



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwest Elementary
Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 547

Principal: Cathy Curry-Bloise

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Average	N/A	Met	N/A

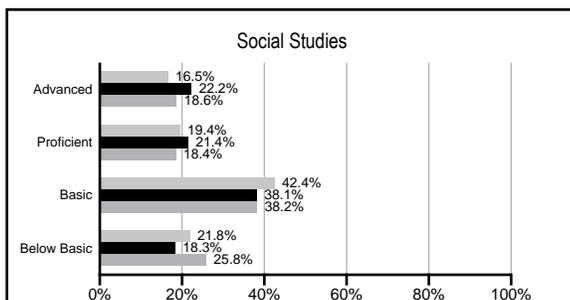
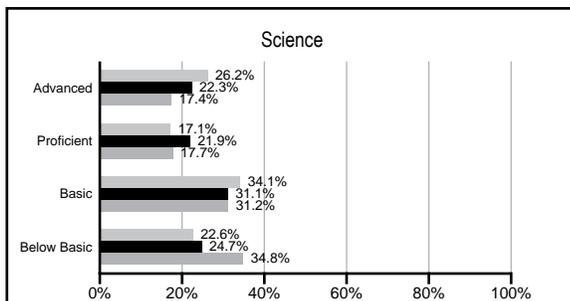
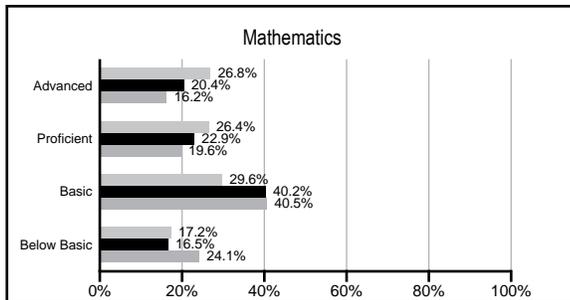
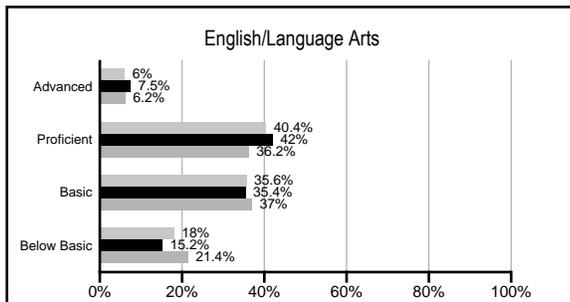
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	28	56	4	0

* 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.

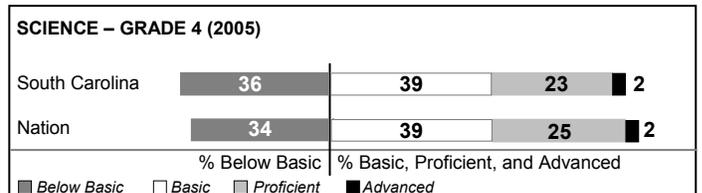
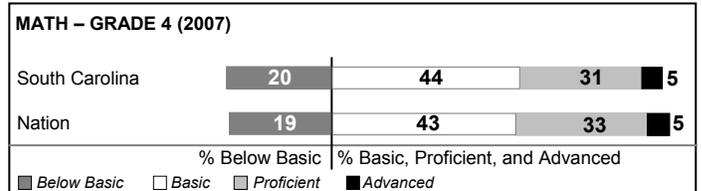
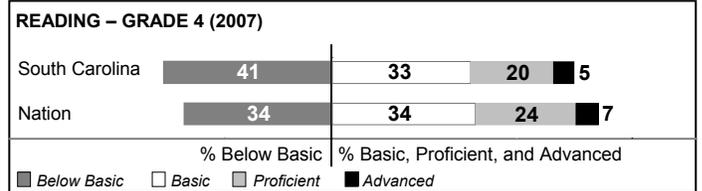
PACT PERFORMANCE

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

Abbreviations Key

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Northwest Elementary [Cherokee]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=547)				
Retention rate	0.6%	No Change	2.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.8%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.9%	Up from 11.2%	13.8%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.6%	Up from 4.9%	7.0%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.6%	Up from 54.3%	56.1%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	86.1%	Up from 85.7%	78.9%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Up from 86.6%	89.1%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.8%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,717	Up 4.4%	\$45,945	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 19.4 to 1	19.3 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 90.7%	90.2%	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*	\$5,692	Up 0.1%	\$6,391	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.6%	Up from 71.6%	69.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	71.2%	Up from 71.0%	65.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	86.7%		92.3%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Northwest Elementary School, in conjunction with family and community, is to ensure all students gain skills necessary to achieve personal excellence and to become responsible citizens in a global society by providing challenging educational programs and experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

In other words, our school family believes in the POWER of learning. We envision a school which has: PRIDE in accomplishments; OPPORTUNITIES for challenges and success in learning; WORLD-CLASS resources; EXPECTATIONS for a safe, nurturing environment; and RESPONSIBILITY, resourcefulness, and respect as goals.

Mrs. Melanie Nance was named Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Laura Cash was named Reading Teacher of the Year, not only for our school, but for the Cherokee County School District. We had five Spartanburg Regional Science Fair winners. The school family raised over \$4,800 for charitable organizations, such as American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and Jump Rope for Heart. Twenty-eight boxes of everyday items were donated to Operation Rudolph, and we collected 1,406 cans of food for the Peachtree Ministries. Employees made contributions to the United Way and Habitat for Humanity.

Our Lunch Buddy Program, Friendly Helpers, Family Academic Night Activities, and the Character Education Program continue to increase in participation from staff, parents, students, and community leaders.

We would like to thank you for your continued dedication, support, and cooperation as Northwest Elementary strives for excellence for all children.

Ms. Kathy Mulwee, School Improvement Council Chair
Mrs. Cathy Curry Bloise, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	77	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.2%	92.2%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.2%	93.5%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.2%	93.5%	89.6%

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

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