



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center
Lexington 2**
Grades: PK-1 **Enrollment: 606**
Principal: Victoria S. Thompkins
Superintendent: Dr. Venus Holland
Board Chair: Beth Branham

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

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

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/18/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Primary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PRIME INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Our School (%)	Median Primary School (%)
86.8%	88.6%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
18.2 to 1	18.7 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School (%)	Median Primary School (%)
61.4%	56.8%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School (%)	Median Primary School (%)
90.5%	88.6%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School (%)	Median Primary School (%)
100.0%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
22.1 days	10.0 days

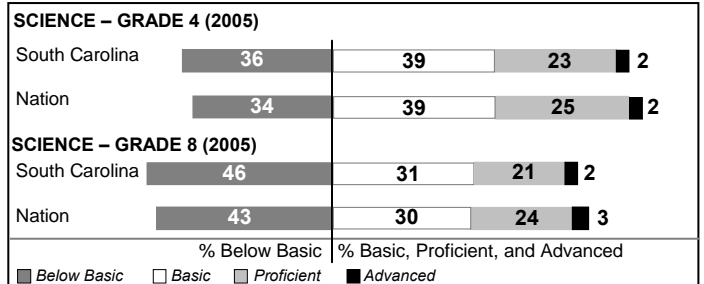
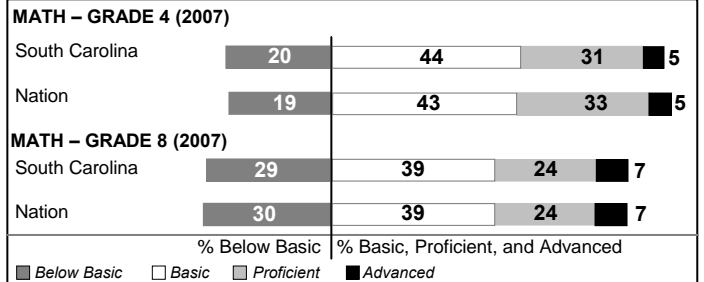
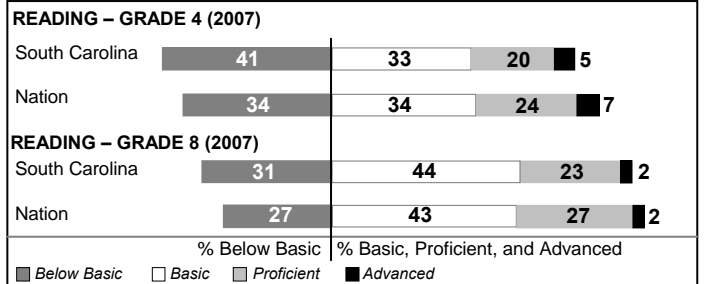
*Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.

Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

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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Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center [Lexington 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=606)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 3.4%	3.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.6%	95.4%	95.6%
With disabilities other than speech	0.5%	Down from 0.9%	4.0%	4.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	Down from 61.9%	55.6%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Down from 85.7%	83.9%	81.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Up from 88.7%	89.3%	88.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 95.9%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,779	Up 2.8%	\$45,443	\$45,806
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.7%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 19.1 to 1	18.3 to 1	18.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Down from 89.6%	88.8%	88.6%
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*	\$6,605	Up 10.5%	\$6,534	\$6,510
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	74.0%	Down from 74.3%	71.2%	71.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	72.1%	No Change	68.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	71.4%		92.3%	87.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2007-2008 school year, Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center participated in the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges District Accreditation evaluation. This process allowed us to take an in-depth look at all areas of our school program. We focused on the areas of social, academic, safety, parent involvement, and leadership. We developed a School Renewal Plan that addresses each area through established goals and requisite activities.

This year six of our teachers have been working on National Board Certification. Many of our faculty members are pursuing advanced degrees, attending conferences and workshops, and participating in other coursework and staff development opportunities.

We established an EAGLETS Room based on the need to provide support for literacy in grade one. Several of our Early Literacy Interventionist and grade-one teachers visited schools with reading labs to gain first hand information and ideas. Our room opened in late January, serving students from six of our first-grade classes, 30 minutes a day Monday-Thursday. The children received small group instruction in reading and writing on their instructional level from four certified teachers. This experience has grown our children as readers and writers. We are looking forward to opening our second EAGLETS Room next school year to serve our other seven grade-one classes.

As a school, we participated in several service-learning projects. We collected personal health items to donate to RAPHA Nursing Home. We collected food for the Harvest Hope Food Bank in the amount of 1,350 pounds. We collected Pennies for Pages in the amount of \$1,030.00 to purchase new books for our media center. Scholastic Books donated one book for every dollar collected to benefit: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. We made an effort to become increasingly green in order to raise awareness of the need to recycle as good care-takers of our environment. Through these experiences, we support our children as citizens and promote character in keeping with our motto, "We are the Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center EAGLETS - Watch Us Soar."

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