

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Berkeley Elementary School
Berkeley County School District
Grades: PK-2 **Enrollment: 667**
Principal: Tracy H. Gaskins
Superintendent: Dr. Rodney Thompson
Board Chair: Doug Cooper

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	N/AV	N/A
2011	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Met	R-DELAY

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	0	0	0	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/13/2012. 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
91.6%	89.5%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
19.5 to 1	21.1 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School	Median Primary School
52.4%	62.5%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School	Median Primary School
87.4%	91.0%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School	Median Primary School
100.0%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
6.3 days	12.7 days

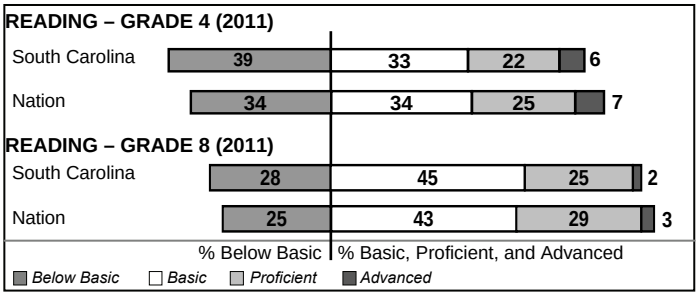
**Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.*

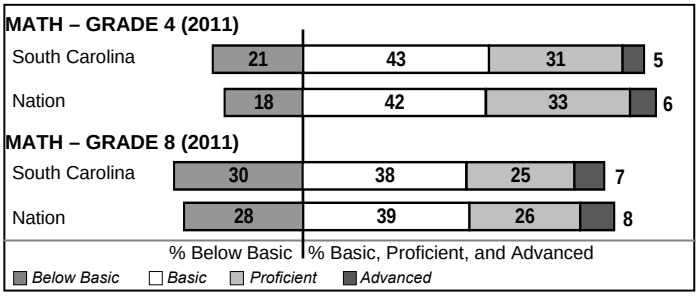
Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

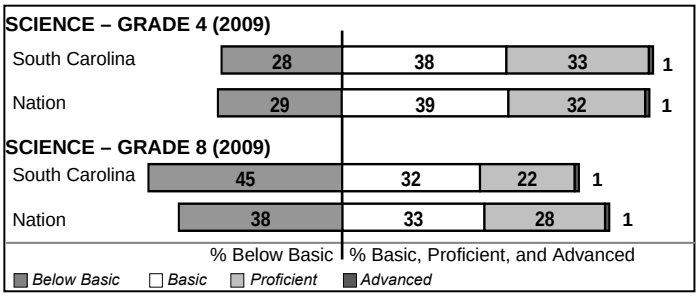
	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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







SC PERFORMANCE 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=667)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Down from 5.3%	2.0%	2.5%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.2%	95.8%	95.8%
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
Teachers (n=42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.4%	Down from 55.6%	71.1%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.4%	Up from 85.6%	91.0%	91.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.4%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	$47,234	Up 0.4%	$48,520	$47,047
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.8 days	Down from 7.1 days	14.3 days	13.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.5	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 19.2 to 1	20.2 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 91.3%	89.1%	89.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,754	Down 0.4%	$7,276	$6,841
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.6%	Down from 63.4%	70.4%	68.5%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Up from 57.7%	66.9%	65.2%
ESEA composite index score	N/AV	N/A	N/AV	N/AV

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.2%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

2011-2012 marked an amazing year at Berkeley Elementary School. BES was selected as a National School of Character by the Character Education Partnership, one of only twenty-three schools to receive this honor. This model's implementation has shown a significant decline in discipline rates over the past four years while the student attendance rate remains constant at 96%.

Berkeley Elementary School provides an exceptional learning environment. The school again received an excellent rating on its 2011 report card. The child development program is fully licensed by the Department of Social Services. Through an intensive district-wide process the Berkeley County School District, including BES, are now accredited by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and Board of Trustees by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on Accreditation and School Improvement. This is an international accreditation organization and the district and BES will remain accredited through June 30, 2016.

Student achievement continues to show growth in many areas. AIMSweb testing demonstrated growth in reading as follows: Kindergarten scores showed that 83% of the students are established in phoneme segmentation at the end of the year. First grade Oral Reading Fluency scores show that 80% of the students are considered established or some risk. Data from the Measures of Academic Progress assessment indicates that 60.7% of second graders are at or above the 50th percentile in Reading and 63.3% are at or above the 50th percentile in Mathematics. Strategies such as differentiated instruction and early intervention services are enhanced to meet students' individual needs.
Students participate in school and community programs that enhance development and promote citizenship. These programs include Kiwanis "Terrific Kids" character education, Berkeley County Kids Who Care ecology awareness, Junior Achievement, Maestro Club, and the Northwoods Mall Art Show. Students receive mentoring from volunteers through our major business partner, Santee Cooper and also through the Berkeley High School Teacher Cadet Program.

Our staff increases their professional knowledge through staff development and coursework. There are eight Nationally Board Certified teachers on staff. Parents are an integral part of the school and serve on the PTO and the School Improvement Council (SIC). The SIC team members meet throughout the school year to review annual goals and make needed changes for improvement.

Berkeley Elementary School fosters an environment of success and appreciation for all students, staff, parents, and community. We will continue to develop partnerships that will ultimately help our students reach their maximum potential.

Tracy H. Gaskins, Principal Denise Hucks, School Improvement Council

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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