

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CAMDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE
Kershaw County
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 558**
Principal: Ed Yount
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

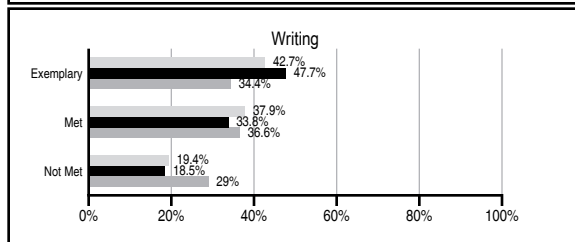
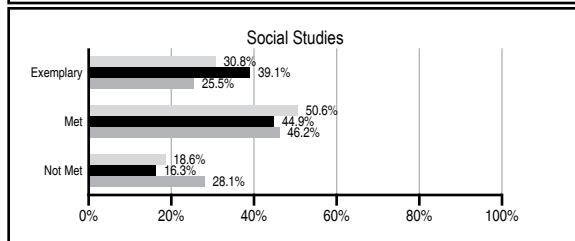
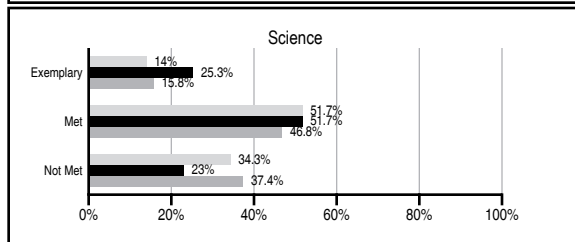
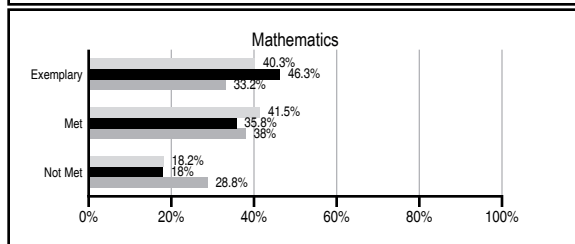
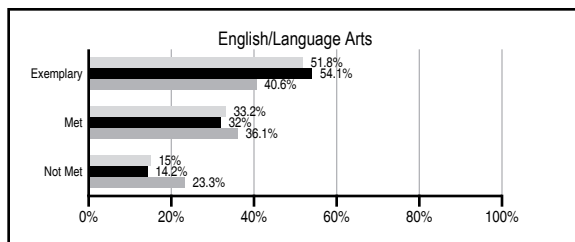
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	14	5	1	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.

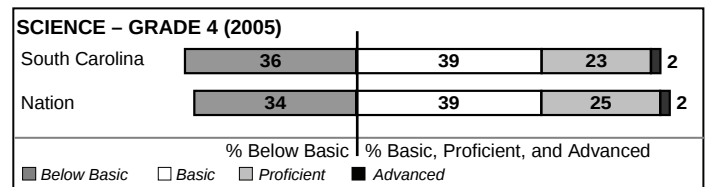
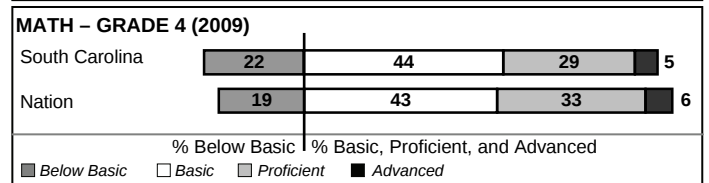
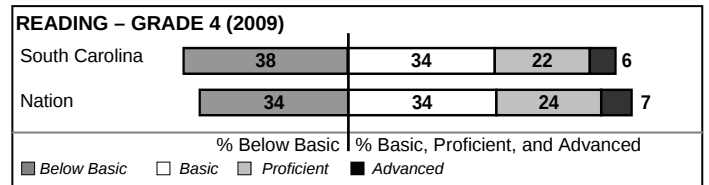
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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CAMDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS [Kershaw County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=558)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 3.2%	0.9%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.6%	96.4%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	32.6%	Up from 24.0%	18.8%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	9.1%	Up from 8.4%	7.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	Up from 0.6%	0.2%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.6%	Up from 58.3%	62.5%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	Up from 94.4%	86.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1%	Down from 90.6%	88.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 97.0%	96.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,185	Down 0.3%	\$48,568	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Up from 1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	4.1 days	Down from 7.6 days	10.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Up from 20.3 to 1	21.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 92.0%	92.3%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.2%	Up from 92.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,125	Up 7.9%	\$6,719	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.6%	Up from 72.0%	70.6%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.9%	Up from 69.3%	68.2%	65.1%
% 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	27	69	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.6%	88.2%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.6%	89.9%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.2%	82.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

With the close of the 2009-10 school year, Camden Elementary completed its tenth year with arts integration as an area of focus. Art-based content teaching strategies, learning activities, and assessment options continue to thrive in our classrooms. Artists-in-residence were provided at all grade levels, and the students participated in the Bloomin' Arts study. Students were exposed to many different types of performing arts. Collaborative planning between classroom teachers and the arts specialists insures continued growth with two way integration of the arts.

Our PASS 2009 results were very good. Camden Elementary School met AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). The school received grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

A focus of CES this year was to improve math scores. We began RIT band instruction based on MAP scores in grades 2-5. We also began a new reading program to reach each student on the independent reading level.

Camden Elementary's extraordinary staff continues to benefit from staff development opportunities. Teachers participated in literacy, math, science, social studies, and differentiated instruction workshops.

Our outstanding parent organizations, Camden Elementary Partners (CEP) and School Improvement Council (SIC), once again supported initiatives and provided leadership for continued school improvement. CEP sponsored the fourth Camden Elementary Golf Tournament. This event raised over \$5,000 that was used to improve our library. SIC continues to provide leadership and accountability to help CES meet its SACS plan of action. The SIC completed an outdoor classroom, "The Owls' Nest", on our school campus. The SIC raised all the funds through grants, private donations, and volunteer efforts. The members of these two organizations are integral to our success.

Camden Elementary is a special place for our children and families—a place where students are challenged to achieve excellence and taught to help others. We believe in our slogan, "Our future's so bright we gotta wear shades".

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