SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Irmo Elementary
Lexington/Richland 5
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 503**
Principal: Shannon McAlister
Superintendent: Dr. Herbert Berg
Board Chair: Paula Hite

PERFORMANCE

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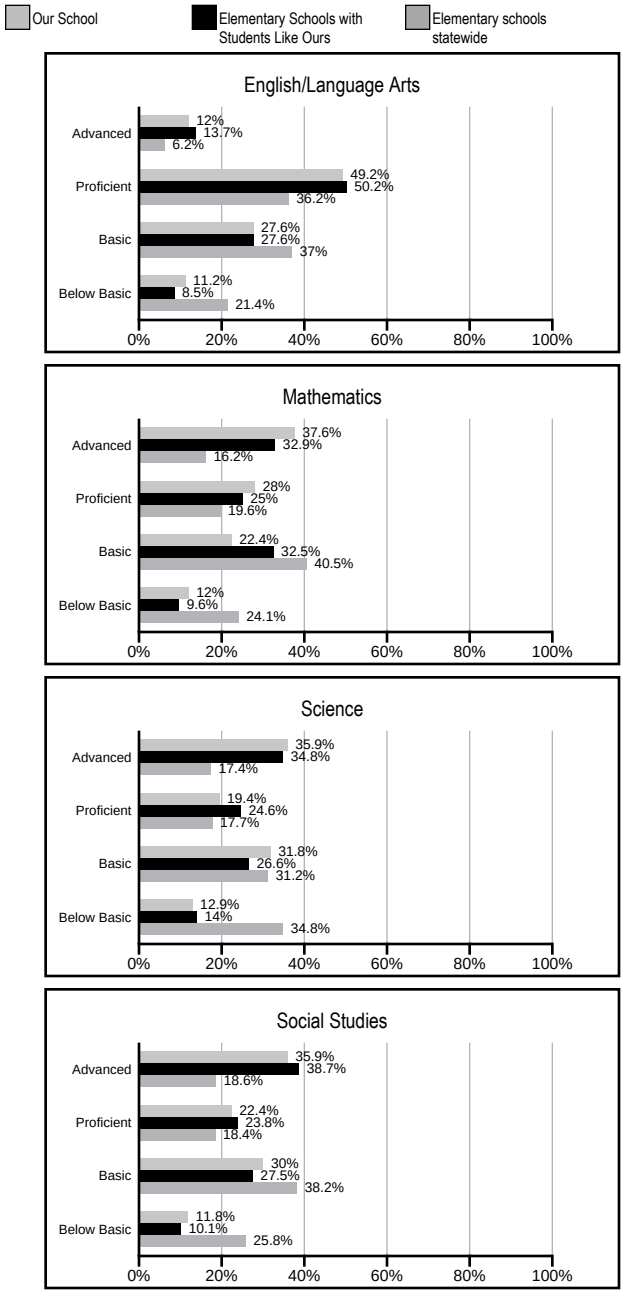
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	16	2	0	0

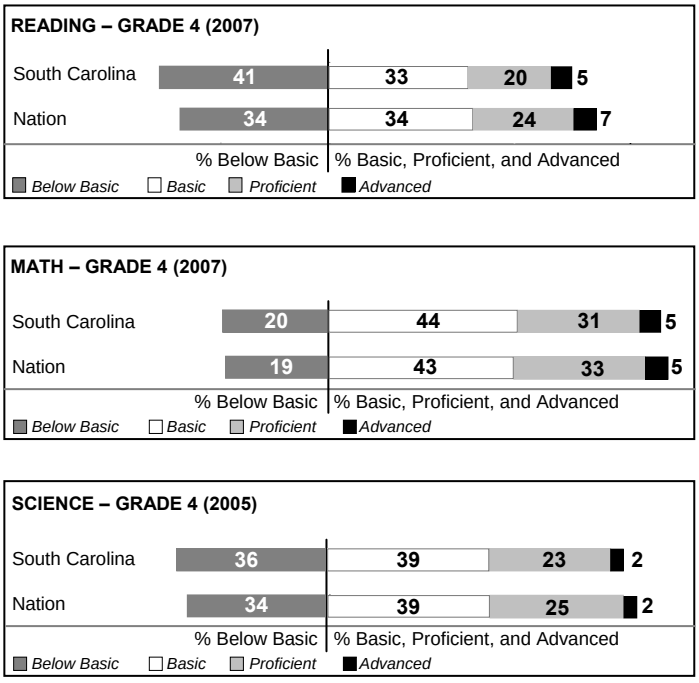
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PACT PERFORMANCE



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=503)				
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 1.1%	1.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.7%	97.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	33.0%	Down from 33.1%	26.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.4%	Up from 5.5%	6.2%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.0%	Down from 72.5%	60.4%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 82.5%	83.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Up from 85.7%	88.7%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 91.8%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$50,019	Up 5.4%	$46,736	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	Down from 7.3%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 19.1 to 1	19.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 87.5%	90.3%	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*	$8,712	Up 3.8%	$6,673	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.5%	Down from 62.3%	73.3%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.1%	Down from 61.0%	64.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	89.5%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	85	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	88.2%	94.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.1%	84.7%	94.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	85.9%	96.2%

*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 mission of Irmo Elementary School, where excellence is a tradition and learning has no boundaries, is to ensure that each child is motivated to achieve his or her full potential through diverse and challenging educational programs that demand superior achievement, provide a foundation for life-long learning, and instill the desire to become a productive member of society. Irmo Elementary School has a proud history of excellence. This year our school was one of eight schools statewide to be recognized as an Exemplary Writing School and one of five schools to earn the South Carolina Department of Education Red Carpet School award for the third time. Our previous accomplishments are: Palmetto's Finest, National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, University of South Carolina Professional Development School, Exemplary Writing Award, Red Carpet Award, Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School, Intel/Scholastic 21st Century School of Distinction, and Palmetto Gold.

Mrs. Jennie Paddock, our gifted and talented teacher, was Irmo Elementary's 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Emily King-Korson, our facilities supervisor, was our 2007-2008 Support Employee of the Year. Irmo Elementary enjoys strong relationships with the Irmo community and is extremely thankful for the support of our area businesses. Our business partner of the year was Zaxby's Restaurant.

Our Honey Bunch After-School Program offers site-based afternoon care during the school year. Students in our program take part in a wide variety of athletic and academic exploratory camps.

Irmo Elementary students learn the keys to good citizenship by serving our school community. Fourth-grade students deliver mail for the Wee Deliver System and serve on Student Council. Our fifth graders serve the school through Safety Patrol, Student Council, and our morning television show, WBEE. Students are also involved in early morning fitness, orchestra, and our chorus, the Super Star Singers. Students and community members raised over $13,000 to help a student who is battling leukemia.

Irmo Elementary is very fortunate to have the support of the community. Parents and community members are involved and active volunteers in our building! Volunteers serve our school in many ways, including our outdoor classroom (Baxter Court); IES Publishing Company; Family Literacy Night; and "Back to the Future" night, which showcases Science, Math, and Technology. Students get excited about the PTA-sponsored reading celebrations in the fall and spring, which allow each student to choose a book on their reading level to add to their personal libraries. Fund-raising efforts continue to support literacy and technology implementation throughout our building.

Irmo Elementary is proud of the excellent educational program offered to our students and is committed to having all children reach their greatest potential.

Jim Shirley, Principal
Robert Mahoney, SIC Chair

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