



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MERRIWETHER ELEMENTARY

Edgefield

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 768

Principal: Wayne Marchant

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw

Board Chair: Sallie B. Cooks

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		
2010	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	CSI
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

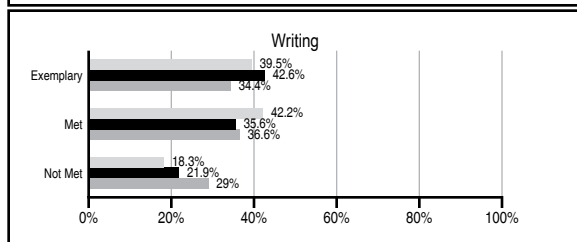
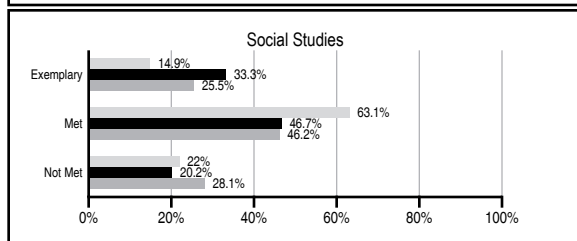
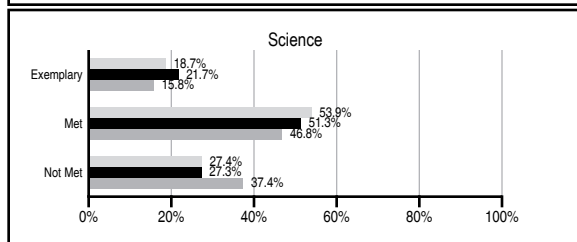
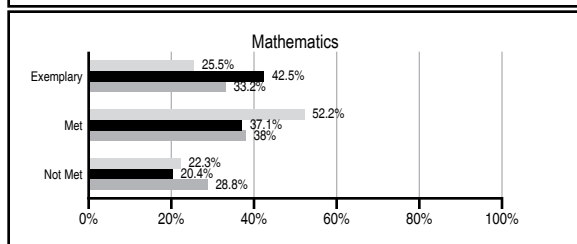
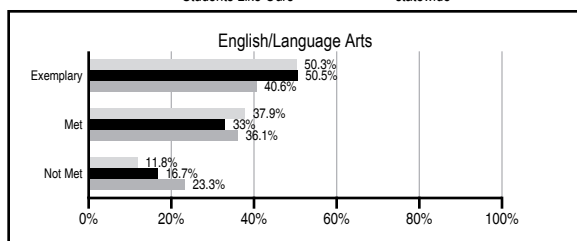
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
30	31	18	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. 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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MERRIWETHER ELEMENTARY [Edgefield]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=768)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 3.0%	0.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.4%	96.5%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.1%	Down from 12.5%	17.0%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Down from 8.0%	7.0%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Down from 1.7%	0.2%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 64.7%	62.9%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	91.7%	Down from 96.1%	86.1%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.3%	Down from 93.9%	89.3%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.6%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,796	Down 1.8%	\$48,756	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.4%	Up from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Down from 11.4 days	11.7 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 10.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Up from 18.3 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 92.5%	91.8%	90.8%
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	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,656	Up 9.3%	\$7,202	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.8%	Down from 74.2%	69.3%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	72.0%	Down from 72.9%	66.3%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	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	37	94	58
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.3%	88.3%	89.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	85.9%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	88.2%	93.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Merriwether Elementary is challenged daily with an enrollment of approximately 770 students within a growing community. Our goal is to make a difference with our students by providing a rigorous curriculum to help them develop into contributing members of our community. The climate at Merriwether is defined through a staff that nurtures our students and is committed to meeting their emotional, physical, social, and developmental needs.

We are a standards-based school that fully aligns its curriculum with the South Carolina state standards and meets the criteria to be SACS accredited. With a new administration comes a new vision and daily operation of the school. The one thing that will not change, however, is the high expectations set by previous administrations for our students. Using many forms of test data (i.e. MAP, PASS, DIBELS, and STAR), we can direct our instruction to give our students their best chance to succeed. Using this data will also help fully implement Response to Intervention (RTI) for the 2010-2011 school year. These measures will assist students who need additional support in reading and math. This will be our 2nd year using the Math-Out-Of-The-Box curriculum that has been implemented district-wide. We are excited about the addition of Study Island to help students practice state standards at school and at home in reading and math. Our upgrade for Accelerated Reading has given students many more opportunities to be successful readers.

In addition to these programs, our teachers have been given more days of staff development to further assess the needs of our students. With more accountability and a more restrictive budget, our schools are asked to do more with less each and every year. At Merriwether Elementary, we will continue to do our very best to give your child the best education possible each and every day. We are blessed to have the support of our parents, grandparents, volunteers, and community in helping us with our efforts to fulfill our motto, "Making a Difference."

Thank you,

Wayne Marchant, Principal
JanJee Hitt, SIC Chair

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