



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LEMIRA ELEMENTARY

Sumter 17

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 547

Principal: Delcia Harper-Baxter

Superintendent: Zona W. Jefferson, Ph.D.

Board Chair: Mr. Greg L. Simonson

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	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	RP-DELAY
2008	Below Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	RP

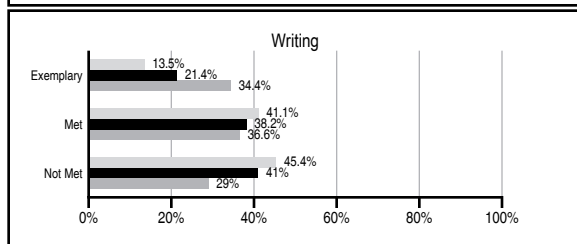
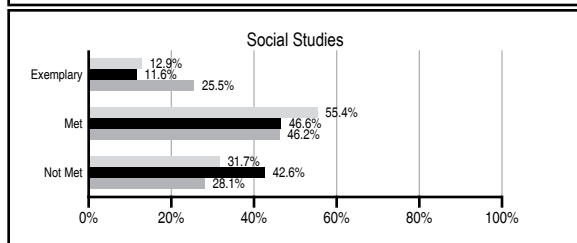
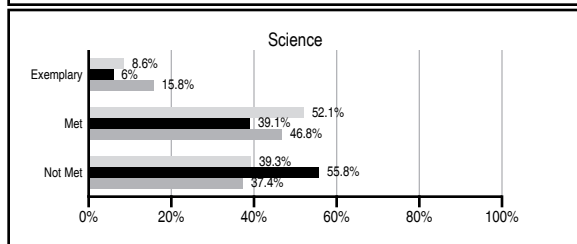
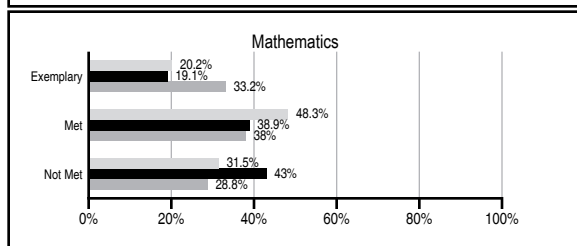
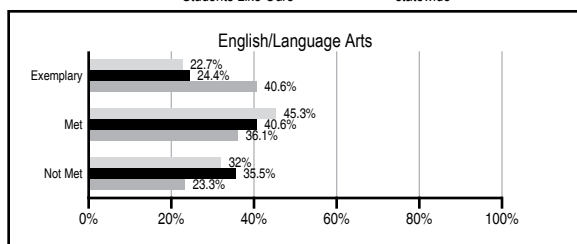
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	67	50	21

* 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=547)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 3.7%	1.5%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.5%	95.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.7%	Up from 0.8%	4.1%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	11.2%	Up from 10.2%	8.4%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Down from 2.2%	0.8%	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 54.3%	59.0%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Up from 80.4%	78.4%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.6%	Up from 2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 85.7%	82.4%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.5%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,922	Down 1.4%	\$45,256	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.2 days	Down from 28.3 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.2 to 1	Up from 11.4 to 1	17.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Down from 90.3%	90.7%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,615	Down 10.6%	\$8,766	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.6%	Down from 69.9%	68.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.7%	Up from 63.4%	62.4%	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	40	59	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.8%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%	94.8%	81.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.0%	89.8%	84.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For our second year, we embraced the "College Bound" initiative at Lemira Elementary School. "We are Lemira students and we are College Bound" resonated throughout the building daily, as we delivered on our promise to produce college-bound students. Driven by our mission to work closely with parents and the community to develop the whole child as a productive, competent member of society through challenging learning opportunities, we had a triumphant year!

Lemira received a 2010 Palmetto Gold Award for general performance and a Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap based on 2009 PASS scores. The school was recognized as one of the top three Title I schools in the state for successful implementation of the South Carolina Reading Initiative. For creating a family friendly environment, Lemira again received the Red Carpet Award.

Stakeholders continued monthly data meetings to review data and develop strategies to enhance student achievement. The data was used to drive instruction and create flexible groups to address areas of need. Grade levels were rewarded for meeting identified goals each quarter. Uninterrupted literacy blocks were implemented in all grade levels. A 90-minute literacy block was in all classrooms in kindergarten - third grade. Fourth and fifth grade implemented a two-hour literacy block. Students participated in independent reading daily, and teachers held conferences with them.

Teachers participated in professional development opportunities weekly. One of the most beneficial experiences was participation in the John Hopkins, Raising the Bar initiative. As part of the Center for Data Driven Reform in Education, focus was on instructional strategies and teaching with rigor.

Dawn Robertson, a kindergarten teacher was our 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year, and she also achieved National Board Certification. Kim Milledge, a third grade teacher, was SCIRA Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year for Sumter County. Zan Pender, guidance counselor, was named the state winner for the elementary division and received the HEART (Higher Education Awareness Readiness Transition) Award. A Wal-Mart grant was received by Leila Long for the award-winning Percussion Ensemble.

The Lemira Percussion Ensemble performed at the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence National Conference in Orlando, Florida-Disney Resort, the LEAF Festival in Black Mountain, North Carolina, and the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

We are committed to exceeding expectations so that all our children will understand the importance of knowledge enabling them to further their education. Lemira students are college bound!

Delcia Harper-Baxter, Principal
Leslie Dowling, SIC Chairperson

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