SC Annual School Report Card Summary

West End Elementary
Pickens
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 739**
Principal: Angie G. Rodgers
Superintendent: Lee D'Andrea, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Dr. B. J. Skelton

PERFORMANCE

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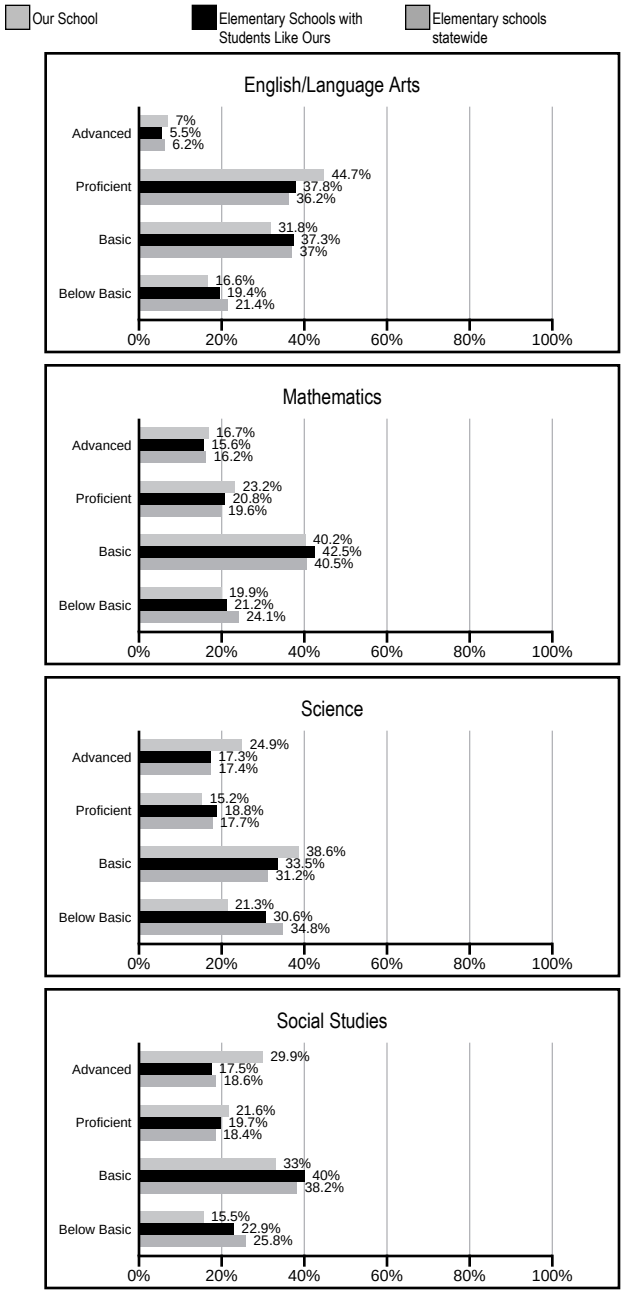
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Average	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	65	15	1

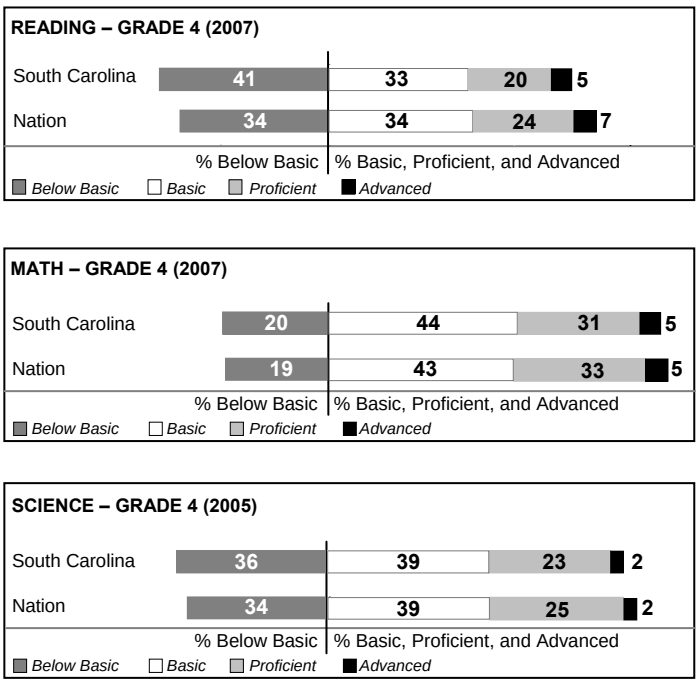
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=739)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 3.9%	2.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Down from 96.6%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.3%	Up from 12.2%	10.4%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.3%	Up from 4.7%	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=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Down from 71.4%	57.9%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	81.3%	Down from 92.9%	80.5%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.8%	Up from 92.4%	87.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.9%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$48,068	Down 2.0%	$45,627	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Up from 21.2 to 1	18.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 91.6%	89.7%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	$6,536	Up 2.3%	$6,918	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	64.8%	Down from 65.5%	68.7%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	60.7%	Down from 63.0%	65.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	94.1%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	111	87
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.2%	82.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	82.0%	87.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.1%	88.3%	75.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

West End Elementary School serves a diverse population of 750 students in K4 through fifth grade. The school's mission statement is "Together WE (West End) will build a strong educational foundation of academic excellence for all students through quality learning experiences with support from home and community." Parents, teachers, and staff of West End strive to form a strong team for our students. The PTA and business partners are supportive of the mission of the school. Parents participate in school activities by volunteering, attending conferences, and participating in parent workshops.

The school staff has studied the results of the PACT (Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests), South Carolina State Curriculum Standards, and classroom assessments to determine instructional strengths and weaknesses. A school professional development plan has been designed to address curricular weaknesses and school improvement through professional development. During the 2007-08 school year, West End utilized MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) and studied the results of these measures in the development of instruction. Work continues on a district-wide curriculum map for each grade level. West End has emphasized data driven instruction using DesCartes and differentiated instruction. Academic Plans for Students were written to address student weaknesses. Students received remediation and acceleration assistance through the computer assisted Classworks program, as well as through RIT band instruction during the school day. Promethean Boards were added to all classrooms to assist with technology integration into instruction.

During 2007-08, a variety of programs were available for students. These programs included English for Speakers of Other languages, Reading Recovery, Accelerated Reader, character education programs, classes for gifted and talented students, a computer and science lab, career days, reading buddies, mentors, student tutors, and programs for special learners. Other services included a nurse, school psychologist, guidance counselor, district attendance worker, and coordination with community agencies through programs such as the School Intervention Program and Therapeutic Behavioral Support.

Students were recognized for special achievements through quarterly and annual awards programs, honor rolls, attendance incentives, students of the month, flag and safety patrol, and a student guidance team. Students participated in a music festival, science fair, a variety of local art shows, and in various literary and poster contests. Field trips, service learning opportunities, community projects, a spelling bee, a summer program for gifted students, and a student newsletter expanded the curriculum. West End has been awarded the State Department of Education's Red Carpet Award for success in creating family-friendly school environments and providing excellent customer service. West End was also recognized as a Safe School by Safe Kids Upstate for providing a variety of forms of safety information to students and parents.

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