



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LITTLE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY
Newberry
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 371
Principal: Rudie Tarver
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm

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		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

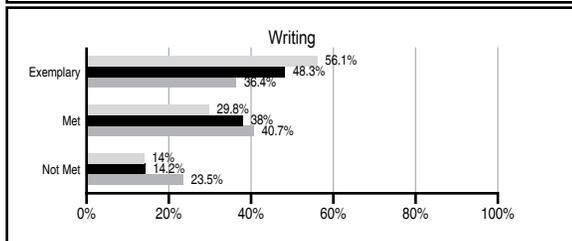
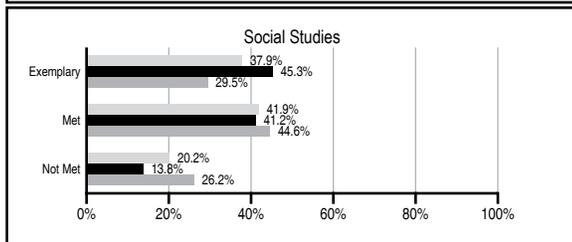
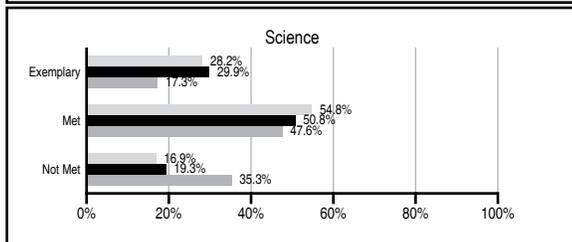
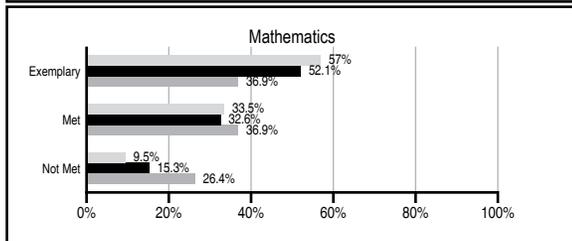
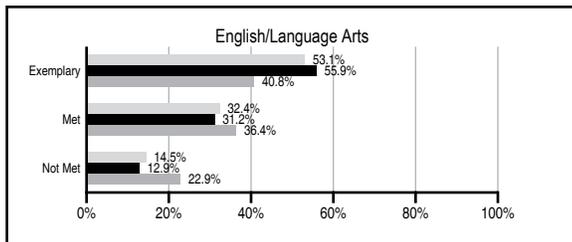
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
31	7	0	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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 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 School
Students (n=371)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 3.0%	0.8%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.4%	96.4%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.8%	Up from 20.8%	22.4%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	3.3%	Down from 5.5%	3.6%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	81.0%	Down from 87.5%	63.6%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.5%	Down from 93.8%	90.0%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.7%	Up from 85.1%	89.2%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 95.5%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,660	Up 1.1%	\$48,174	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Down from 10.6 days	8.4 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	23.0	Up from 22.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Up from 20.2 to 1	21.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.7%	91.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Down from 99.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,188	Down 10.3%	\$7,105	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.7%	Down from 63.1%	69.7%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.9%	Up from 61.1%	68.2%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	40	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	95.0%	96.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Little Mountain Elementary School is in the southeastern section of Newberry County and served 377 students in grades kindergarten through five. All grade levels provide students with balanced literacy instruction which includes reading, researching, and writing across the curriculum. Hands-on experiences from FOSS, AIMS, and GEMS enrich math and science programs. A wide variety of texts and computer programs enhance learning in all areas of the school's curriculum. Regular use of rubrics has helped improve students' writing. The faculty utilizes a comprehensive developmental guidance and counseling program that promotes and enhances the total learning process. The school's leadership/data analysis team regularly analyzes test data in order to monitor students' progress and to assist teachers in designing classroom experiences that meet students' needs.

The majority of teachers have advanced degrees while others are working toward this goal. One teacher has National Board Certification. Our teachers participate in many professional development opportunities in a variety of areas. These professional discussions provide opportunities for teachers to generate conversations related to applying best practices across the grade levels. The school has initiated PBIS as a behavioral management structure. There is also an after school program and Academic Academy to assist students with increasing achievement.

Our faculty works diligently to enable our students to enjoy and appreciate the arts through field trips, assemblies, and community involvement. Students participate in many school-to-work activities. Parents and community members further educate students by sharing experiences about their jobs during our career fair. Little Mountain Elementary School, the PTO, and the community work hard to keep our students continuously learning in a safe and caring environment.

Some of the Little Mountain Elementary accomplishments include the following:
 Students scored 82.2% met/exemplary on PASS ELA and 85.6% on math;
 Students and faculty earned a Palmetto Gold award;
 Students and faculty raised over \$6,000 for Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, and St. Jude's Math-a-Thon;
 Students collected over 1,450 non-perishable foods for the Manna House Season of Sharing;
 Students participate in a community service project, Santa Paws, and assistance to the animal shelter;
 Twenty-five fourth and fifth graders qualified for the Duke TIP program; and
 Teachers received grants for classroom supplies and equipment.

Teaching Today's Students to become Tomorrow's Leaders

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