SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Walhalla Elementary School
School District of Oconee
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 570**
Principal: Shanon Lusk
Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

PERFORMANCE

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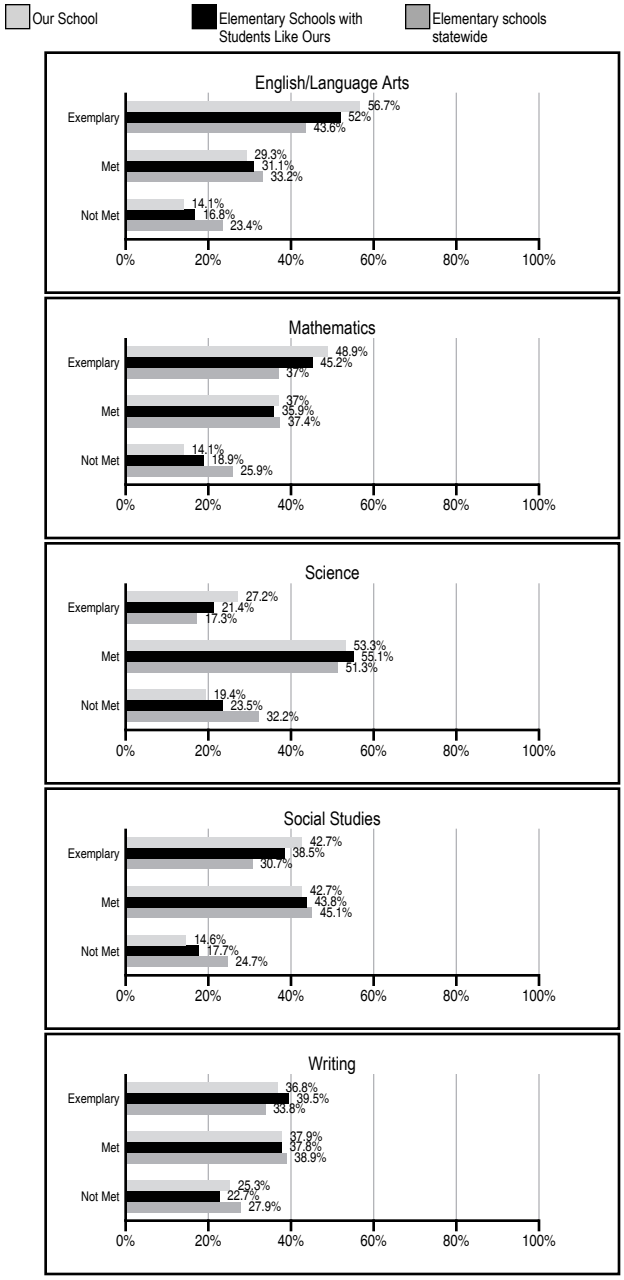
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
49	28	9	1	0

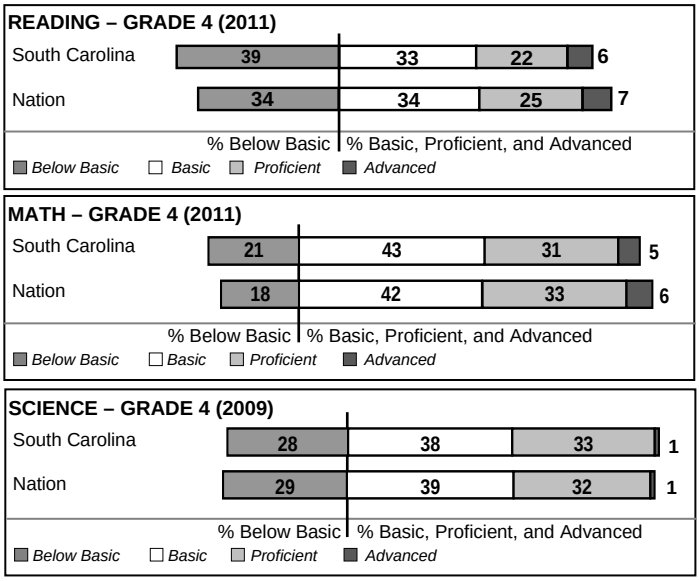
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=570)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Up from 1.1%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.8%	96.8%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.1%	Up from 63.2%	63.4%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.4%	Down from 93.4%	90.4%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	92.3%	Down from 94.0%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$49,232	Up 1.2%	$48,566	$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.5 days	Down from 14.4 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	Up from 21.0 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 89.8%	90.6%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Up from 98.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,162	Down 4.9%	$6,868	$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.8%	Down from 69.1%	68.4%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.1%	Down from 67.0%	66.2%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	99.1	N/A	95.1	91.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	91	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	83.3%	83.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.5%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.2%	83.6%

*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

Walhalla Elementary School is a K-5th grade school that serves 557 students. The mission of Walhalla Elementary School, in cooperation with the home and community, is to develop confident, responsible, productive lifelong learners, by providing a total educational experience in a positive environment. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2011-2012 school year and we continue to look for ways to improve. Our school met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and we received the SC State Department of Education Palmetto Silver Award for improving test scores in a historically underachieving group and the Palmetto Gold Award for our overall test scores. We also had Excellent Absolute and Improvement ratings on our School Report Card.

Through the continued analysis of our state testing results, our classroom assessment information and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data, we are able to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments and programs. This analysis, along with our MAP scores consistently meeting and exceeding the district, state and national averages, helps ensure that we are individualizing instruction as much as possible for our students.

Staff development continues to be a key component in our success. Our teachers received training in various areas in order to help meet the ever-changing needs of our students. Our school focus for staff development during the 2011-2012 school year were on increasing student engagement, our new district grading policy and the Common Core State Standards.

Our students have opportunities above and beyond the regular school day. Our math and English/Language Arts (ELA) labs are open before and after school. Students in grades 4 and 5 can also participate in our Art Squad, Science Club and Chorus. Our Parent, Teacher, Student Team (PTST) and our School Improvement Council (SIC) continue to play important parts in our success. Donations from the PTST helped us purchase an agenda for each student in grades 3, 4 and 5 and provide a paved walking track. The PTST also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner, a Spring Carnival and our Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Our SIC sponsored our Polar Express night, Math and Science Night and our 8th annual Family Fun Run to promote physical fitness. We also hosted several ESOL Food and Family Nights for our families. Chick-fil-a of Seneca is our business partner for character education and monthly spirit nights and many other local businesses were supportive of our school.

Walhalla Elementary students, staff and families continue to have opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life team raised money for the American Cancer Society. Our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. Our school sponsored a child for the Make a Wish Foundation and participated in a canned food drive for a local food bank.

As you can see, Walhalla Elementary School has numerous accomplishments to be proud of. These accomplishments are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, students and families. We will continue to work together to ensure that Walhalla Elementary School is a place Where Everyone is a Star.

Steve Hanvey, Principal Olivia Timms, SIC Chairperson

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NI Newly Identified **CSI** Continuing School Improvement **CA** Corrective Action **RP** Plan to Restructure **R** Restructure **DELAY** School Improvement Status **HOLD** School Improvement Status