



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Watkins-Nance
RICHLAND 1
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 435
Principal: Dr. Evelyn Cohens
Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack
Board Chair: Aaron Bishop

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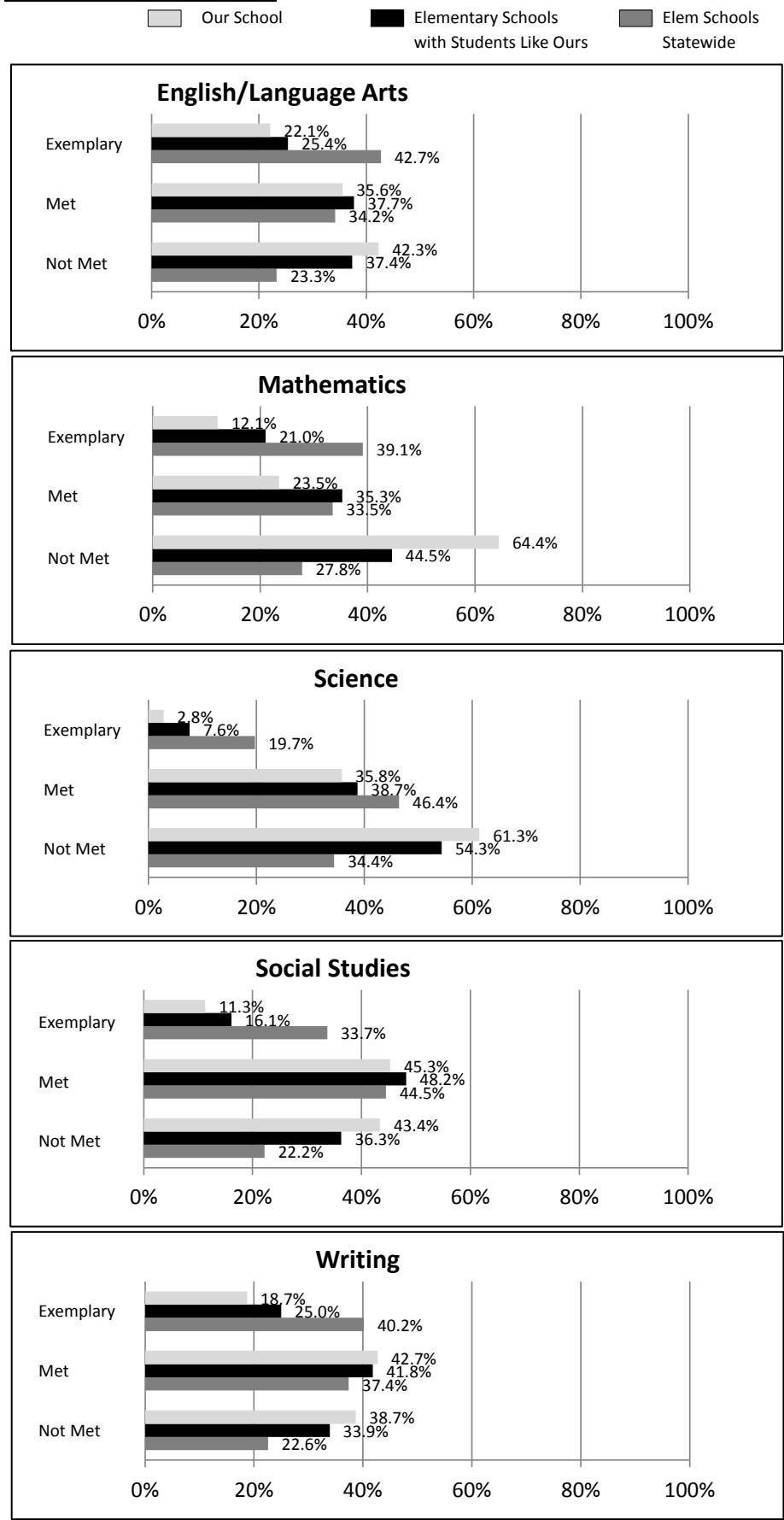
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	F	Priority
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	D	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	4	71	43	15

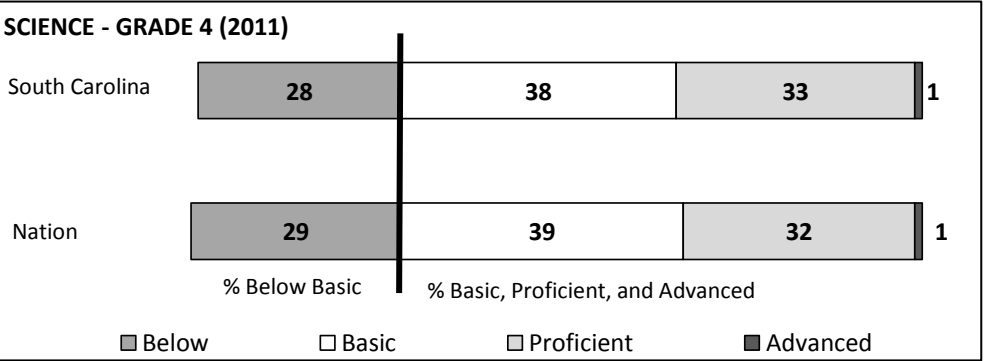
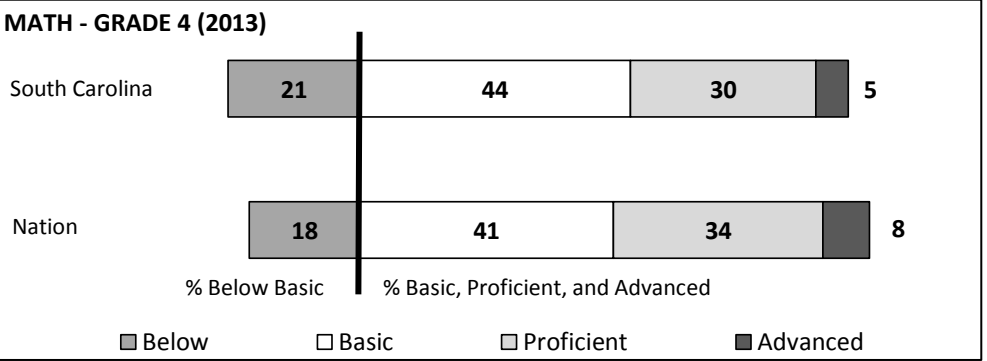
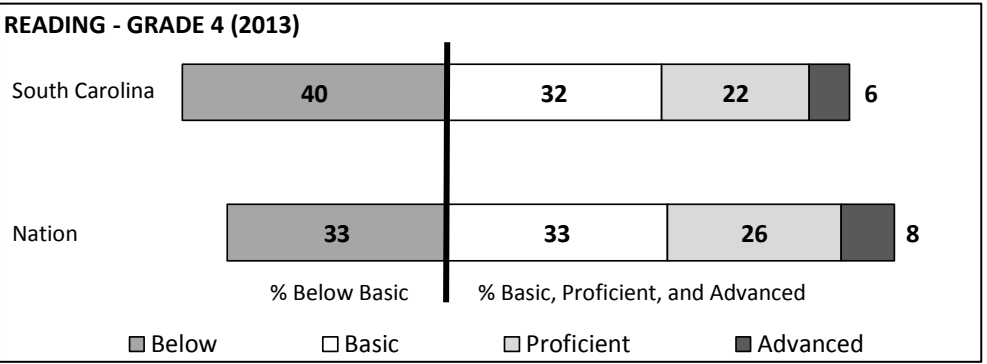
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

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 = 435)				
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 1.4%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.6%	Up from 1.0%	2.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.4%	Up from 12.1%	14.2%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 3.1%	3.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Up from 60.6%	60.8%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	54.3%	Down from 66.7%	73.1%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.5%	Down from 82.7%	83.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.6%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,873	Up 0.3%	\$45,638	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.6 days	Up from 12.2 days	9.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Up from 17.7 to 1	18.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 89.3%	90.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	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	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,178	Up 7.4%	\$8,672	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	77.8%	Down from 79.0%	64.4%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	77.0%	No change	63.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	36.0	Down from 61.0	67.8	85.7

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	34	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.3%	82.3%	83.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.4%	94.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	67.7%	90.3%	55.5%

*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

Watkins-Nance Elementary continued to make great progress during the 2013-14 year. Emphasis was placed on core subjects such as English/Language Arts (ELA) and math. Learning in these areas was supported by ongoing efforts with programs such as Leveled Literacy Intervention (Fountas and Pinnell), Accelerated Reader, and use of SuccessMaker computer labs as well as interventions for students who needed assistance in math. Students were able to use educational software even after they left school via our “SuccessMaker at Home” laptop checkout program.

Our school has continued to provide special activities, such as extended school day programs, to ensure student success. These included our Saturday Academy, Early Bird, and after school programs. Retired teachers tutored students who needed more academic assistance. Lunch Buddies and mentors from Fort Jackson’s DPTMS office, St. John Baptist Church, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity motivated students to achieve success. Volunteers from the Eau Claire Ministerial Alliance, St. James AME Church, and Heartworks also provided much-needed support.

Our staff development activities focused on improving student performance on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), student motivation, character education, and teachers’ accurate assessment of student achievement; providing appropriate instruction based on state standards and benchmark results; and designing weekly tests to measure specific skills required to do well on state tests. Effective grade-level planning was conducted along with weekly grade-level and district benchmark and MAP tests to strengthen student test-taking skills.

Students were recognized for academic achievement at biyearly award ceremonies. Our Honor Student program, Student Association activities, Career Fair, and Science Fair enhanced students’ academic and character growth.

Watkins-Nance employed many parent/community outreach programs. These included “Books and Breakfast” and “Books and Bites” parent workshops, parent-teacher conference incentives, and parent-student academic sessions. Our PTO activities and parent luncheons provided opportunities for parent involvement.

In spite of our successes, we still have some barriers that inhibit progress. These include having about 50 percent of our students enter school without preschool experience, limited parent participation, and limited reinforcement of academic skills at home. However, we are gaining in these areas and are proud of our progress.

The school received a Palmetto Silver Award for students’ performance on the PASS again in 2012-13, which means that Watkins-Nance has now received recognition in five of the last seven years. We also continued to work toward achieving the goals we set in our School Improvement Plan such as increasing the number of students promoted to the next grade. As we continue to move forward, we believe that next year promises to be even better!

Ms. Claire Steverson-Smith, SIC Chairperson
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