

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

NORTH ELEMENTARY

Lancaster County

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 663

Principal: Linda L. Blackwell

Superintendent: Dr. Gene Moore

Board Chair: Bobby Parker

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

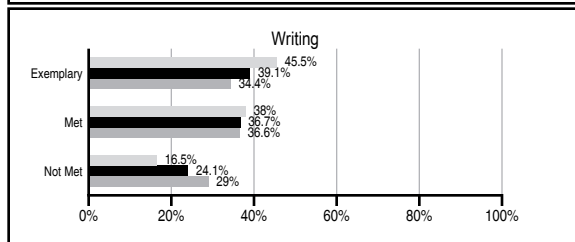
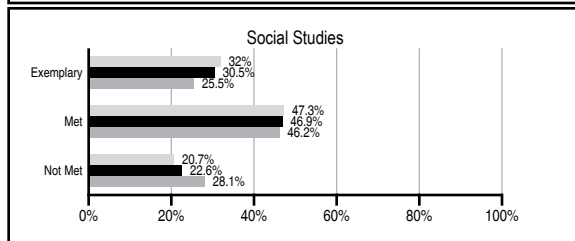
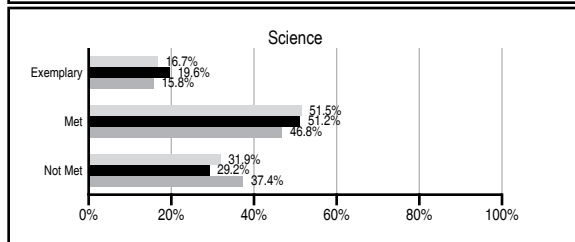
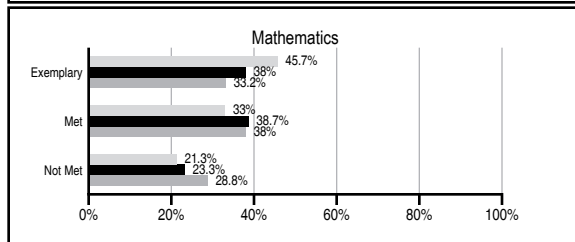
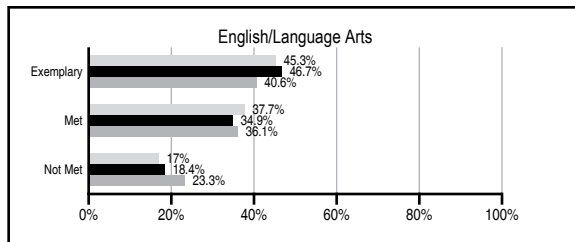
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	38	34	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.

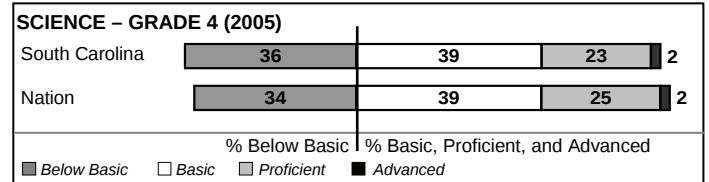
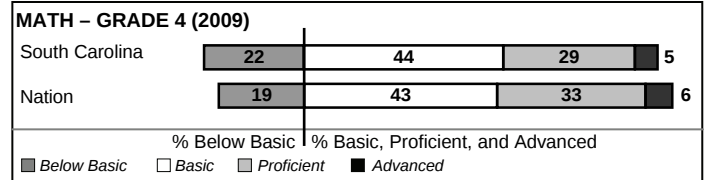
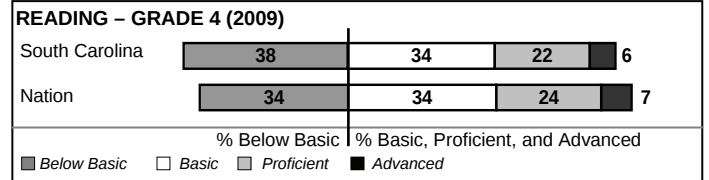
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.

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

NORTH ELEMENTARY [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=663)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 1.5%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.7%	96.1%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.3%	Down from 13.4%	15.3%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.2%	Up from 5.2%	8.1%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Up from 53.3%	60.0%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	68.2%	Up from 66.7%	88.9%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	Up from 2.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.2%	Down from 87.2%	88.2%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.3%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,851	Down 0.3%	\$47,945	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.1 days	Up from 9.1 days	10.4 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 10.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.1 to 1	Up from 18.6 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 90.6%	90.6%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,699	Up 1.2%	\$6,861	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.3%	Up from 74.5%	69.3%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.6%	Up from 67.2%	66.3%	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	43	88	70
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.7%	87.5%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.4%	94.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.7%	94.3%	97.1%

*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

“Around the World in 180 Days”...what an educational trip we took this year at North Elementary! This year’s writing theme, “What a Wonderful World,” opened our school year with a field day based on games from around the world. Literature circles in grades 2-5 were expanded to enhance reading instruction. Over \$25,000 was used to purchase leveled readers, Readers’ Theatre collections, and National Geographic magazines to build our k-5 literacy lab. Titles were selected by students and teachers in order to ensure continued instruction through quality literature that is of high interest to our students as well as meeting curriculum standards.

ClassWorks continues to support instruction by providing individual computer-based lessons in ELA and Math correlated to each student’s MAP score. Based on PASS data, North Elementary was chosen as one of the top three Title I Distinguished Schools in South Carolina for Closing the Achievement Gap. Through the use of Corrective Reading, Reading Mastery and LEAP our students have small group time to work on specific reading skills that they need. MPASS math instruction provides students the opportunity to learn math skills in a small group environment. Through differentiating instruction and dedication, our teachers excel at meeting each learner where they are ready to learn. In the areas of ELA, writing, and social studies, an average of 80% of our students met or exceeded grade level standards on PASS testing. The number of students qualifying for and attending the Accelerated Reader celebration was higher than ever this year. In the fall, over 200 students traveled to the Recreation Department and Crown Cinema. In the spring, 275 students enjoyed a performance by Mad Science of Charlotte. This year, all our classes ventured out into the world around us. Field trips included the second grade walking tour of downtown Lancaster where they visited City Hall, the Police and Fire Departments, L & C Railroad, and many other historical sites. TMD enjoyed a fishing trip, visit to the strawberry patch and monthly outings to support our school-wide recycling program, in which they take the lead. Third grade travelled to Cotton Hills Farm. Fifth grade enjoyed the annual three-day, two-night Camp Thunderbird trip where they explored and learned about the importance of nature and preserving the world around us. Fourth grade’s annual Myrtle Beach trip made a stop at the Dixie Stampede as well as Myrtle Beach State Park. First grade travelled to Cotton Hills Farm. Our fifth grade entertained us with a musical performance of December ‘Round the World’, where we learned about different cultural winter celebrations. In the spring, our fourth grade students’ performance of Children of the World gave us perspective into the lives of children from across the globe. Although economic concerns continue to be an issue, service to others is still at the forefront of our school community. Our school raised over \$5,000 for Lancaster County’s Relay for Life, \$2,200 for the Bordmer school in Haiti, participated in our annual HOPE canned food drive, and provided backpacks that contained seven nutritional meals for students in need. We appreciate the continued support of our PTA, SIC, volunteers, and mentors! We value the family relationships we have and know that because of our collective efforts our world here at North continues to be a great place to learn!

Linda Blackwell, Principal
Jimmy Abbott, SIC Chair