



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

TAMASSEE-SALEM ELEMENTARY

Oconee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 288

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		
2010	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

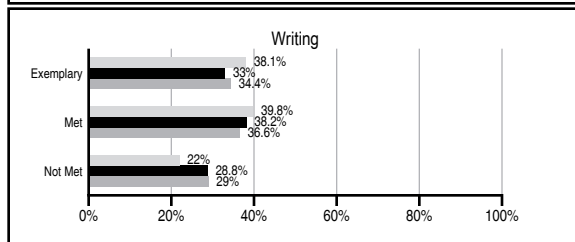
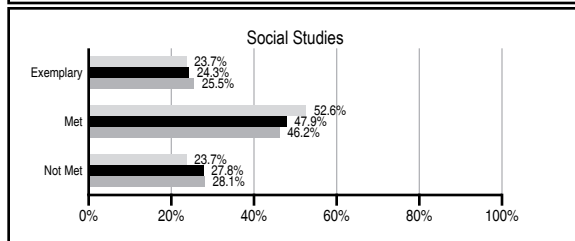
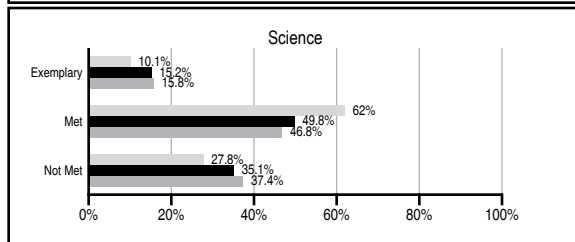
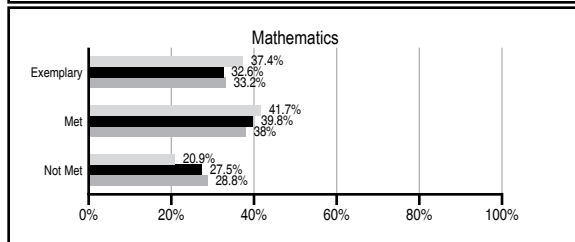
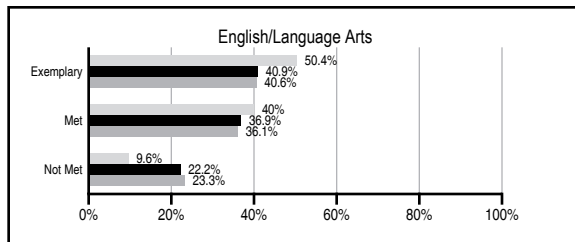
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	28	81	2	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.

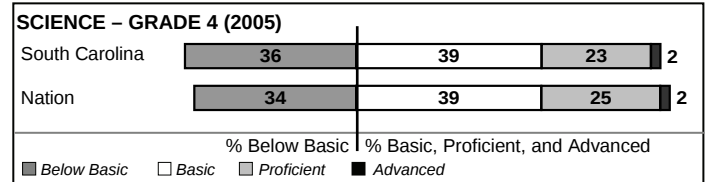
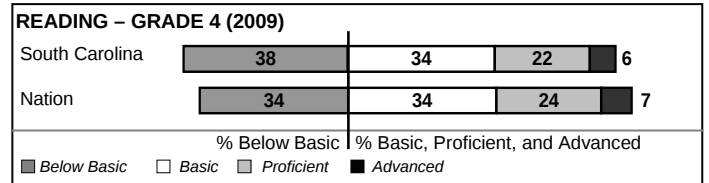
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=288)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 3.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.6%	96.0%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.3%	Down from 11.9%	12.0%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	Down from 11.6%	8.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.9%	0.4%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	44.0%	Down from 50.0%	60.0%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	84.0%	Down from 87.5%	86.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 84.8%	88.8%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	99.2%	Up from 90.9%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,349	Down 3.7%	\$47,146	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Down from 10.4 days	10.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.5	Up from 0.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.5 to 1	Up from 19.5 to 1	19.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.3%	Up from 86.5%	90.2%	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	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,241	Up 33.3%	\$7,450	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.4%	Down from 64.8%	67.4%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.0%	Up from 61.7%	64.3%	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	25	37	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.2%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.0%	97.2%	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

Tamassee-Salem Elementary School is a 4K - 5th grade school that serves 280 students. The mission of Tamassee-Salem Elementary 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 2009 - 2010 school year! Our school met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Legislation. We also received a Palmetto Silver Award for general performance and for making substantial progress in closing the achievement gap. The continued analysis of our state testing and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data allows us to reflect upon our instructional strategies so that we can be assured we are meeting the needs of all of our students. Our MAP scores meet the district and national averages. 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. 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 activities before school, such as reading and math computer labs, chorus, and Cougar Leaders. Qualifying 5th graders also participated in the Jr. Beta Club after school. Our 5th graders are also given the opportunity to participate in an art club during the school day. Our chorus participated in the annual district wide Mayfest Choral Performance, and many of our students were also invited to participate in the K - 5 Annual Artist Exhibit at the Blue Ridge Arts Association. Our students represented us well in the SDOC 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. Chick-Fil-A of Seneca continues to be our business partner for character education and our monthly spirit nights. Our students, staff, and families continue to have the opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life 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. These accomplishments are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, students, and families. We appreciate the support of our community who volunteer many hours to help our students. It is truly a team effort!

Shanon H. Lusk, Principal
Tricia Burgess, SIC Chair

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