SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Polo Road Elementary
Richland 2
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 618**
Principal: Jane Fancher
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner
Board Chair: Stephen Shellenberg

PERFORMANCE

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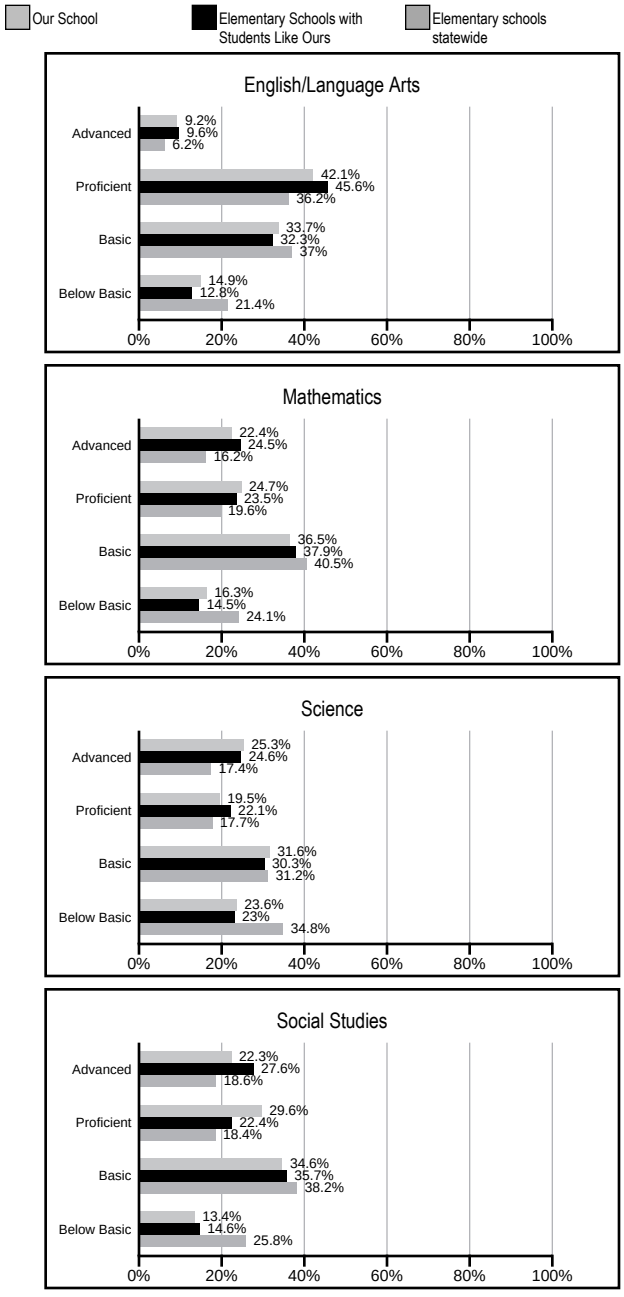
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Good	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	20	20	2	0

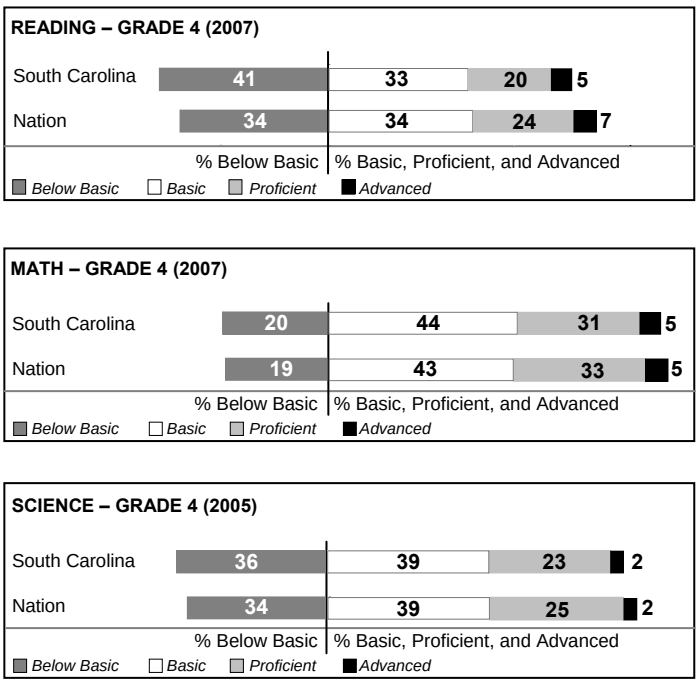
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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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Polo Road Elementary [Richland 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=618)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.3%	1.6%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.4%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.8%	Up from 16.5%	18.8%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Up from 8.5%	6.9%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Up from 60.5%	59.4%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	65.2%	Down from 76.7%	79.6%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	88.0%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 97.1%	95.3%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$45,186	Up 2.5%	$46,664	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	Up from 0.0%	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	19.5 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	20.2 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Down from 92.2%	90.4%	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*	$9,480	N/A	$6,572	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	55.3%	N/A	70.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.3%	N/A	66.8%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	95.7%		91.3%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	84	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.3%	88.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.0%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.6%	84.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Polo Road Elementary: 2007-2008 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver and Red Carpet Awards, and recognized for Closing the Achievement Gap!

Polo Road is a twenty-first century school where children are "Learning Today to Change Tomorrow." Our logo, a child standing on top of the world while looking through a spyglass, depicts the dreams, goals, and endless exploration opportunities for our children. Polo Road Explorers experience state-of-the-art technology: interactive whiteboards and computers in every classroom, two computer labs, science lab, video-streaming, and numerous technological tools and resources that are integrated into everyday learning.

The faculty and staff of Polo Road are exemplary! They are highly qualified, dedicated, innovative, and caring professionals. We share a vision of excellence on our journey as an ITI (Integrated Thematic Instruction) school where teachers have high expectations and children are respected and understand their role as learners and responsible citizens. Eight teachers currently hold National Board Certification, and four await results.

Polo Road established a professional development partnership with Columbia College, which encourages the infusion of best practices in the mastery of curriculum standards, continuous self-evaluation, and opportunities for professional growth. Along with this partnership, we continue a joint venture with the University of South Carolina's Early Childhood Education Department, thereby offering additional one-to-one assistance with first and second grade literacy. Columbia International University is also a professional partner.

We know that our successes rely upon the partnership between our school, home, and community. Working together, we continue to provide a safe, supportive, and positive environment that empowers all students to learn through developmentally appropriate, active learning experiences.

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