



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Tamassee-Salem Elementary
Oconee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 290

Principal: Shanon H. Lusk

Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas

Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

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	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

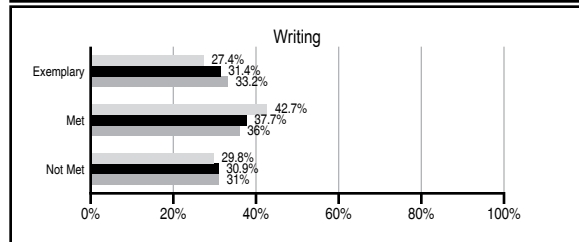
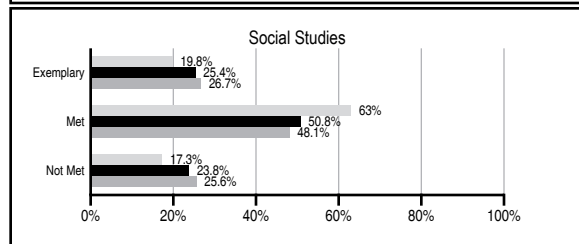
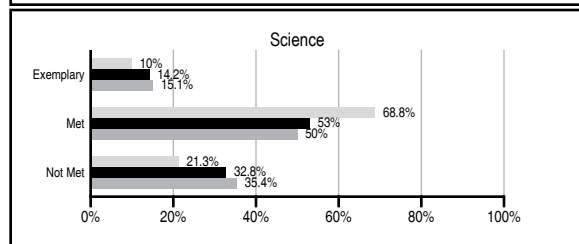
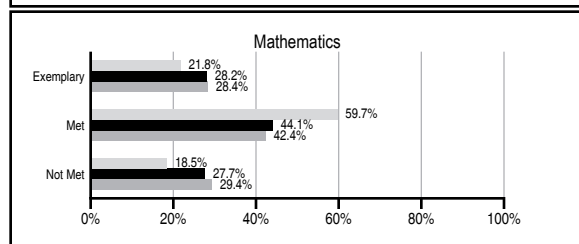
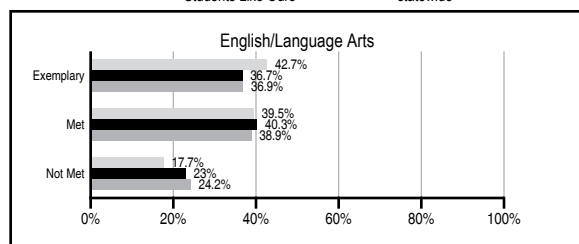
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	25	81	5	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.

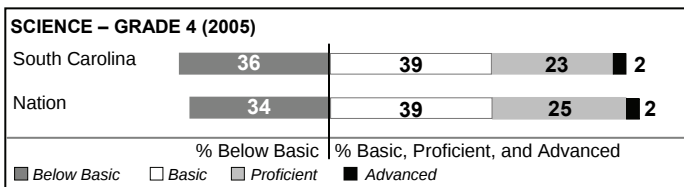
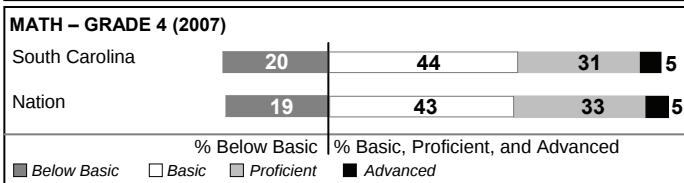
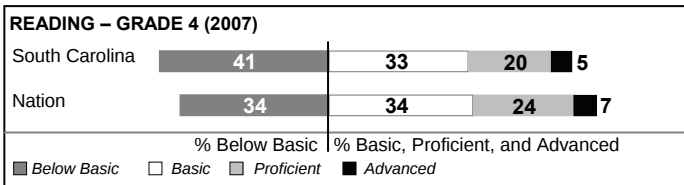
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Tamassee-Salem Elementary [Oconee]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=290)				
Retention rate	3.4%	Down from 3.8%	2.1%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.5%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.9%	Down from 14.2%	10.0%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Down from 13.1%	9.5%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.5%	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=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Up from 41.7%	59.4%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Up from 79.2%	83.7%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Up from 82.2%	88.2%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	90.9%	Down from 94.5%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,073	Up 10.5%	\$47,509	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Down from 10.7 days	11.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.5	Down from 14.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 17.8 to 1	19.0 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	Down from 90.1%	90.2%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,180	Up 15.3%	\$7,409	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.8%	Up from 64.1%	67.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.7%	Up from 61.5%	61.7%	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	19	40	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	87.5%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.9%	96.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.7%	79.5%	88.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Tamassee-Salem Elementary School is a 4K - 5th grade school that serves 286 students. The mission of Tamassee-Salem Elementary School is to provide a safe learning environment where all students reach their full potential. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2008-2009 school year and we are continually looking for ways to improve. Our school continues to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Legislation. The continued analysis of our state testing and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data allows us to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments and programs, so that we can be assured we are individualizing instruction as much as possible for our students. Our MAP scores meet and in some grades, exceed the district, state and national averages. Staff development continues to be a key component in our success. Our teachers received training in various areas in order to help meet the ever-changing needs of our students. Some of these areas include Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), Technology Integration, Balanced Literacy, Curriculum Mapping, and Word Study Instruction.

The academic success and well being of our students at Tamassee-Salem Elementary School are always the chief factors in decision making at our school. We pride ourselves on offering a welcoming and safe environment not only to our students, but also to our families and visitors and we were recognized by the state department for this accomplishment by being named a Red Carpet School. Our school also received the 2008–2009 South Carolina Healthy School Award. Our school is accredited by the South Carolina Council on Accreditation and School Improvement along with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our Pre-K program is licensed by the Department of Social Services.

Our students participated in before-school activities such as our fifth grade orchestra program, 4th and 5th grade chorus, Cougar Leaders, and our reading and math computer labs. They also participated in after-school activities including Junior Beta Club and Walking Club. Our fifth grade students were also given the opportunity to join our art club during the school day. Our chorus participated in the annual district wide Mayfest Choral Performance and some of our students were invited to participate in the K – 5 Annual Artist Exhibit at the Blue Ridge Arts Association. Our students represented us well in the Oconee County Science Fair. We had several students become published authors this year as they were chosen by publishing companies to take part in anthologies of children’s literature.

Our students, staff, and families continue to have the opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life team raised money for the American Cancer Society and our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart to raise Money for the American Heart Association. As you can see, Tamassee-Salem Elementary School has numerous accomplishments to be proud of. We appreciate the support of our Tamassee-Salem Elementary families who volunteer many hours to our students and continue to support our Back-to-School, Open House, Grandparents’ Week, PTO events, concerts, and other programs.

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