



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**River Ridge Elementary
Spartanburg 5**
Grades: PK-3 Enrollment: 653
Principal: Dr. Glenda Bigby
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Butch Coan

PERFORMANCE

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

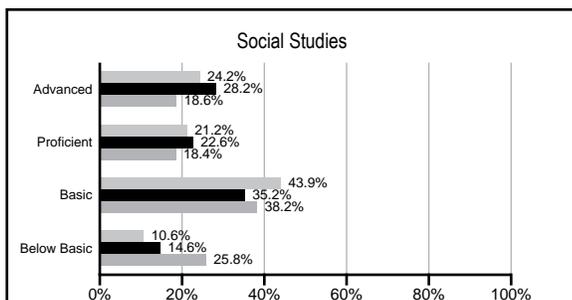
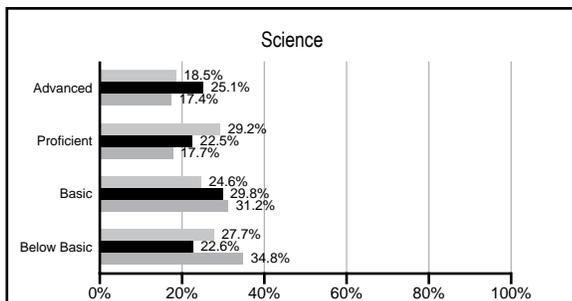
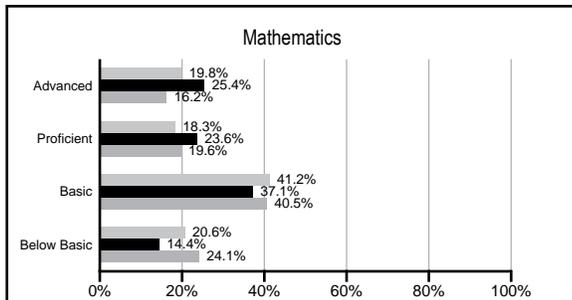
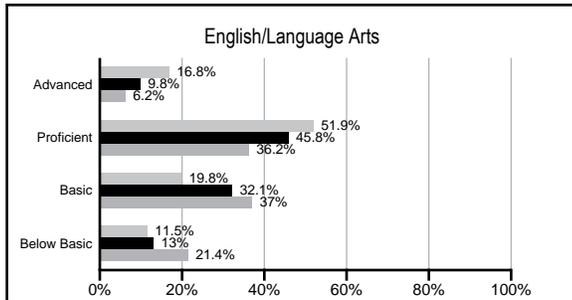
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	19	21	2	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.

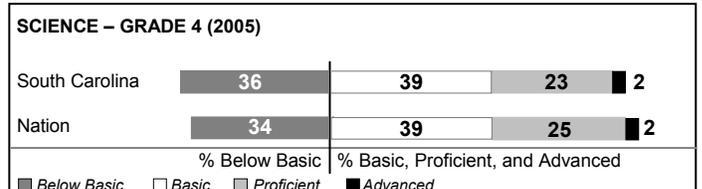
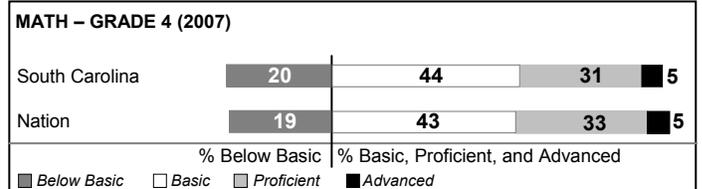
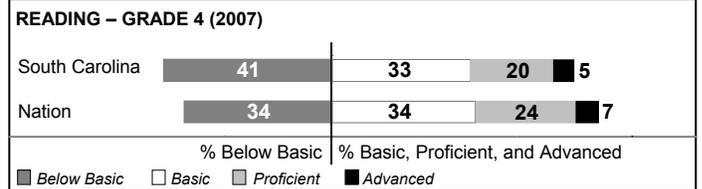
PACT PERFORMANCE

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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=653)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Up from 1.0%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.4%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.8%	Up from 12.4%	19.5%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.5%	No Change	6.7%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Up from 56.5%	61.4%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	77.3%	Up from 73.9%	79.0%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.4%	Down from 83.3%	88.2%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 93.2%	95.5%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,232	Up 1.0%	\$47,101	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Up from 19.6 to 1	20.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 88.0%	90.8%	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*	\$7,445	Up 11.5%	\$6,572	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	73.3%	Up from 72.7%	70.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	71.2%	Up from 70.4%	65.7%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%		94.1%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	132	92
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.8%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.2%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.9%	91.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 654 students in pre-kindergarten through third grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serves our students in a state-of-the-art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students.

This year our school implemented year two of the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the use of the Rigby Literacy. We continue to utilize the Everyday Math Program for our math instruction. Science standards are addressed through exciting hands-on activities in our inquiry-based science classroom instruction including the use of grade-level science tubs.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our Preschool Program involves three-, four-, and five-year-old students. In grades one through three, additional programs available include: a reading intervention program, ESOL, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), PALS (Our Character Education Program), Junior Achievement, PTO Book Celebrations, Reading Renaissance, and various clubs. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms as well as the use of digital cameras, video cameras, laser disks, scanners, and SMART boards.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, WEE Deliver, Panda Patrol, bookstore workers, flag helpers, The Morning TV Show Crew, and our school radio program.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: BASF Corporation, PEP (Publix Educational Partnership), Jocassee Designs, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, Fujikera Foundation, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects such as Project HOPE, class adoption of residents from a local boarding home, Jump Rope for Heart, and Zig the Pig for cancer research.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenda Bigby, Principal
Lois Stokes, SIC Chair

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