



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pine Tree Hill Elementary
Kershaw County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 679

Principal: Lisa Shannon

Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan

Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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 | CSI |
| 2007 | Average | Average | N/A | Not Met | NI |
| 2006 | Average | At-Risk | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

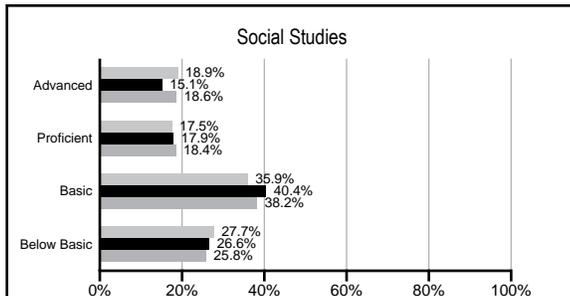
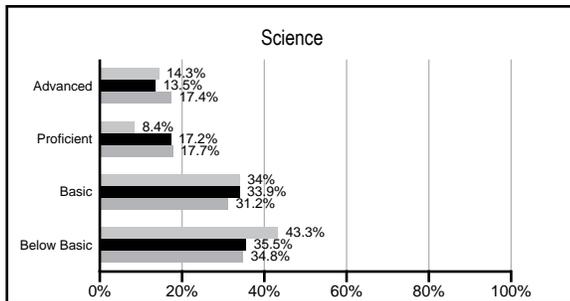
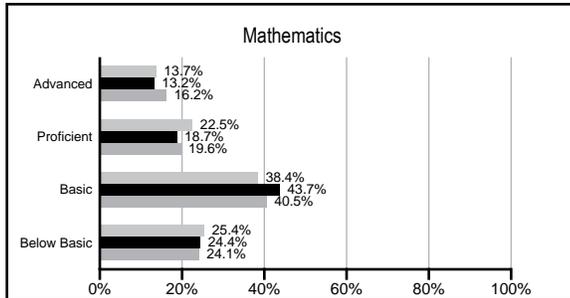
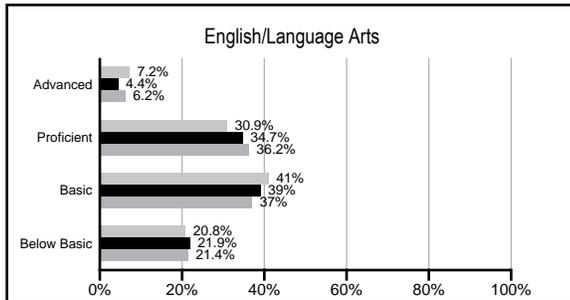
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0 | 3 | 49 | 35 | 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.

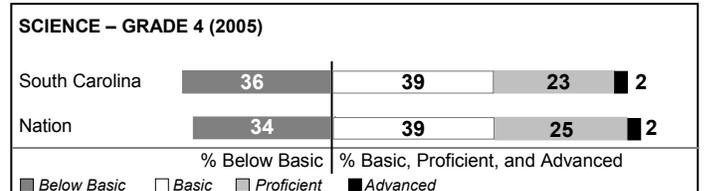
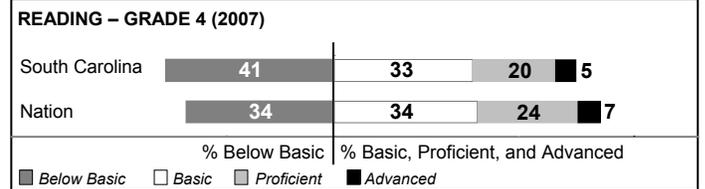
PACT PERFORMANCE

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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Pine Tree Hill Elementary [Kershaw County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Students (n=679) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 3.8% | Up from 3.6% | 2.7% | 2.3% |
| Attendance rate | 96.0% | Down from 96.2% | 96.2% | 96.3% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 15.3% | Down from 17.8% | 9.3% | 10.4% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 7.8% | Up from 7.1% | 8.7% | 7.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=42) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 64.3% | Down from 70.0% | 56.5% | 56.7% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 81.0% | Down from 82.5% | 80.0% | 77.3% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 84.5% | Up from 79.7% | 87.2% | 86.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 92.0% | Down from 94.7% | 94.7% | 94.9% |
| Average teacher salary | \$49,047 | Up 8.9% | \$45,347 | \$45,345 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 20.7 to 1 | Up from 13.8 to 1 | 18.5 to 1 | 18.5 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 84.9% | Down from 88.9% | 89.3% | 89.8% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Excellent | Up from Good | Excellent | Excellent |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$6,048 | Down 1.1% | \$6,982 | \$7,052 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 74.6% | No Change | 68.8% | 69.1% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 71.3% | Up from 71.2% | 64.8% | 64.2% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 76.2% | | 86.2% | 85.7% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 36 | 86 | 75 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 94.4% | 89.4% | 84.3% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 97.2% | 87.1% | 86.1% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 97.2% | 91.8% | 74.0% |

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Pine Tree Hill Elementary School is to develop academically successful, technologically prepared, competent, responsible lifelong learners by providing a diverse, disciplined, nurturing environment. Excellence is top priority at our fine school. Pine Tree Hill was awarded the Palmetto Silver Award for high student achievement this year. Student success is always our goal.

During the summer of 2007, our front grounds were turned into a beautifully landscaped area including a water feature. All plants are native to South Carolina and this garden is an outdoor classroom for our students.

PTH is home to a strong instructional staff. Twelve teachers are national board certified. Mrs. Mary Whitlock, first grade teacher, is Kershaw County's current Reading Teacher of the Year, and Mrs. Angie Lawson, music teacher, is the new Kershaw County Teacher of the Year. Flexible grouping at all grade levels was initiated this year. Our faculty has worked diligently to implement flexible groups, based upon assessment results, to address the specific learning needs of our students. Pine Tree Hill certainly has an extraordinary instructional staff!

PTH provides an on-site after-school child care service through PEP, Pupil Enrichment Program. During second semester, a weekly extended day session is provided for students needing extra support in grades 3, 4, and 5. Additionally, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and an after-hours strings class are offered as enrichment opportunities for our students.

Our fifth graders practice good citizenship by serving the school community. They produce a morning news show WPUP, serve through Safety Patrol, and act as front-door greeters. Fifth graders may also participate in the school chorus, district chorus, and the PTH Performance Thinking Team.

Pine Tree Hill is fortunate to have the support of our parent community. Parents volunteer in classrooms, assist with field trips, and help with book fairs and other special projects. Our PTO hosts successful fundraisers and the annual Fall Festival, a fun-filled evening for our students and their families. The School Improvement Council provides support for school policies and continuous improvement efforts.

PTH is proud of the excellent educational opportunities offered to our students and is committed to the success of every child.

Lee Walker, Principal
Grace White, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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