SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mary H Wright Elementary
Spartanburg 7
Grades: PK-6 **Enrollment: 370**
Principal: Wanda Owens-Jackson
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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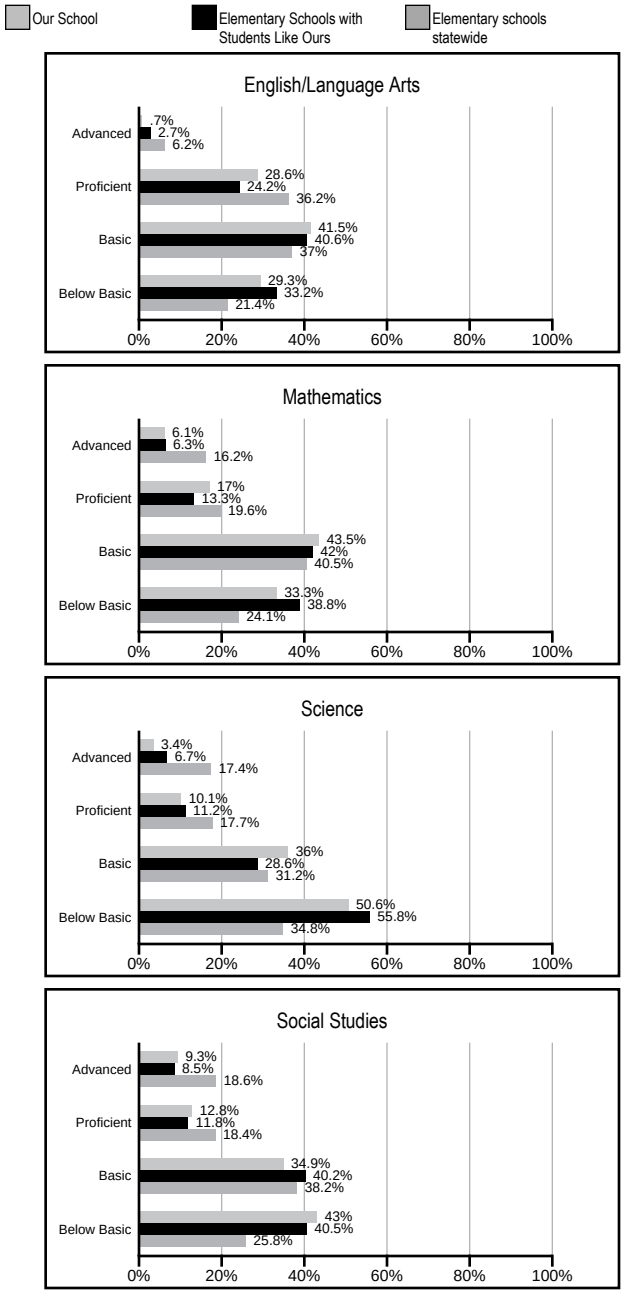
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Good	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	Good	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	3	29	42

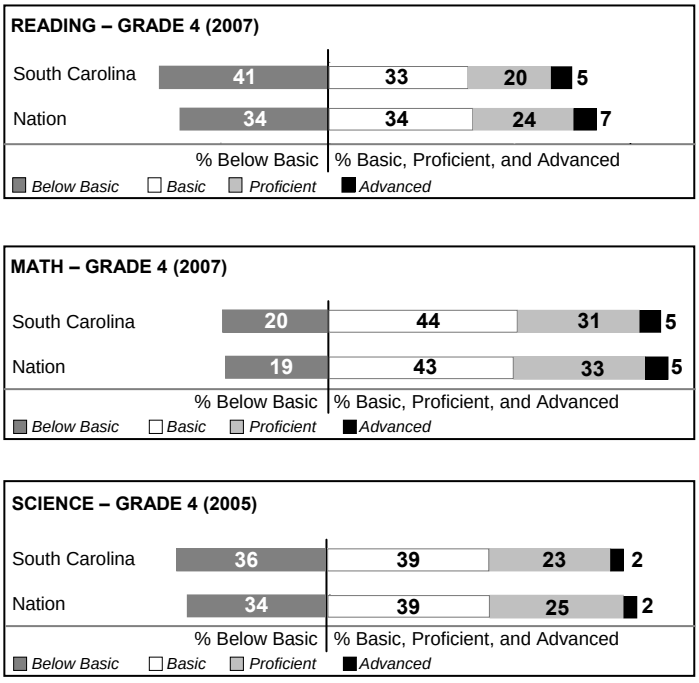
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=370)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 3.4%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.6%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	3.4%	Up from 2.6%	2.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 12.8%	7.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	10.3%	Up from 6.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.7%	Up from 72.7%	53.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Down from 93.9%	67.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.9%	Down from 89.7%	82.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$51,607	Up 3.8%	$43,616	$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	2.2%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 0.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.6 to 1	Down from 13.5 to 1	16.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.6%	Down from 87.7%	89.2%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	$11,117	Down 52.2%	$8,228	$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.0%	Up from 61.6%	68.3%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	68.7%	Up from 55.0%	60.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%		66.7%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	43	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.1%	82.5%	80.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.4%	81.0%	78.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.6%	83.7%	85.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We, at Mary H. Wright, are on a journey to excellence. Our mission is to provide a diverse and supportive learning environment that empowers children to utilize information, skills, and the social awareness necessary to successfully function in our ever-changing society. We believe that the students are to be the focus of everything we do. Our nurturing staff works hard to provide students with educational experiences that go far beyond the classroom. Our students are told daily that we expect success from them.

Mary H. Wright Elementary is an inner-city school that serves approximately 390 students from Pre K-6th grade. Ninety-eight percent of our students receive free or reduced meals. We are the only school in the county that operates on a modified calendar. This model provides our students with continuous learning and opportunities for timely remediation throughout the year. It is our belief that with the proper guidance and nurturing, in an environment which is safe and physically comfortable, our children will become successful individuals who are educationally, socially, and intellectually prepared to meet the challenges of our complex world.

This school term we are fortunate to have implemented the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). TAP is a comprehensive school reform aimed at restructuring and revitalizing the teaching profession while attaining measurable gains in student achievement. TAP provides teachers with powerful opportunities for career advancement, ongoing professional development, a fair accountability system, and performance pay.

Our test scores are rising from year to year. In fact, Mary H. Wright has been the recipient of the Palmetto Gold and Silver award for the last five years. Our pledge is to continue to strive for excellence with children as the focus of all our decisions.

Patricia Paul, Principal
Kyla Moore, SIC Chairperson

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