



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Bridgewater Academy Charter

Horry

Grades: K-8

Enrollment: 146

Principal: Carol J. Merrill

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

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	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

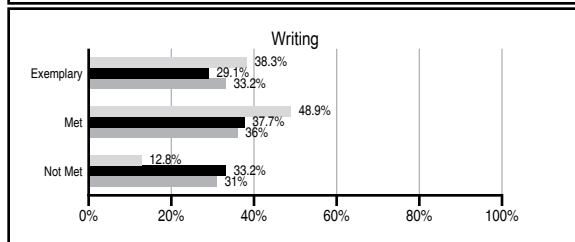
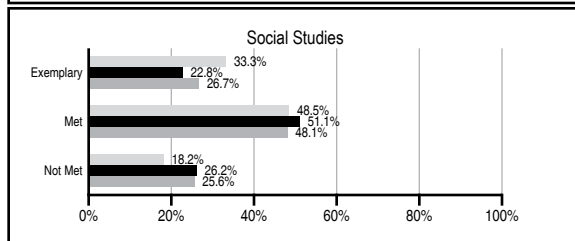
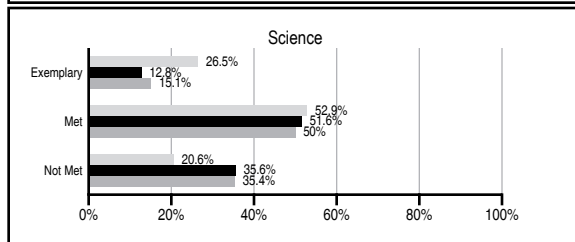
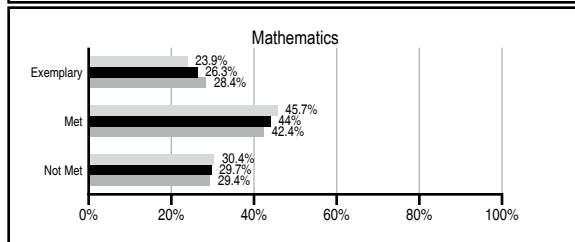
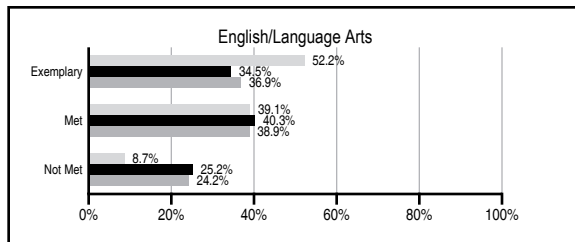
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	19	85	10	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.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

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=146)				
Retention rate	4.5%	Up from 4.1%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 97.5%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.6%	Down from 11.8%	8.8%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	15.4%	Up from 11.5%	9.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Up from 1.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=15)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	N/A	N/A	60.5%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/A	N/A	82.9%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	N/A	N/A	\$47,415	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	46.3%	Up from 41.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Down from 11.4 days	11.6 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	13.8 to 1	Up from 13.6 to 1	19.0 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 65.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,433	Up 15.0%	\$7,360	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Up from 56.0%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.4%	Up from 54.8%	61.7%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	Up from 73.3%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Bridgewater Academy is the first and only Charter School in Horry County. Our structured curriculum has always been academically challenging, giving students a strong foundation in the basics and building on skills. We give each child the opportunity to learn, accepting students from a diverse population with the promise that every child will show some growth and improvement each year. Our philosophy is to instill in the students the desire to learn and excel. We do whatever we have to, as educators, to help students achieve, including adding extra school hours and days, a high-content rigorous academic program, flexibility, an emphasis on personal responsibility for the students, and accountability by teachers with no short cuts and no excuses policy. Bridgewater Academy continues to attain growth and improvement in all areas of the curriculum. Due to the numbers of students tested in certain areas of PASS, our scores cannot be calculated to show this growth. All parents attended a conference with their child's teacher, and following the California Achievement Tests, we received recognition by the SC Education Oversight Committee for significantly improving the performance of students from differing economic, racial, and ethnic groups. BWA met 100 percent of its objectives for Adequate Yearly Progress as defined by No Child Left Behind. Bridgewater Academy has a state of the art Technology Lab and Program that all students K-8 participate in. We have a TSA Club for students interested in Technology. They competed in the Science and Technology Day at South Carolina State University. There were three winners in the CO2 Dragster Car Competition and won monies totaling \$900.00. Our Drama Club put on the musical Annie this school year that was well attended. This activity gives students the opportunity for exposure in the Arts, and several of our graduates have gone on to major in Theater due to this experience. Our school participated in the Christian League for sports this year. We had a coed soccer team and girls volleyball team in the fall and boys and girls basketball teams in the winter. Although no titles were won this year, students learned the importance of team play. Several students were inducted into the National Beta Club. Students earned Service Credits by organizing and running the Shoe Box for Kids overseas at Christmas, volunteering for the Special Olympics in the spring, and the school wide recycling project that took place during the school year. One student received the Governor's Citizenship Award. BWA and Horry County have signed a five year contract enabling our school to continue serving students in Horry County with the district as our sponsor. We are privileged to have this opportunity. We thank our parents and students who have been supportive in this effort. Carol J. Merrill, Principal

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