SC Annual School Report Card Summary

A R Lewis Elementary
Pickens
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 248**
Principal: Kathy Brazinski
Superintendent: Lee D'Andrea, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Dr. B. J. Skelton

PERFORMANCE

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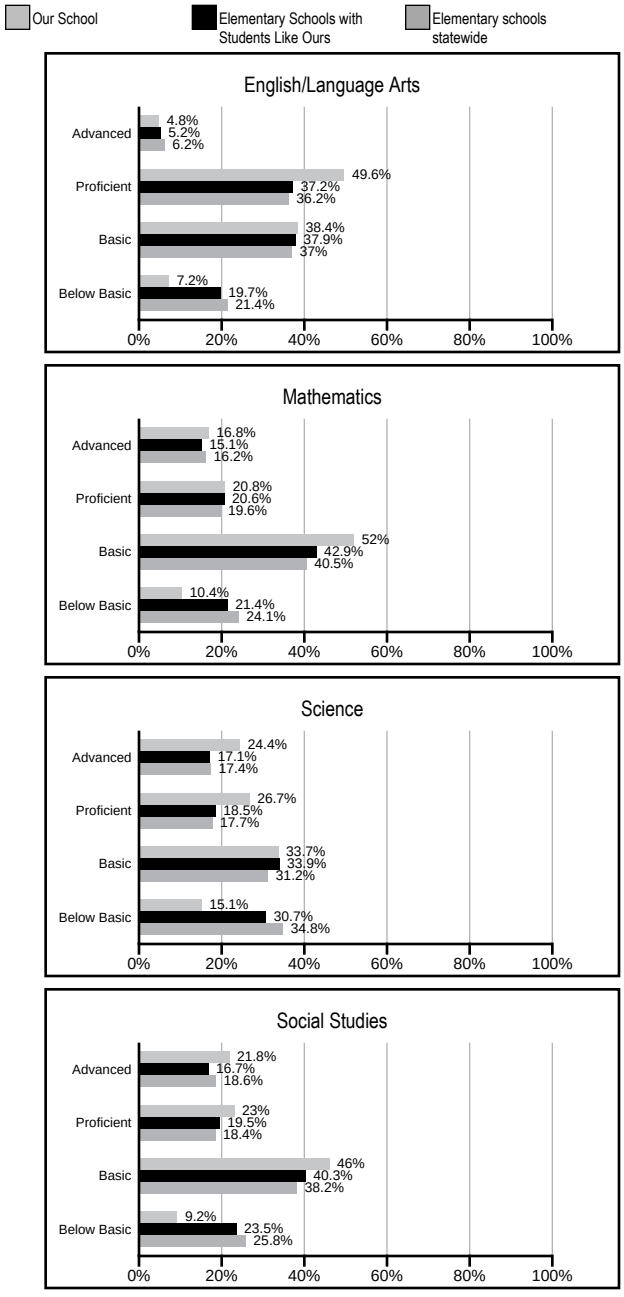
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Below Average	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Average	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	7	65	19	1

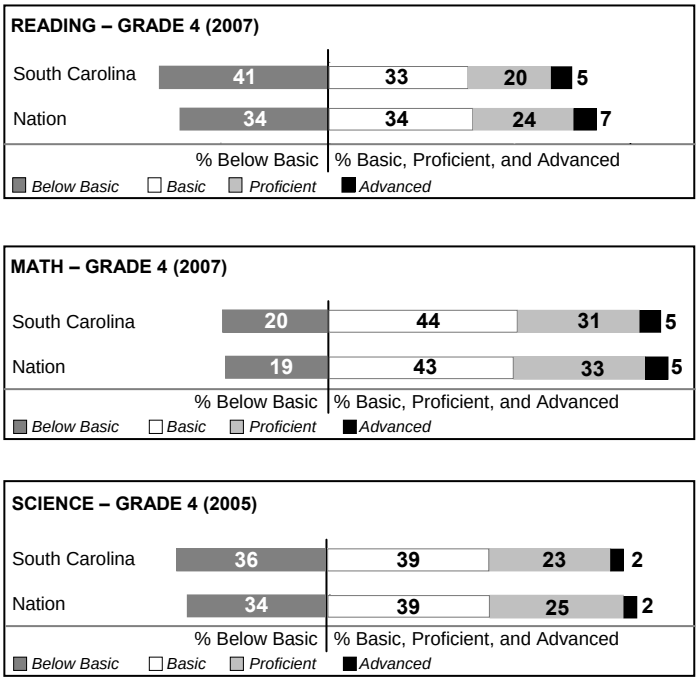
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=248)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Up from 1.5%	2.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.7%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.0%	Up from 14.3%	10.6%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.1%	Down from 8.8%	8.7%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.9%	Down from 65.0%	57.7%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	80.4%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.4%	Up from 91.6%	87.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 97.0%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$46,461	Up 4.2%	$45,421	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 19.3 to 1	18.6 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Down from 92.0%	89.8%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	$9,448	Up 7.1%	$6,878	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	53.8%	Down from 59.4%	68.8%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	48.4%	Down from 50.7%	65.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	37	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.4%	81.1%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.9%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.4%	91.9%	90.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

A.R. Lewis Elementary, a small family oriented school in the foothills of Pickens County, embraces the five initiatives of a “School of Promise”. The five initiatives, which are prepare, protect, nurture, serve, and mentor, guide faculty, teachers, students, and community.

A.R. Lewis serves 250 students in grades K4 through fifth grade, providing many opportunities for academic growth and community involvement. Our school offers scientifically-researched based curriculum, Classworks, MAP assessment, Accelerated Reader, Reading Recovery, Thinking Maps, Write from the Beginning, and Balanced Literacy as the core for our technological curriculum. The faculty creates a positive culture through the implementation of Positive Behavior Support (PBS) system.

Our school has been well recognized with many awards and accomplishments. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) has been met for the last 5 out of 6 years. We have received the state education department’s Red Carpet award, two Federal 21st Century Learning grants, 9 school incentive awards, state department’s top service learning awards, Safe Kids School for 2007-2008, and US Healthy Challenge Food Nutrition Grant.

A.R. Lewis has sixty percent free/reduced lunch students while maintaining average to above average test scores. The school has an active PTA and School Improvement Council (SIC). Through our school community efforts, we have hosted seven AmeriCorps Teams, collaborated yearly with Artist in Residence, and have developed a classroom without walls backyard habitat.

We are honored to have Blue Ridge Electric Coop as a devoted business partner. Blue Ridge employees act as classroom buddies and help improve our school environment by offering assistance and aides to the students, faculty, and staff.

Dedicated teachers emphasize academic excellence while meeting the daily developmental needs of each child, nurturing and guiding them to become productive members of society. A.R. Lewis Elementary rolls out the red carpet to all who come through the doors, while pulling the red wagons in our quest to be a “School of Promise” and to ensure that “every child is a Superstar”.

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