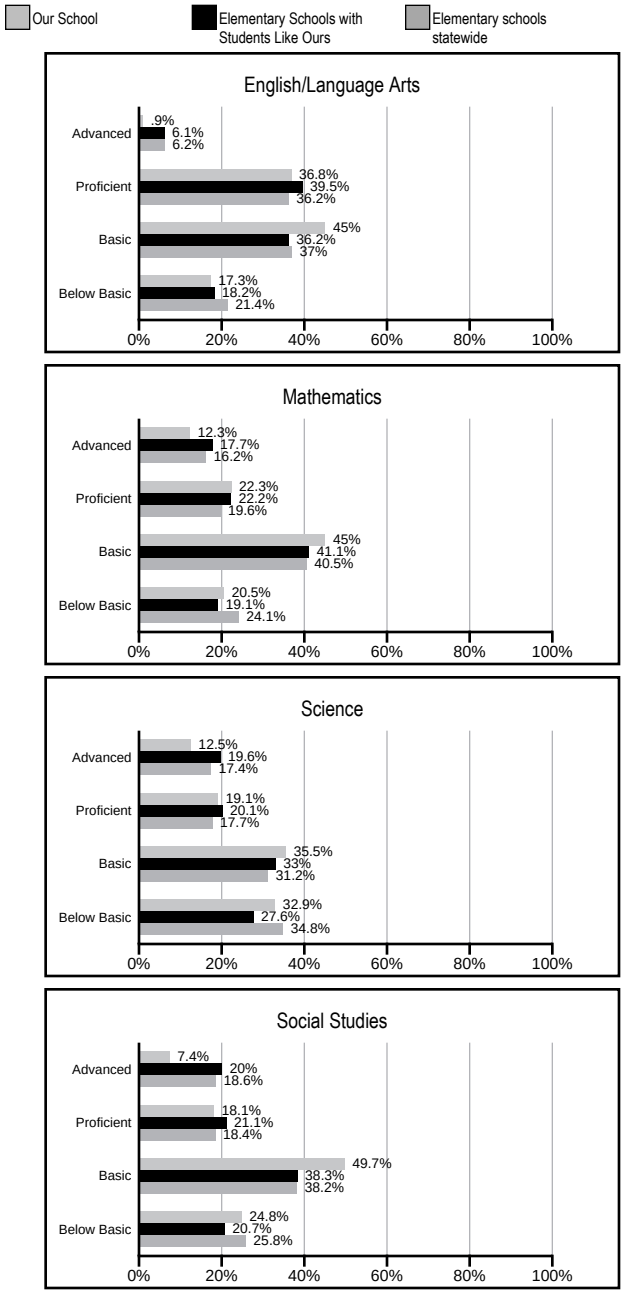
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	RP
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	CSI-DELAY

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	15	61	8	1

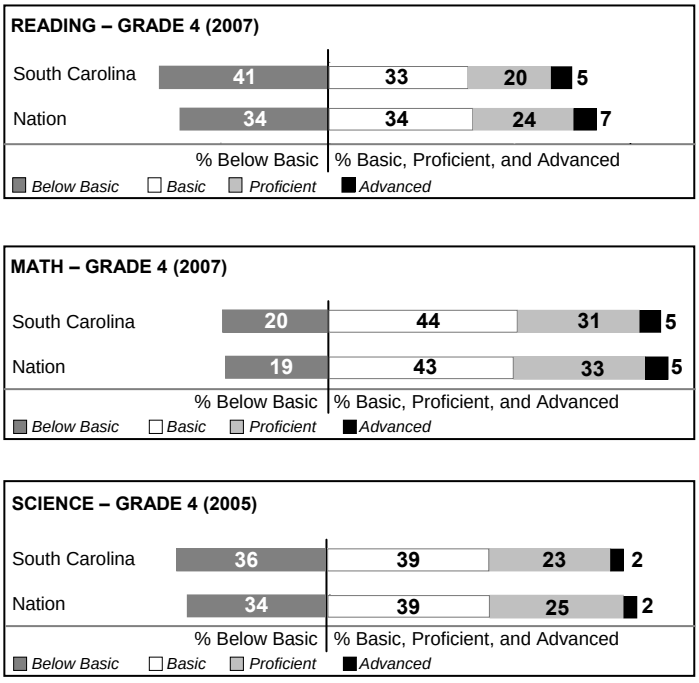
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PACT PERFORMANCE



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=460)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 3.3%	2.2%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.7%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.8%	Up from 7.4%	12.1%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.6%	Up from 6.8%	8.2%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.7%	Down from 75.0%	56.0%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	87.9%	Up from 87.5%	78.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Down from 91.3%	86.7%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$49,754	Up 2.7%	$45,032	$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	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.4 to 1	Down from 18.3 to 1	18.7 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 89.2%	90.2%	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*	$6,719	Up 4.7%	$6,551	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.2%	Down from 72.7%	69.0%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	68.8%	Down from 69.3%	65.1%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	58	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	91.4%	88.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.8%	90.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.0%	91.4%	90.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Expect to be impressed, our children are the best!" This school motto continues to resound in all that we aspire to achieve. A positive school experience for all students is the commitment of all stakeholders in our community. From School Improvement Council/PTO Family Nights for every grade level to free community computer classes and Wee Read materials for newborn members of the Kershaw Elementary family, we strive to be a resource within the Kershaw area for young and old alike! Our entire school family can be proud of our Red Carpet status for family friendliness.

The resources for learning are broad and varied in the utilization of the Everyday Mathematics program, a Discovery cluster program using Core Knowledge Curriculum and Multiple Intelligences Theory, SRA Corrective Reading for identified students, and Bulldog Buddies small group instruction based on MAP data for all 2nd-5th grade students. Summer Countdown to Kindergarten and a new 4K program enhance early learning experiences for our students. We proudly celebrated the induction of numerous new members into the National Jr. Beta Club who became active in leadership and service projects! Staff development activities for teachers and assistants included sessions in poetry and writing, along with grouping to address individual skill needs and to further enhance planning and evaluation of classroom strategies for our students.

Innovative learning experiences and technological opportunities are provided for all students through new Classworks computer software for mathematics and language arts, standards-based field trips on all grade levels, media research, Smartboards, author visits, and manipulatives in both mathematics and science. Extended day and year enrichment has been provided through the Partners for Youth Homework Center, 21st Century, Title I, and Summer Smarts 2007. AmeriCorps members, Teacher Cadets, and Service Learning students, along with family volunteers provide tutoring & mentoring. Communication was key as student-led conferencing, classroom phone chains, and e-mail were again utilized on a school-wide basis. Visits in the homes of many of our students started the year off right by helping everyone get acquainted.

Our Positive Action Character Education program and numerous service learning activities provide citizenship opportunities for our students and staff, and support the American Red Cross, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, March of Dimes, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All students participated in musical and dramatic performances for family and friends during the year, such as the 5th grade production of original student poetry. PTO contributions continued to support supplemental instructional materials, funded school-wide activities, helped fund visiting artists, and supplied awards for Accelerated Reader throughout the year. The community rallied to support a hotdog-themed celebration of academic growth that included donations of t-shirts and hotdog coupons from local businesses. This support, in combination with the involvement of our Kershaw Elementary families and teachers as a team, makes a difference in the lives of our children!

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