

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

A J WHITTENBURG ELEMENTARY
Greenville
Grades: PK-2 **Enrollment: 289**
Principal: Margaret Thomason
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Roger Meek

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	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

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

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/03/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Primary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PRIME INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Our School	Median Primary School
93.3%	89.6%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
19.3 to 1	20.0 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School	Median Primary School
61.1%	62.9%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School	Median Primary School
N/A	89.9%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School	Median Primary School
100.0%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
. days	12.7 days

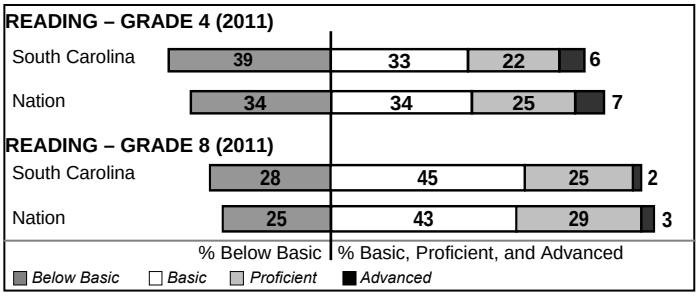
**Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.*

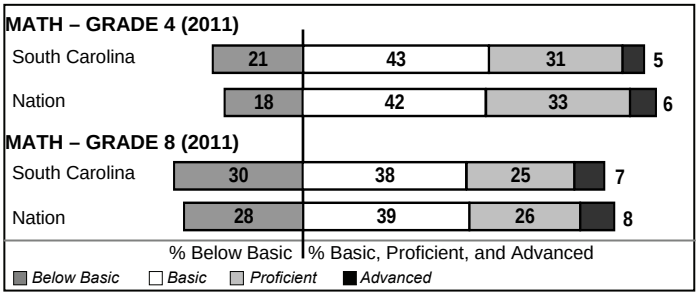
Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

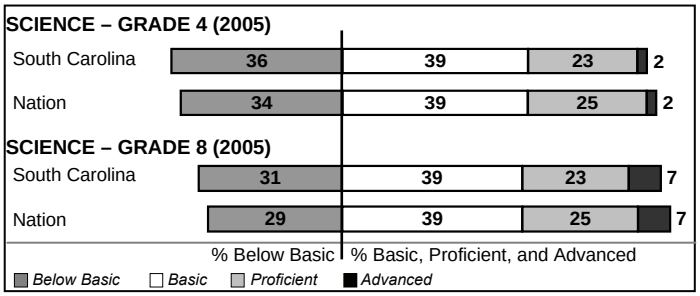
	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
	South Carolina Department of Education
	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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







SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

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	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=289)				
Retention rate	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.7%	N/A	96.7%	95.3%
With disabilities other than speech	1.6%	N/A	1.6%	0.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=18)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.1%	N/A	61.1%	62.9%
Continuing contract teachers	55.6%	N/A	55.6%	90.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	N/R	96.8%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$41,082	I/S	$41,082	$46,658
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	25.2 days	N/R	25.2 days	15.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/R	1.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	N/R	19.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.3%	N/R	93.3%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/R	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	N/R	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	N/A	$7,129
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.6%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.4%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		100.0%	94.1%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering is the first elementary school in South Carolina with a school-wide engineering curriculum. The school is one of the first schools in the nation to integrate computer technology with children as young as 4 years old and to issue HP Tablet Computers to all second grade students for classwork and homework. The innovation is apparent in many ways - from its partnership with the Salvation Army's Kroc Center, to the learning emphasis as an engineering school, and to its emphasis on a healthy lifestyle.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) voted and determined that the top priority for this initial school year would be to research and make recommendations concerning school uniforms. All parents were invited to join the SIC and help shape the uniform policy. Each month every committee reported to the SIC as a whole with research, information, and samples of data collected. Once all information was compiled the SIC reported the findings to the PTA. Information and surveys were further shared with parents and the community through the internet as well as distributing hardcopies. Through the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders, school uniforms, as the first initative of the SIC was achieved for the 2011-2012 school year. Other school wide achievements include raising over $400,000 to support innovative programs, student designed and community built playground, one of a kind curriculum, monthly partnerships with engineering organizations, supportive and successful PTA organized, and Odyssey of the Mind Primary Team State Champions - Best Team Work and Most Humorous Presentation.

Sheila Earley, SIC Chairman Margaret Thomason, Principal

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