



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CHICORA ELEMENTARY
 Charleston
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 416
 Principal: Camille Hendrix
 Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
 Board Chair: Mrs. Ruth Jordan

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	NI-DELAY
2008	Below Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	NI

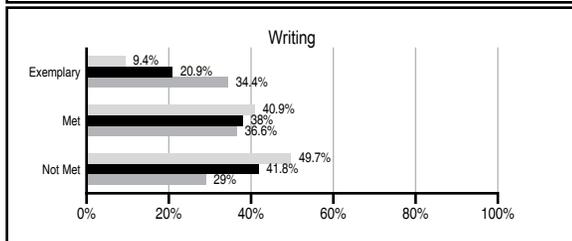
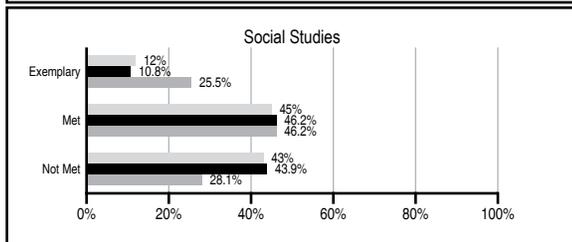
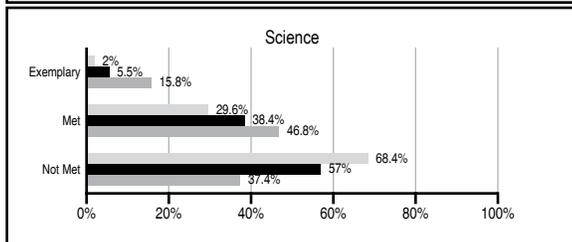
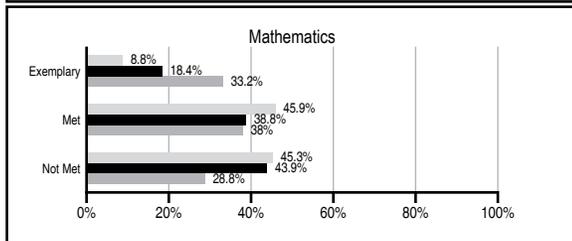
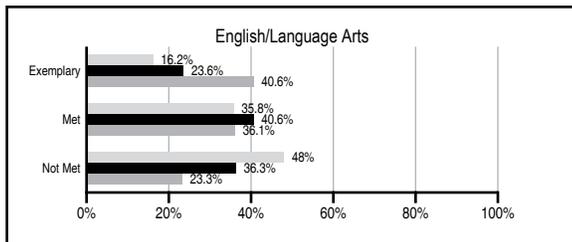
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	55	47	21

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. 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 GOAL

2010 Goal:
 By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 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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CHICORA ELEMENTARY [Charleston]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=416)				
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 2.0%	1.4%	1.2%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 98.1%	95.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.7%	Up from 0.0%	4.1%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	3.8%	Up from 3.4%	8.5%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.8%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	Down from 65.7%	59.4%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	80.6%	Up from 74.3%	78.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.0%	Down from 81.6%	82.1%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	98.2%	Up from 97.3%	95.2%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,570	Down 4.8%	\$45,164	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.7 days	Up from 9.3 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.3 to 1	Up from 13.3 to 1	17.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.2%	No Change	90.5%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,627	Up 5.9%	\$8,918	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.8%	Up from 69.9%	67.7%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.7%	Up from 66.2%	62.1%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	44	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.7%	84.1%	89.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.7%	86.4%	75.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.8%	84.1%	86.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Chicora is a Communications Magnet School, the only one of its kind in the district. "Excellence is our Standard" is our motto, and our theme and focus is communications in all types of media. Chicora has been recognized by the state department as a Red Carpet School in 2010.

In 2006, Chicora was one of six schools in the nation and the first ever in South Carolina to win the National School Change Award. This award recognizes schools that have made substantial improvements in all areas. An energetic, highly-qualified, enthusiastic faculty and staff are keys to the success that has visibly transformed Chicora Elementary School. A demonstration classroom and relevant monthly staff development meetings that addresses the specific needs of Chicora are important parts of our school improvement plan, as well as reduced class size that allows teachers to give extra attention to individual students. We evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our programs and students based on MAP scores, surveys, and other data.

We have had a busy and productive year. We will continue with our schoolwide reading program, which includes a reading celebration in May. A highly effective parenting team continues to develop good home/school relationships. Our mentoring program grows every year. Our goal is one mentor for every child. We have formed a partnership with Wings, which provides a quality afterschool program.

An updated state-of-the-art computer lab with a certified teacher has been an asset for the school and community. At Chicora, we utilize technology to enrich and increase student achievement in all academic areas. The fifth grade teachers are excited that their students continue to progress with the Read 180 and Read About programs, two unique reading programs that integrate technology, English Language Arts, and the content areas. Successmaker, a reading and math technology program, is used in second through fourth grades.

The principal continues to have an open door policy to help ensure a school climate that is friendly and inviting. Chicora has a talented, dedicated faculty and staff who work hard each day to provide meaningful experiences and lessons for our students. The students' potential is great, and we strive daily to unlock that potential and help all of our children become successful. We recognize that students will rise to exemplary performance with high expectations, and that is what we demand for and from the students at Chicora School of Communications.

Camille Hendrix, Principal
Angela Stringer, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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