

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ABNER CREEK ELEMENTARY
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 Enrollment: 377
Principal: Patricia Paul
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Steve Brockman

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

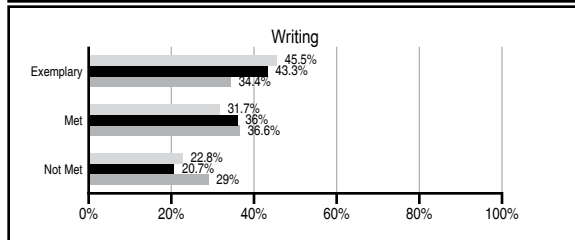
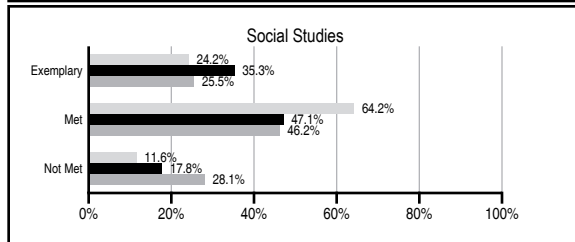
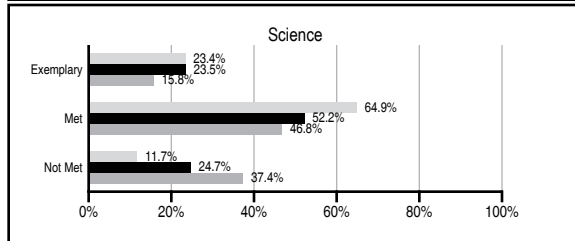
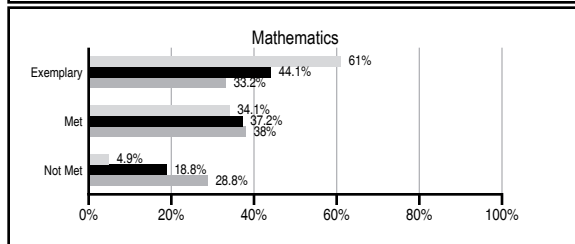
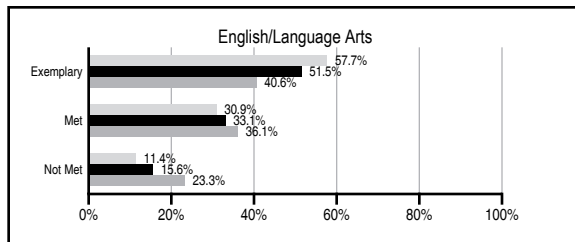
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
27	25	10	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

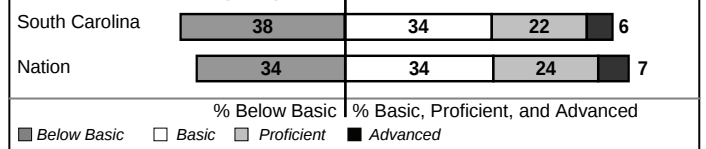
Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



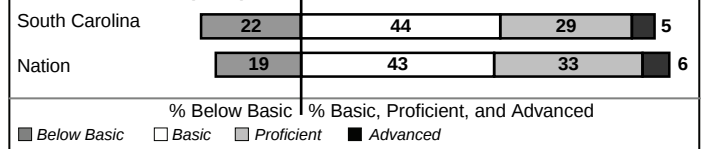
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

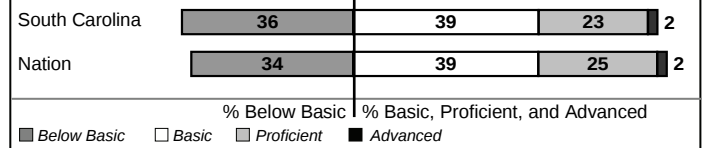
READING – GRADE 4 (2009)



MATH – GRADE 4 (2009)



SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



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=377)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.3%	0.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	97.4%	Up from 96.4%	96.5%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.7%	Up from 14.0%	19.2%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	2.8%	Down from 9.4%	7.0%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	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=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.8%	Up from 76.9%	63.6%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	88.9%	Up from 84.6%	86.3%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	89.2%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 91.2%	96.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,755	Up 1.0%	\$48,929	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Up from 9.3 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.8	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.1 to 1	Up from 11.7 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.3%	Up from 86.5%	92.3%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.8%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,805	N/A	\$7,037	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.4%	N/A	70.7%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.7%	N/A	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	33	67	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	98.5%	98.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.0%	94.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.0%	85.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Abner Creek Elementary School, located 2.1 miles off of Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County, opened its doors on August 19 of 2008 and presently serves 385 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of 57 serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility. We are on a journey to excellence and focus on providing a supportive learning environment to the children, their caregivers, and all stakeholders who enter our doors. Our students are told daily that we love them and that we have high expectations for them.

One of our goals this year was to continue shared decision-making opportunities with parents, business partners, and our community. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), a School Improvement Council (SIC), and partnerships with businesses such as Twin Palmetto Fine Foods, Pizza Inn, Abner Creek Baptist Church, Fulton Presbyterian Church, Zaxby's, Bruster's Ice Cream, and Food Lion have been instrumental in the success of our school year. We also enjoyed our partnership with the Spartanburg Writing Project for the second consecutive year. We were able to hold five Family Write Nights and publish another school anthology. We will continue to seek out and embrace partners in education.

This year, our faculty and staff continued with our Learning-Focused School initiative. This exciting school reform model provides in-depth focus on the SC standards and District 5 curriculum for both teachers and students. We also focused on balanced literacy, writing instruction through implementation of Write...from the Beginning, problem solving in math, and science inquiry skills.

The creation of professional learning communities has also been a priority. Teachers were able to select professional books of their choice and collaborate with their colleagues to broaden their understanding of teaching and learning. Opportunities for students include early intervention programs, a reading intervention program, ESOL (our program for speakers of other languages), REACH (our gifted/talented program), Creations (our gifted art program), and services for special needs. Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, the Gator Patrol, and the Morning Show broadcasting crew. Service opportunities were abundant through our participation in Relay for Life, Operation Love-a-Pet, Jump Rope for Heart, March of Dimes, Water for Haiti, and Coins-for-Fun for District 5 Ministries. Abner Creek Elementary School has been recognized for the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap for our economically-challenged students. Abner Creek is also honored to have the District 5 Distinguished Teacher of Reading on our staff, Mitzi Mehaffey.

We are looking forward to the adventure of becoming one of Spartanburg County's first magnet schools. Our new name will be Abner Creek Academy. Expressing academic excellence through communications and the arts, will be the focus of our magnet curriculum. During the first year, we will infuse advanced speaking and writing opportunities into our curriculum content units. Leadership development will be embedded into our curriculum as well.

Abner Creek Academy's mission is to ensure that all students experience success by providing a quality education in a safe and loving environment.

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