SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Calhoun Academy of the Arts
Anderson 5
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 627**
Principal: Ann D. Self
Superintendent: Betty T. Bagley
Board Chair: Dr. William Mack Burriss

PERFORMANCE

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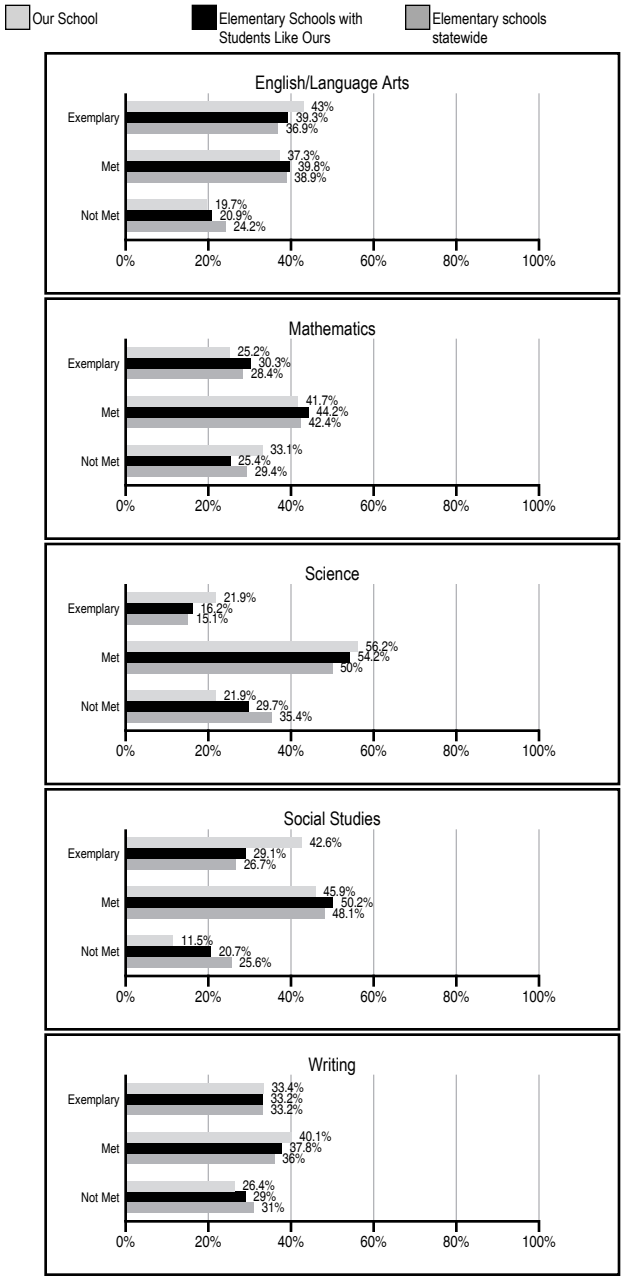
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	28	61	2	0

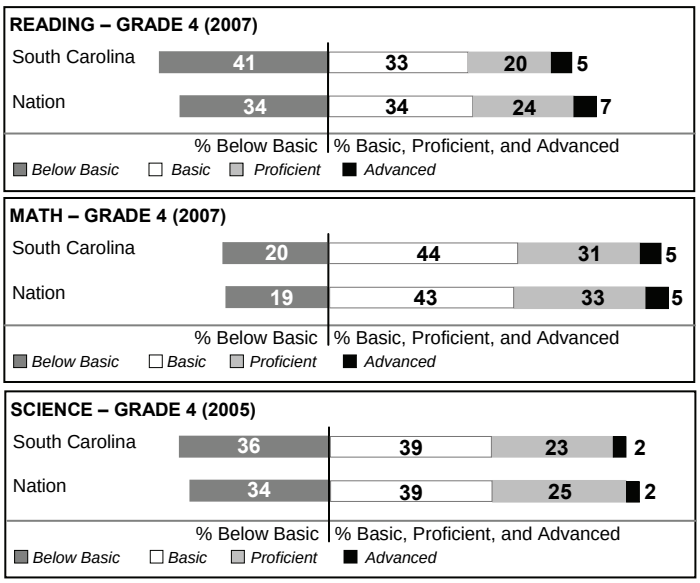
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS 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 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=627)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 3.3%	1.8%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.1%	Up from 10.4%	11.4%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	6.6%	Up from 5.2%	9.1%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.8%	Down from 53.7%	58.4%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	67.9%	Up from 61.1%	83.1%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.1%	Down from 2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.8%	Down from 81.4%	86.2%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.6%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$44,008	Up 0.6%	$47,006	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.7 days	Down from 8.3 days	11.6 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.4 to 1	Up from 12.7 to 1	19.1 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Up from 90.7%	90.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,940	Up 8.8%	$7,254	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.8%	Up from 68.1%	68.0%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.1%	Up from 66.2%	63.8%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	Up from 90.5%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	85	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	92.9%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.8%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.0%	93.9%	84.4%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Teaming for Success" was a befitting theme for Calhoun this year, as our parents, community, arts department, teachers, and administration teamed up for a very productive and successful school year. While our science specialist, Jenna Hallman, traveled all over South Carolina speaking out for our children as 2008-2009 State Teacher of the Year, we stayed busy at home, coming up with inspirational and creative methods to effectively teach the academic standards.

Calhoun was the district's leader in EIA grant awards for the fourth consecutive year, receiving $24,000 in teacher grants that support valuable classroom and grade level projects. We also received $6,486 from the South Carolina Arts Commission, a grant that supports staff development in integrating the arts with grade level visits to shows at the Peace Center and collaboration with well-known artists in resident.

Our fifth grade used $2000 in award funds to make artifacts for social studies units and to effectively implement the teaching philosophies of nationally acclaimed educator and author, Ron Clark. The fifth grade student citizenship initiative, based on Clark's book, Essential 55, allowed students to earn points and work on fundraisers for a January retreat to environmental education center, Barrier Island.

Calhoun was one of three Anderson schools this year to receive the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant from the State Department of Education. This grant allowed us to distribute locally grown fruits and vegetables to all our students throughout the year. Hence, our students learned more about nutrition, farmer appreciation, and scientific inquiry.

Rotating student journalist teams helped kick-off our new daily morning news video program, WRTY. Everyone in the school participates in the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, and Toolbox for Success routine. The show also features weather and lunch updates, important announcements, and special feature video clips.

We have been extremely proud this year to showcase our arts through many student performances and exhibitions. The art department sponsored an advanced art show, along with a moving recital by our advanced dance team. Strings classes performed several times throughout the year, culminating in a masterful spring performance. Our advanced chorus entertained with community and school performances. Additionally, every grade level prepared and presented original, top-notch spring performances.

We look forward to even "bigger and better" things next year, as construction on a new, cutting-edge auditorium is currently in progress. We are very thankful for the support of our valued business partners such as BB&T, Sonic, Chick-Fil-A, and The Printer. We are also thankful for our Legacy Mentor Program, in which caring community adults each "adopt" a child to tutor and mentor weekly during the school year. Together with our parents and community, we continue to encourage and mold our children to exemplify our school mission: "Create, Aspire, Achieve."

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Keisha Burkart, SIC Chairperson

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