



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Carolina Elementary  
Darlington  
Grades: 1-5 Enrollment: 244  
Principal: Donna R. Barrett  
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight  
Board Chair: Connell Delaine

## 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            | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2008 | Good            | Below Average | N/A                            | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Good            | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |

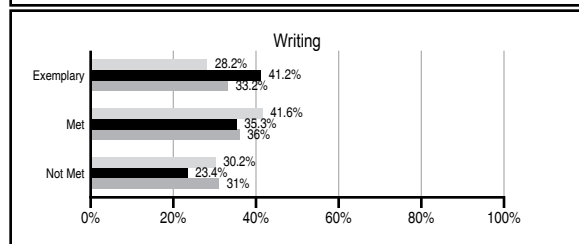
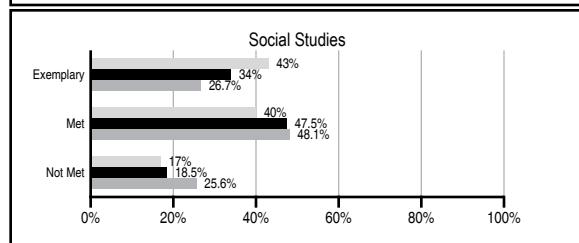
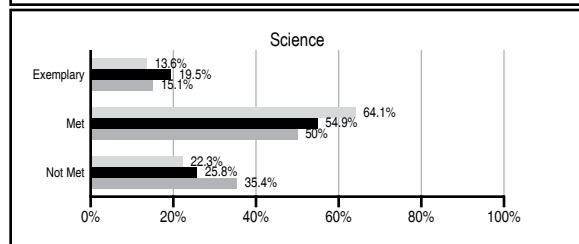
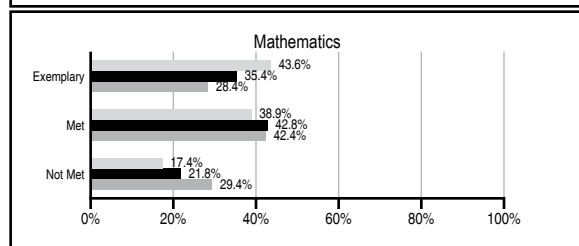
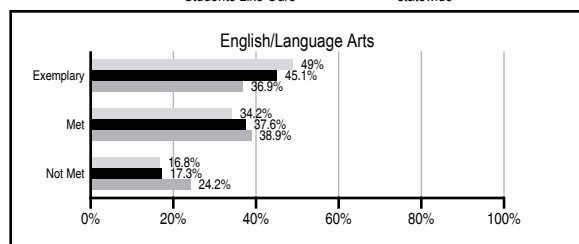
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 18        | 34   | 37      | 0             | 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.

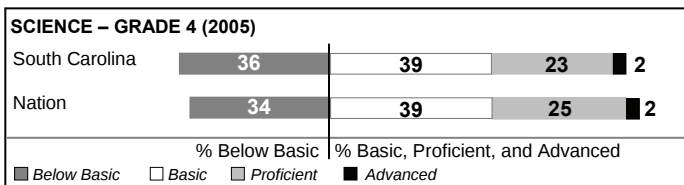
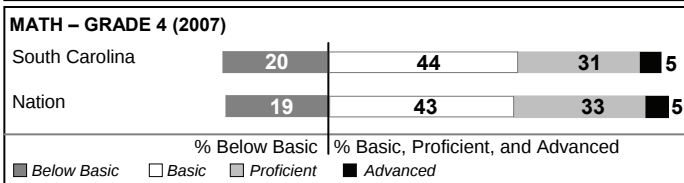
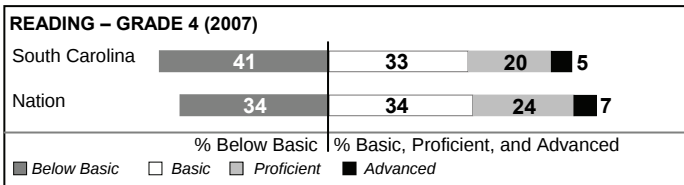
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## 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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=244)</b>                                                      |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Retention rate                                                               | 2.4%       | Up from 1.6%          | 1.6%                                       | 1.9%                     |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 96.9%      | Down from 97.1%       | 96.4%                                      | 96.3%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 12.7%      | Down from 21.8%       | 15.2%                                      | 10.0%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 14.1%      | Up from 11.3%         | 7.2%                                       | 7.7%                     |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 1.2%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.3%                                       | 0.5%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.4%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=17)</b>                                                       |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 70.6%      | Up from 68.8%         | 61.3%                                      | 59.4%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 70.6%      | Down from 87.5%       | 84.0%                                      | 80.0%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 75.6%      | Up from 74.0%         | 88.7%                                      | 85.9%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 97.1%      | Down from 99.2%       | 95.1%                                      | 95.1%                    |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$48,458   | Up 1.0%               | \$48,386                                   | \$47,149                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 6.2%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 25.0 days  | Up from 23.1 days     | 11.3 days                                  | 11.1 days                |
| <b>School</b>                                                                |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 11.0       | Up from 10.0          | 6.0                                        | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 21.7 to 1  | Down from 23.4 to 1   | 19.3 to 1                                  | 18.8 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 91.8%      | Down from 93.7%       | 90.5%                                      | 90.4%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation                                                           | Yes        | No Change             | Yes                                        | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 99.5%      | Down from 100.0%      | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program                                                | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$8,191    | Up 9.6%               | \$6,985                                    | \$7,458                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 61.5%      | Up from 58.9%         | 68.9%                                      | 68.8%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 55.5%      | Down from 57.9%       | 61.0%                                      | 63.2%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 20       | 45        | 31       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 93.2%     | 90.0%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0%   | 93.3%     | 93.5%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 95.5%     | 77.4%    |

\*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 are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary met all the student achievement goals based on 2008 Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) results. We also met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) by achieving 17 out of 17 criteria. The data is posted on the district website (darlington.k12.sc.us) or the state website (scde.com).

Carolina was one of three South Carolina schools nominated for the National Blue Ribbon School Award. We also received the Darlington County District 5 Star Award for a friendly and welcoming school environment. One of our fifth grade students won the Darlington County District Art in Business Award for the students in grades 3-5. Angela Weathers, our new first grade teacher, was named as a district finalist for Outstanding First Year Teacher. In May, we received the Red Carpet Award from the South Carolina Department of Education for the second time in five years.

November was an exciting month with the book fair and readers from the community in celebrating of American Education Week with us. In February, we had our first Science Showcase. Each class prepared science activities for parents to visit. Some of the events included mixtures and solutions, magnets, and motion. Parents and friends toured the school and students explained the activities. The fourth grade and first grade presented musicals this year. In April, we had our Field Day at Byerly Park in Hartsville. We all walked to the park, participated in the Field Day Activities, and walked back to a delicious hot dog lunch in our cafeteria. Everyone had a grand time.

As part of National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS), we provided "Drive-through Breakfast" to our parents twice during the year. We also hosted three Principal's Chats to share school topics and concerns. Parents set up the publishing center in our Parent Resource Room for our students' writing projects. Our media center hosted Dr. Sara Odom as visiting author of Gram's Switch. Dr. Odom was a teacher at Carolina and is now a published author, as well as a professor at Coker College.

Carolina is part of the Darlington County Technology Plan. This year we received three more Promethean Boards for our classrooms. These boards provide opportunities for interactive instruction for students and teachers. All regular classrooms are now equipped with a Promethean Board. Teachers have been trained and are actively using the new technology. Web pages, for each classroom, are available for the public to view.

The PTO is working on a fitness trail for our playground area. We plan to publish a cookbook in the fall to help fund this project.

Donna R. Barrett, Principal  
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Chairperson

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