



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Palmetto Elementary

Anderson 1

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 649

Principal: Jerome A. Hudson

Superintendent: Dr. Wayne Fowler

Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	At-Risk	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Good	N/A	Met	N/A

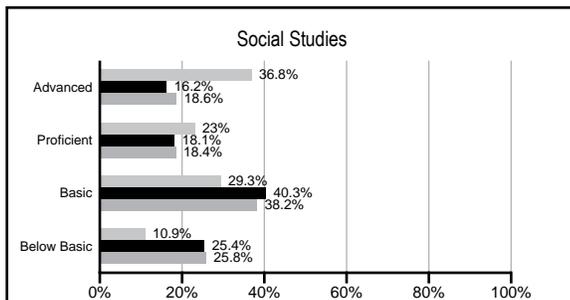
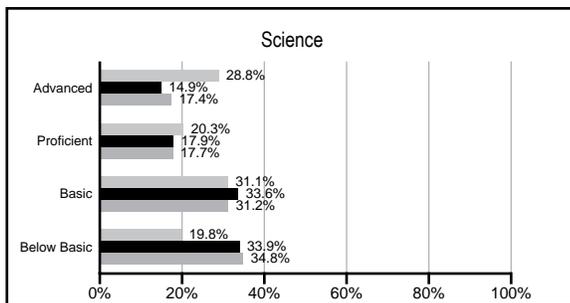
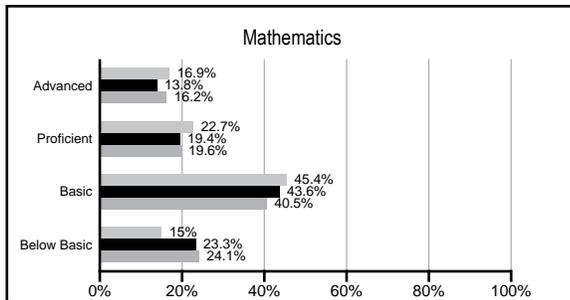
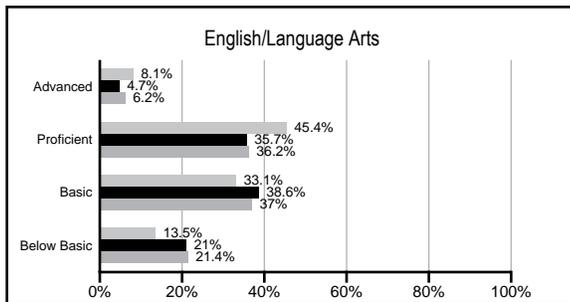
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	6	53	33	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

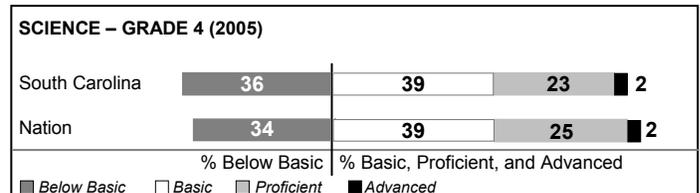
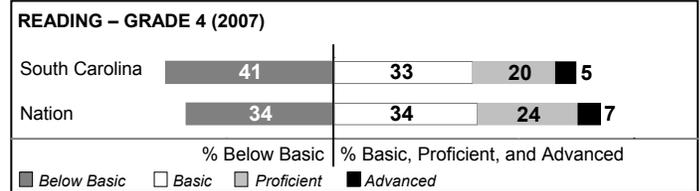
PACT PERFORMANCE

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 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=649)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 3.2%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.6%	Down from 10.3%	9.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.3%	Down from 8.5%	8.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.5%	No Change	57.9%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	71.7%	Down from 80.4%	80.5%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Up from 89.3%	87.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,482	Up 4.0%	\$45,361	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 16.1 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	No Change	89.4%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,746	Up 50.6%	\$6,890	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.1%	Up from 71.3%	68.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.0%	Down from 92.8%	64.9%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	77	53
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.8%	83.1%	92.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	74.0%	83.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.0%	75.0%	86.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool is a beautiful school nestled in the picturesque eastern corner of Anderson County. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most ethnically and culturally diverse student body and faculty in Anderson School District One. We have eight National Board Certified teachers. The 2007 PACT scores showed an absolute rating of "Good", an Improvement Rating of "Below Average," and 17 of 17 areas of AYP met. We are continuing to work towards a rating of "Excellent".

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool has had many accomplishments including: three time finalist for Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award; recipient of the South Carolina Healthy Schools Award; we were awarded the Exemplary Writing Award by the Writing Improvement Network; recipient of Palmetto Gold and Silver Award; recipient of the Education Oversight Committee "Closing the Gap" Award for five consecutive years; SC Principal of the Year for 2006; we provided parenting workshops and Family Movie Nights; students earned in excess of 30,000 Accelerated Reading points, and 117 students went to Burger King with the principal; book circulation in the Media Center totaled 53,971 during the 2007-2008 school year; conferences were held with 100% of all parents; Clemson University provided 14 student tutors while we served as a pre-service teacher training site for 16 practicum students and student teachers; the Homework Center served 74 students from October until April; the After-School program tutored, supervised, and provided enrichment for 37 students until 5:30 pm daily; Family Reading Night was provided in the Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:00 pm; Students and school staff participated in the community recycling program, National Breast Cancer Awareness month, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, and Hurricane Katrina Relief for the Red Cross; Enrichment classes in music, dance, karate, technology, guitar, arts and crafts, beginning piano, knitting, cooking, and first aid were offered on Mondays after school with over 135 students participating; and continuation of the school wide Pony Express mail system, Beta Club, Student Council, Drama Club, school choir, violin orchestra, Art Club, Safety Patrols, Library Helpers, School News Team, and student Recycling Team.

We continue to update our technology by housing a computer lab, providing new printers to our teachers, a digital camera for each grade level, thirty-six Smart Boards, a Senteo response system, and five document cameras. An interactive student learning center, including "Achieve Now" and Odyssey, is available to students. Thinking Maps and Thinking Maps software are available for staff and students.

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Carole Simmons, SIC Chairman

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