SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MAMIE WHITESIDES ELEMENTARY
Charleston
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 634**
Principal: Lona Pounder
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mr. Chris Fraser

PERFORMANCE

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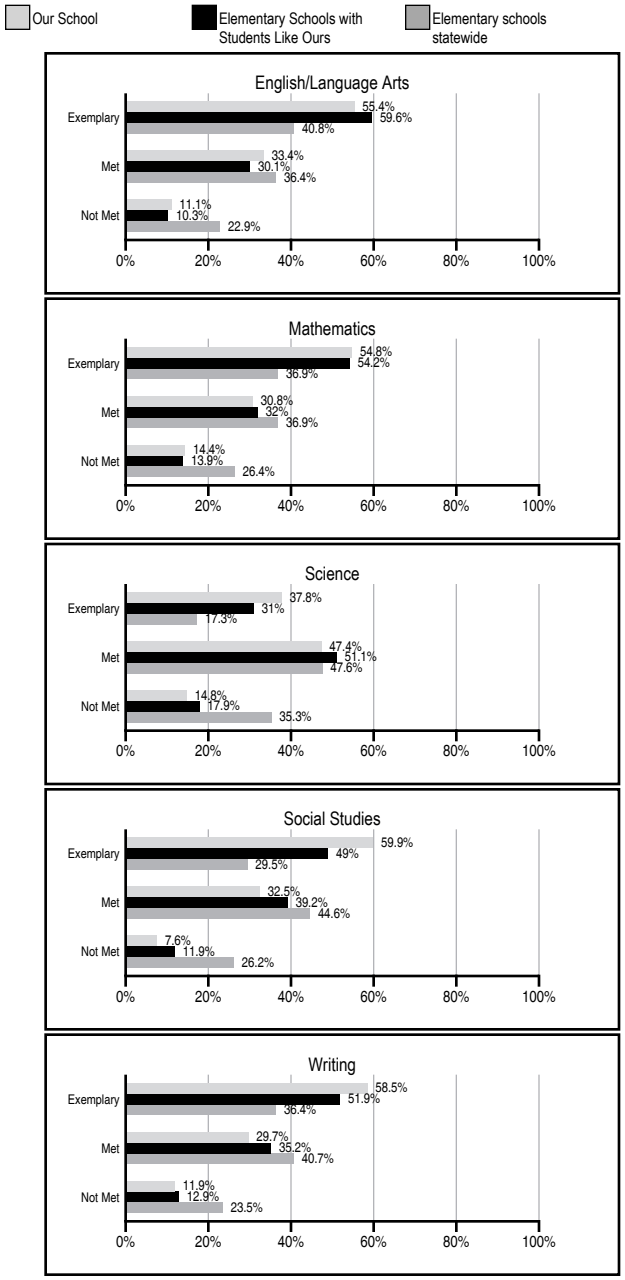
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	2	0	0	0

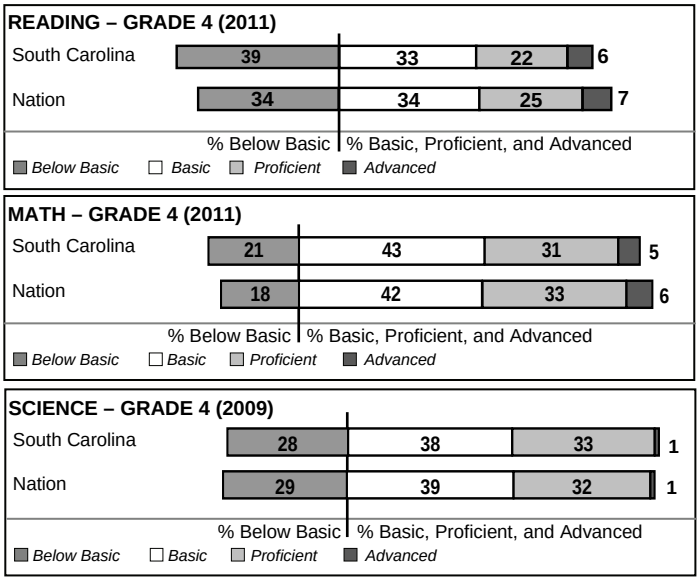
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



SC PERFORMANCE 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=634)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.4%	0.7%	1.1%
Attendance rate	95.7%	No Change	96.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	34.9%	Up from 29.3%	30.3%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	2.5%	Down from 5.6%	3.0%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%	Down from 74.4%	63.6%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.0%	Down from 100.0%	92.0%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Down from 90.6%	91.0%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.8%	Down from 98.0%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$48,376	Down 4.8%	$47,925	$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	20.8 days	Up from 12.1 days	9.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Down from 22.4 to 1	21.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.4%	Down from 93.5%	91.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	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**	$6,353	Down 0.7%	$6,494	$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.8%	Down from 73.1%	68.8%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.5%	Down from 70.3%	67.8%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	94.1%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	114	113
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.5%	86.8%	96.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.3%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	89.5%	91.2%

*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

A new campus located at 1565 Rifle Range Road welcomed our school community in August, 2010, where the tradition of excellence that was established when Whitesides opened in 1956 continues today. Through the collaborative efforts of a highly qualified professional staff, devoted parents, and a supportive community, Whitesides' students thrive. Students in grades K-5 participate in the Measures of Academic Progress, (MAP), and assessments to determine growth, identify goals for student achievement and guide instructional priorities. Students receive additional reading and/or math instruction based on MAP results during scheduled periods. The SAIL Program for gifted and talented students in grades three through five provides opportunities for student acceleration as do Renaissance programs in reading and math.

Child development programs continue to enable us to serve more four year old children in a school setting. DIBELS assessments and Primary MAP are conducted in grades K-1, to monitor student progress and fluency in literacy, and to guide instructional decisions and groupings. Additional literacy support is provided to first grade students in need of literacy assistance through our First Grade Academy.

Our PTA coordinates many functions throughout the year. Volunteers are present on a daily basis and make significant contributions to the support of classrooms and school functions. We engage families through game night, No TV week, book character day, spirit days at local restaurants and Riverdogs games, grade level plays, concerts, and grade level initiatives. A variety show and semiannual concerts accentuate student talent. Chorus is offered in fourth and fifth grades as well as strings in grade five. Local opportunities for student recognition are numerous. Our student council provides opportunities for service learning and works closely with advisors and the community on recycling and environmental projects. Students have responsibility for our school newspaper, and Whitesides' students have earned recognition throughout the year for their involvement in local, regional, and state events.

Whitesides earned an Excellent "Absolute" achievement rating and an Excellent "Growth" rating on the state report card for 2010 and continued to meet state and federal Adequate Yearly Progress goals for 2010. For fourteen consecutive years, Whitesides has been applauded for our involvement in the Community of Readers. Whitesides was also the recipient of the 2011 Excellence in School Building and Design Honor Award.

Our instructional programs are delivered by a professional staff that is truly devoted to children. Grants, the PTA, local businesses and community support have enriched classroom instruction by providing swimming lessons for kindergarten and grade level field trips that allow students to experience and apply concepts learned at school.

Judith White, SIC Chair
Lona Pounder, Principal

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