

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Cheraw Primary
Chesterfield County
Grades: PK-2 **Enrollment: 578**
Principal: Gracyn S. Jackson
Superintendent: Dr. John E. Williams
Board Chair: Chad Vick

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	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	CA-DELAY
2008	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Met	CSI-DELAY

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	1	0	0	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/17/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Primary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PRIME INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Our School	Median Primary School
91.2%	89.6%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
15.6 to 1	19.3 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School	Median Primary School
80.5%	60.7%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School	Median Primary School
94.6%	89.6%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School	Median Primary School
100.0%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
19.7 days	11.8 days

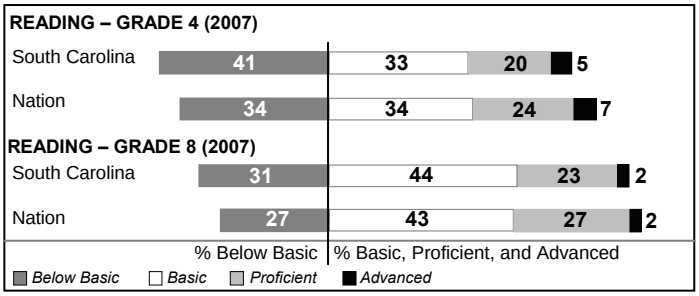
**Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.*

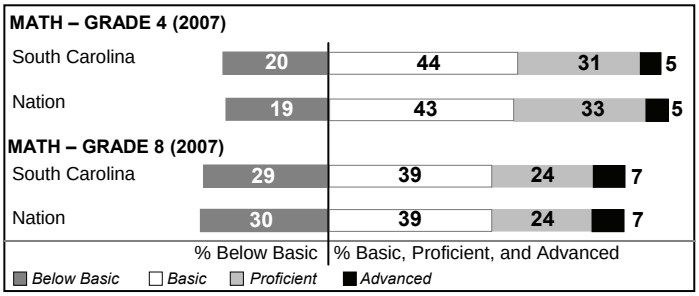
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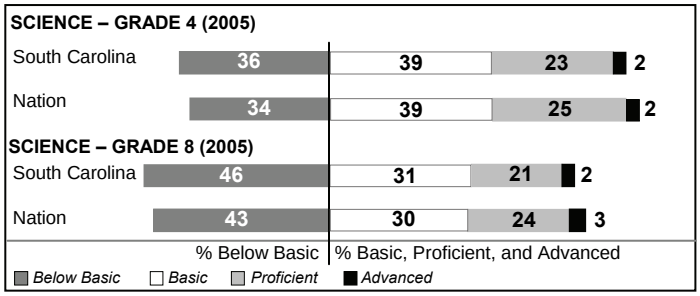
	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

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	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=578)				
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 3.1%	3.4%	3.6%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 96.0%	95.2%	95.7%
With disabilities other than speech	3.1%	Down from 4.0%	4.5%	4.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.5%	Down from 82.9%	65.7%	60.7%
Continuing contract teachers	85.4%	Down from 95.1%	87.2%	83.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Down from 96.3%	89.7%	89.6%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.0%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$48,814	Down 0.3%	$47,842	$47,550
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	27.0 days	Up from 26.5 days	17.6 days	16.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.6 to 1	Down from 18.4 to 1	18.9 to 1	19.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 89.2%	89.7%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,086	Up 8.4%	$7,049	$6,858
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.8%	Down from 74.7%	71.0%	70.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.3%	Down from 70.9%	66.5%	63.7%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 94.1%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.6%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Cheraw Primary School, our mission is to provide a positive, challenging, and enriching school environment that allows staff, parents, and the community to prepare students for the future.

Cheraw Primary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. According to the 2008 South Carolina Annual School Report Card, our absolute rating is excellent and our growth rating is excellent. This is Cheraw Primary's second year implementing the Child Development Education Pilot Program (CDEPP). Select staff members and the principal worked throughout the year on the initiative "Keeping Learning on Track" and will continue next year. This is a research-based, professional development initiative designed to improve student learning. On May 21, 2009, it was announced that Cheraw Primary is one of ten South Carolina public schools being honored as winners of the state's prestigious Exemplary Writing Award.

All of our teachers have participated in staff development in the areas of literacy, writing, mathematics, science, and character education. Areas of curricular emphasis during the year included mathematics, technology, continued study of "best practices" in literacy, Writer's Workshop, and AIMS. All teachers continued participating in a comprehensive literacy assessment program. Thelma Commander, a consultant, conducted workshops focusing on math and technology in the Compass Learning Lab.

Additionally, Sue Cox, math consultant, worked with first and second grade teachers on emphasizing state standards and using manipulatives. Fourteen teachers in our school are National Board Certified. Two teachers participated in Take One of the National Board Certification process.

Cheraw Primary continued its Character Education Program by promoting life skills and civic responsibilities. Numerous students were recognized during the year as Terrific Kids, Star Students, Principal's List, and Rainbow Award recipients.

Parents, businesses, and community leaders supported our school through PTO, School Improvement Council, Volunteer Tutorial Program, and Arts in Education. Cheraw Primary School consistently promotes its thriving volunteer program by logging many productive hours each year. The Artists in Education Program and our school's PTO co-sponsored residencies with the following artists: Laura Boosinger, musician and storyteller; Kinetic Works, visual artist; and Bob Doster, sculptor. Children's author Kimberly Johnson provided workshops for our children and parents.

Our school community participated in service projects, which included a community art project and bake sale supporting Relay for Life. Through the efforts of our staff, parents, and community, Cheraw Primary students are prepared for the future. As reflected in our school motto, "We Just Can't Hide Our Papoose Pride."

Gracyn S. Jackson, Principal
Eric Jones, Chair of School Improvement Council

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