SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dennis Intermediate
Lee
Grades: 4-5 **Enrollment: 202**
Principal: Lei Knight
Superintendent: Cleo Richardson
Board Chair: Sanya Moses

PERFORMANCE

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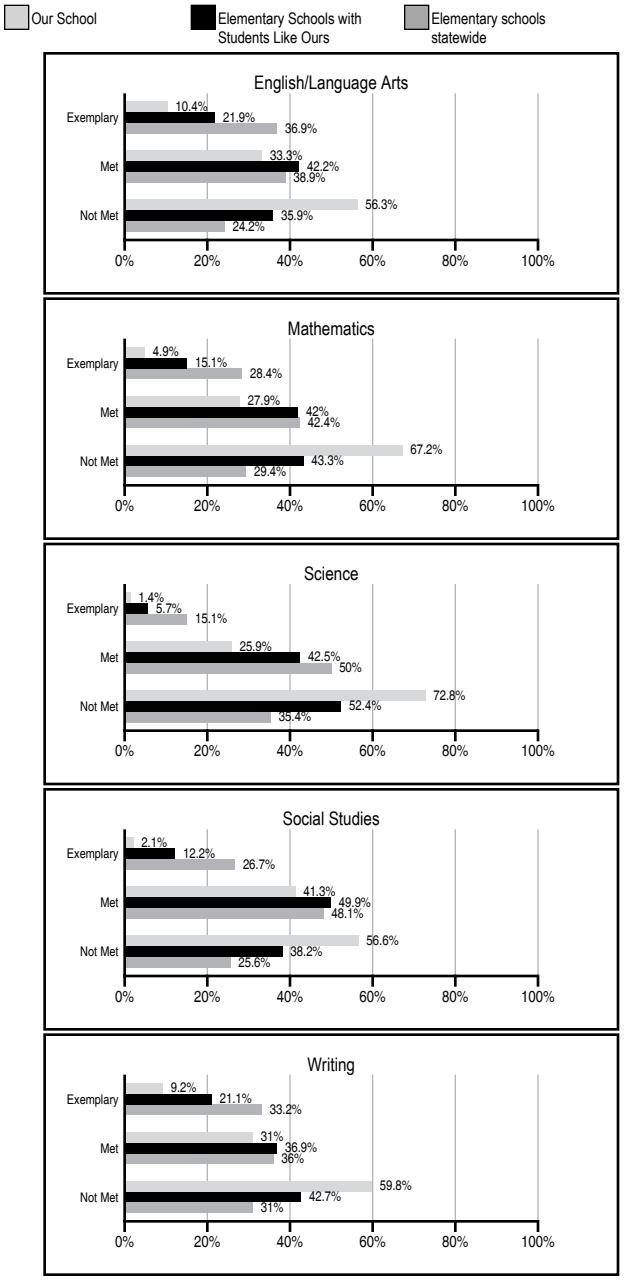
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	3	65	62	32

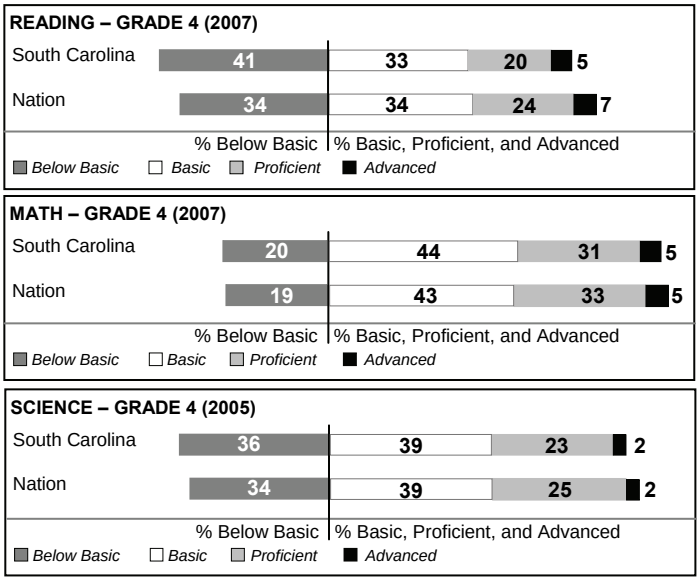
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=202)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 4.2%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.5%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.0%	Up from 1.6%	3.1%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	14.6%	No Change	7.5%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	5.9%	Down from 6.5%	1.1%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=15)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Up from 37.5%	57.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.3%	Down from 75.0%	71.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	25.0%	Up from 15.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	72.7%	Down from 77.6%	81.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.0%	Up from 92.8%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$42,525	Up 3.7%	$45,790	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.9%	Up from 6.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.2 days	No Change	10.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.1 to 1	Up from 17.6 to 1	16.7 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 88.8%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	84.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,727	Up 3.3%	$8,668	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Up from 60.2%	68.3%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.9%	Up from 47.8%	61.9%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	69.2%	Up from 53.8%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	11	75	48
Percent satisfied with learning environment	72.7%	83.8%	71.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	54.5%	62.2%	54.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	54.5%	80.0%	76.7%

*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

Dennis Intermediate School served 187 students in grades 4-5 in Lee County School during the 2008-2009 school year. The mission of Dennis Intermediate School is to provide students educational and technological opportunities in a challenging learning environment that prepares them for the next educational level and enables them to function well in society.

The instructional focus for this school year was differentiated instruction. All teachers were provided with professional development on using a variety of instructional strategies to improve student achievement. The professional development in science enhanced teachers' use of the science kits and culminated in a science fair. Additionally, teachers were provided with professional development on reading and math strategies to reach all students.

Students participated in a monthly Writing Across the Curriculum initiative. Students were given a writing prompt and utilized the writing process throughout the day to publish a final draft. Students also used Compass Learning and Accelerated Math software programs for enrichment/remediation in ELA and math on a weekly basis. Select students were taught reading using the READ 180 curriculum. Students were also provided with enrichment/remediation through the Twenty First Century Afterschool program and a two week extended year summer program.

Teachers monitored student progress using a variety of assessments. Student mastery of the South Carolina Academic Standards was monitored quarterly using the Flanagan's Test for Higher Standards. Students' areas of academic strength and weakness were determined by using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. Teaches met with parents and students to discuss student MAP results and set individual students goals.

In an effort to increase school/home/community support, Dennis Intermediate partnered with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated to provide academic and character education incentives to students. Additionally, a monthly calendar was sent home to parents as well as a detailed progress report that was generated from the Integrade Pro software program. However school/home communication continues to be an area of challenge for Dennis Intermediate School

Kwamine Simpson, Prinicpal
Everette Jenkins, SIC Chairperson

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