



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Oconee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 682

Principal: Idasa M. Cobb

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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

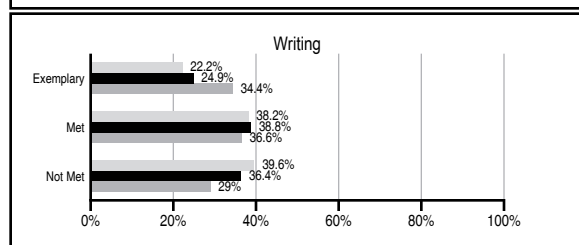
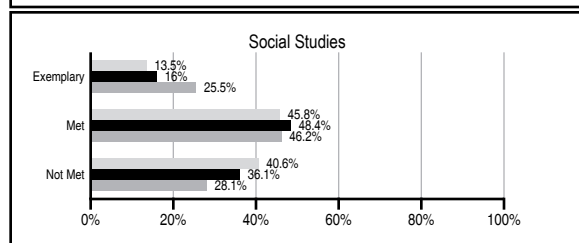
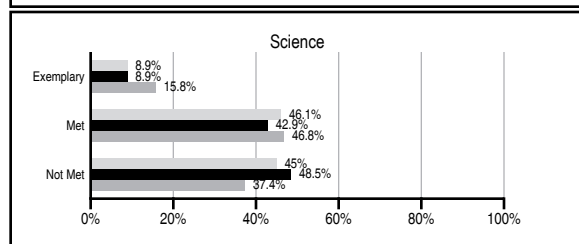
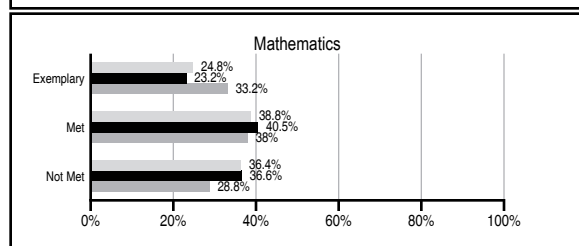
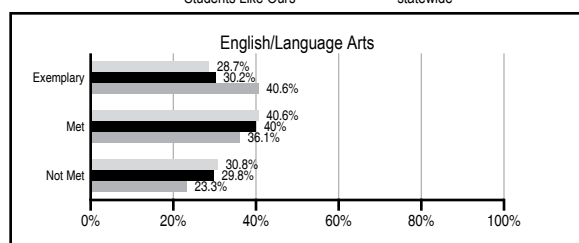
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	7	98	31	8

* 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=682)				
Retention rate	0.0%	N/A	1.6%	1.2%
Attendance rate	97.2%	N/A	95.8%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.7%	N/A	6.5%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	10.4%	N/A	8.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	N/A	0.6%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	N/R	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.9%	N/A	58.0%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.6%	N/A	82.8%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	85.0%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	98.7%	N/R	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,641	I/S	\$46,062	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.1 days	N/R	11.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/R	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	N/R	18.4 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.1%	N/R	90.3%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/R	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.0%	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	N/R	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$7,908	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	68.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	64.0%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%		100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	104	53
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.5%	88.3%	82.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.6%	86.5%	73.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.3%	89.4%	83.0%

*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 closing of two older Title 1 elementary schools, Allen L. Code and James N. Kellett in June 2009, Blue Ridge Elementary opened its doors in August with an enrollment of 680 students and 120 staff members. Blue Ridge was named in honor of the former Blue Ridge High School in Seneca and the beautiful Blue Ridge mountain range surrounding the Upstate. The strong community connections and involvement of both Code and Kellett continue as the cornerstone of our school.

As a professional learning school with Clemson University, Blue Ridge is a teaching laboratory to Clemson University's education majors. Their involvement has strengthened both programs as well as benefiting our students.

Our staff's focus is on teaching and learning. Both Code and Kellett made AYP last year and students from both schools have shown increased MAP scores throughout the school year. To ensure that our students continue making academic gains, administrators and coaches schedule goal setting conferences with students.

Professional development at Blue Ridge is systemic throughout our day. During grade-level planning days, our science, math, and literacy coaches have worked effectively with the staff to integrate standards across the curriculum and develop benchmark assessments. In addition to implementing the Reading Recovery program, our five highly trained teachers work collaboratively with first and second grade teachers to teach small group-guided reading lessons.

As a recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, approximately 120 students participate in afterschool programs from 2:45-5:30. Students participate in technology enhanced learning activities, such as learning to use digital cameras, editing digital movies, and Lego robotics. This year the students worked with our local community theater to produce and perform "Snow White" for our community.

To emphasize high standards for academics and behavior, students in grades 1-5 are recognized every nine weeks. Parents, teachers and students come together to celebrate students' successes.

Blue Ridge Elementary's goal is to remain a source of pride for our community, maintain high academic and behavior expectations, always welcome community involvement, and encourage our children to be active and committed citizens of Oconee County. Blue Ridge is an elementary school where we believe that all children can achieve!

Kathy Eichler, Principal and Stacey Smith, SIC President

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