



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

East Aiken School of the Arts
AIKEN COUNTY
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 637
Principal: Lisa A. Fallaw
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

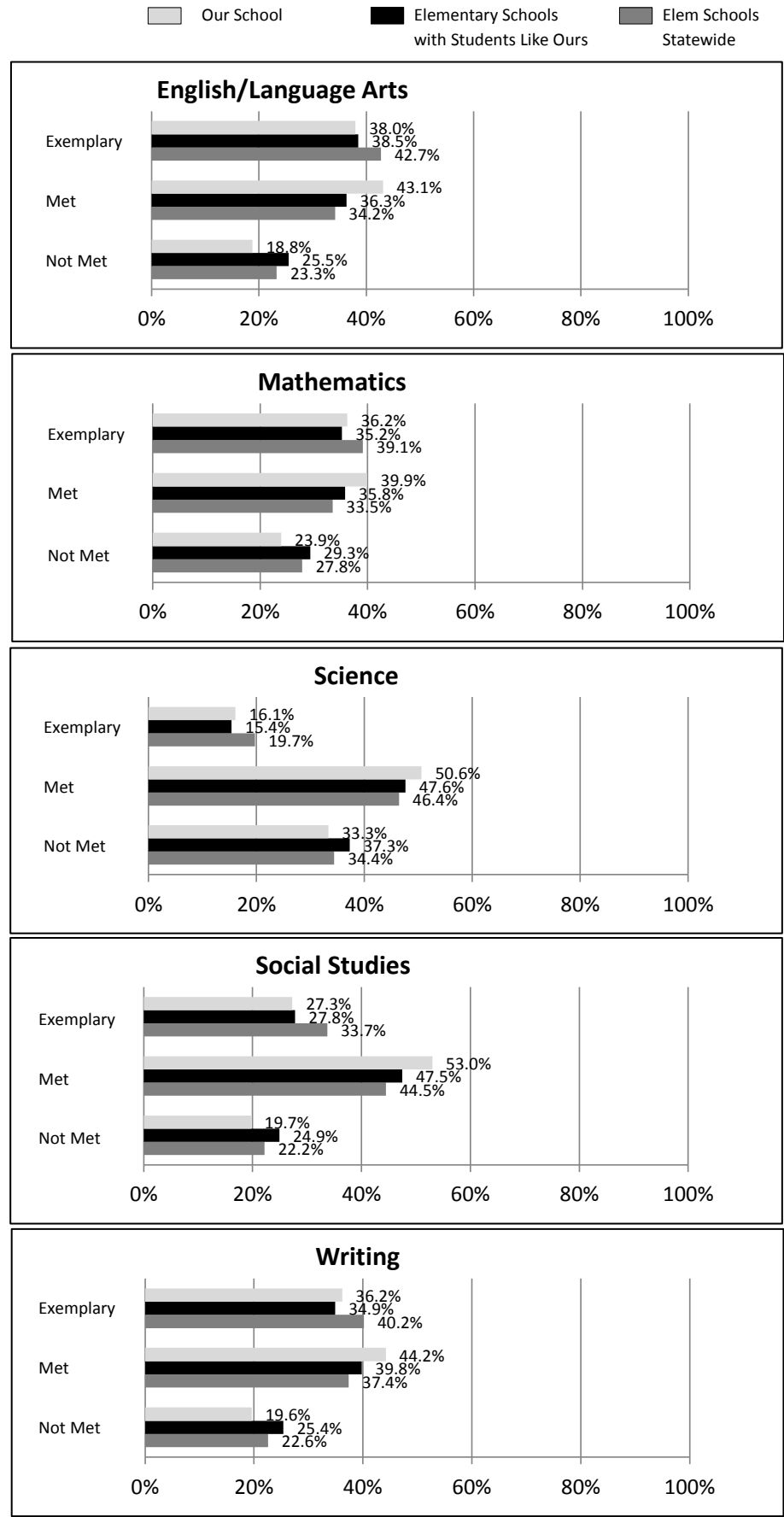
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	B	Reward
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	SILVER	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	26	83	4	1

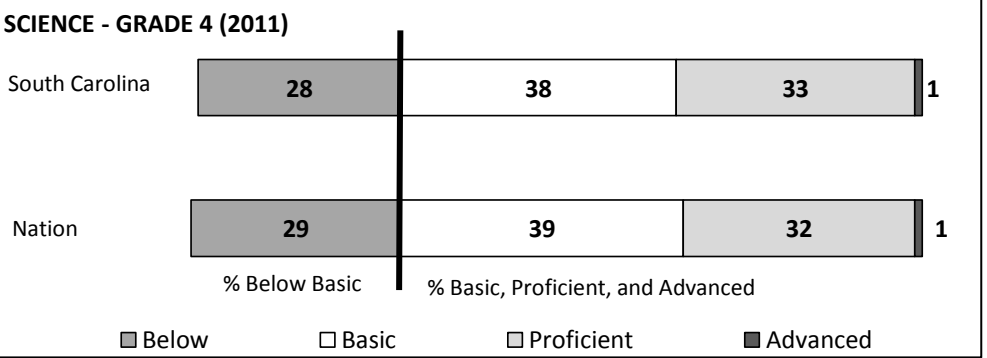
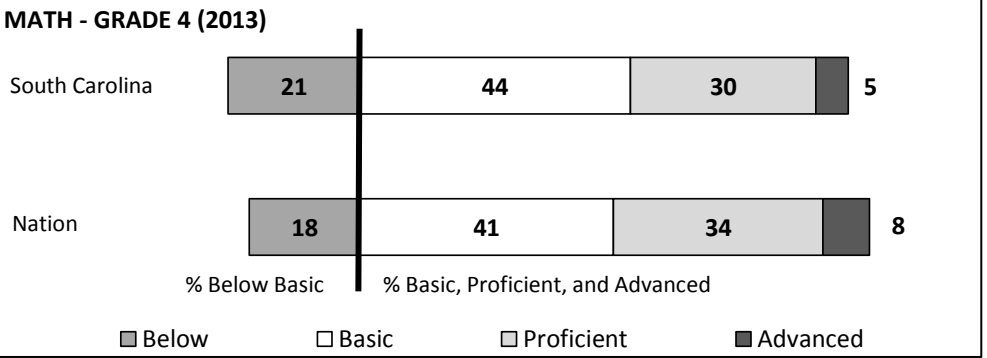
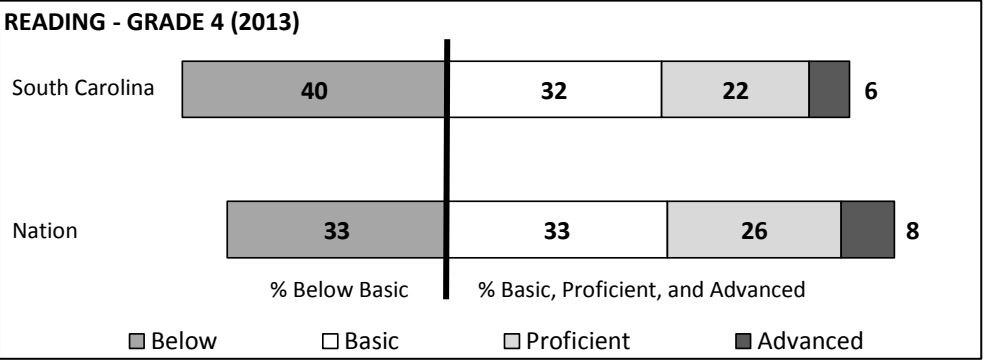
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*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 Schools
Students (n = 637)				
Retention rate	1.9%	Up from 0.7%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.2%	96.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.8%	Up from 5.0%	6.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	11.5%	No change	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Down from 2.3%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 51.3%	60.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Up from 82.1%	81.1%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 89.3%	89.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 96.2%	95.0%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,480	Up 3.9%	\$47,802	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.3 days	Up from 9.9 days	10.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.8 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Down from 90.3%	90.0%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	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**	\$6,744	Down 6.1%	\$7,725	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.5%	Down from 68.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.2%	Up from 64.0%	64.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	85.0	Up from 71.6	83.1	85.7

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	76	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.7%	71.0%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	68.5%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	81.1%	79.3%

*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

East Aiken School of the Arts is a Title I school which currently houses over 600 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. The purpose of East Aiken School of the Arts is to accommodate differences, reveal a passion for learning, teach appreciation, and stimulate creativity. East Aiken School of the Arts is an Arts in Basic Curriculum Site and the recipient of a Distinguished Arts Program Grant.

Student achievement continues to be our top priority at East Aiken School of the Arts. Benchmark assessments for ELA and math were implemented this year at all grade levels. Grade-level data teams were established to analyze, interpret, and use benchmark data results in order to make instructional decisions. In addition, our School Intervention Team continues to analyze multiple data sources to determine academic and behavioral needs of all students. Arts-integrated instruction continues to be the backbone of our daily instructional practices. The scheduling of collaborative planning time between arts and grade level teachers continues to be a challenge. Our technology resources were also updated this year with the addition of an iTouch cart of 30 iTouches for student use and iPads for each teacher to use as an instructional tool to engage students.

During the 2013-2014 school year, we continued to successfully expand our innovative arts programs. Ceramics was added to our After-School Arts Program this year. Our jazz band also debuted to the delight of all audiences. Our innovative arts program also includes weekly clubs for students in grades 3-5. These clubs allow students to explore a wide range of art interests such as steel sculpture, chorus, dance, creative writing, animation, and graphic design. The highlight of the year was our spring musical, Schoolhouse Rock, Jr. Live! Our Arts Steering Committee, consisting of community members, parents, teachers, and district administrators, continues to guide and support our efforts to offer students a comprehensive arts education.

Some proud moments for East Aiken School of the Arts during the 2013-2014 school year were: our chorus performed at the United Way Campaign Kick-Off, our violin students performed at Holley Days in Aiken and at the Garcia Orchestra Project, began a partnership, Rotary Readers, with the Aiken Rotary Club, 3 students placed in the State Fair Art Contest, a 5th grade student was an honorable mention winner in the state level competition Celebrate Art! Competition and Exhibition, a 5th grade student placed 3rd in the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest, our 5th grade yearbook club designed the school yearbook, awarded \$5,000 in SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants, awarded a Savannah River Remediation STAR grant for \$1,000, and students read over 28,000 books surpassing the school’s year goal of 23,500 books.

With the full support of our School Improvement Council, parents, teachers, and the community, we look forward to continuing on our journey of Striving for Academic Excellence through the Arts.

Lisa A. Fallaw, Principal

Bethany Reesor, SIC Chairperson

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