

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whittaker Elementary School
Orangeburg Consolidated 5
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 552**
Principal: Dr. Casandra H. Jenkins
Superintendent: Cynthia Wilson
Board Chair: Mary Ulmer

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
2013	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2012	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	B	Reward
2011	Good	Good	Silver	Silver	Met	N/A

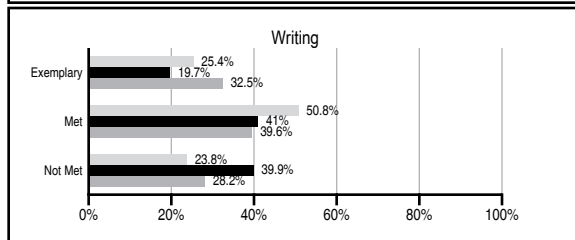
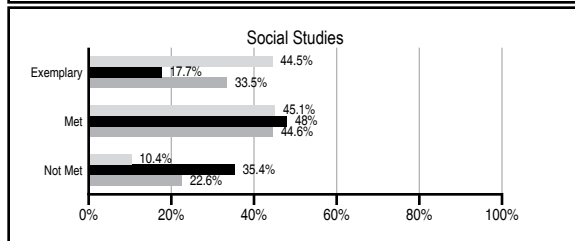
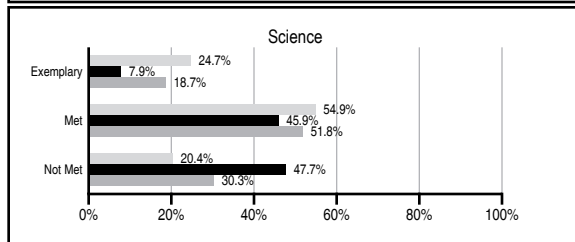
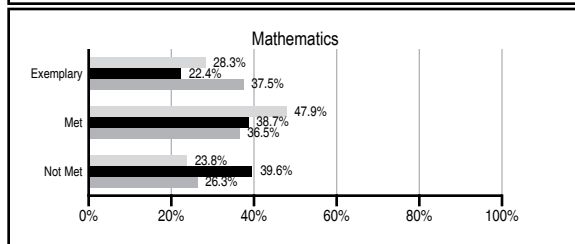
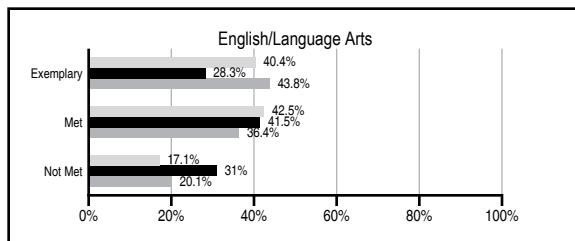
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	13	99	46	15

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

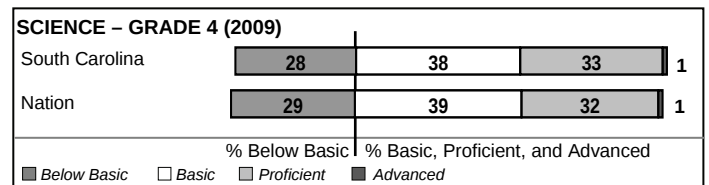
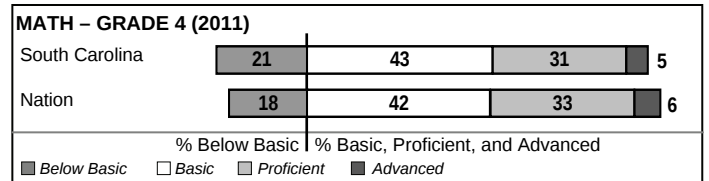
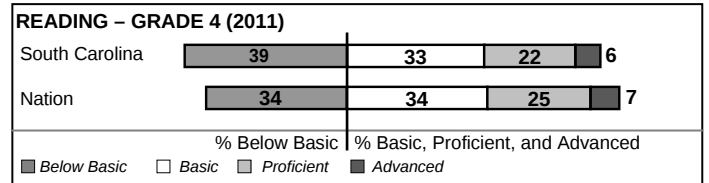
PASS PERFORMANCE

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 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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=552)				
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 1.6%	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 97.0%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	0.0%	N/A	2.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	8.0%	N/A	13.5%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	N/A	3.0%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	82.1%	Down from 88.9%	60.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	79.5%	Down from 83.3%	76.6%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Down from 89.8%	84.8%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 97.6%	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,671	Down 0.9%	\$46,095	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.5 days	Down from 15.5 days	10.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Up from 18.5 to 1	18.2 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.1%	89.5%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 93.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Good	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,493	Down 11.6%	\$8,246	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.0%	Up from 67.2%	67.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.0%	Up from 63.6%	64.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	100.0	Up from 88.2	71.5	88.0

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	80	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.7%	98.8%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.6%	98.8%	86.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.2%	86.3%	91.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whittaker Elementary School is centrally located in the Whittaker Heights Community and is proud to call the Wildcat's Den home. Whittaker is a Title I School with a poverty index of 95.6%. Whittaker has built a tradition of excellence by obtaining many notable academic achievements, including meeting and exceeding state standards in the areas of ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. For several years, Whittaker has been recognized by the state for obtaining successful ratings. We met Adequate Yearly Progress by meeting 13 out of 13 state objectives, we maintained an Absolute Rating and Improvement Rating of Good, and have been named a Palmetto Silver School for the past three years. Accomplishments, of which, we are very proud. The entire faculty and staff works together to provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment on a daily basis. We believe that an academically focused environment is the key that unlocks the door of preparing our students to become successful contributors to society. We continue to make academic achievement our primary focus each year as we use data to monitor, assess, and adjust the instruction that we provide, based on the needs of our students. Our teachers are constantly engaged in professional development activities that sharpen their instructional skills and abilities while filling their teacher toolboxes. Our teachers are versatile professionals that teach the current South Carolina State Standards successfully while being trained in the newly adopted Common Core National Standards. Our parents are a vital part of our positive school environment and are an important factor to the bond of school-to-home relationships Whittaker exhibits. Our family-friendly atmosphere makes parents feel comfortable entrusting their children to us. Our parents support their children's academic success by assisting with homework, assessments, and student centered programs. Dr. Casandra H. Jenkins, Principal
Mr. Hercules Mack, SIC Chairperson

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