



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Foster Park Elementary Union

Grades: PK-4

Enrollment: 535

Principal: Barbara Palmer

Superintendent: Dr. David L. Eubanks

Board Chair: Mrs. Betty J. McMorris

PERFORMANCE

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

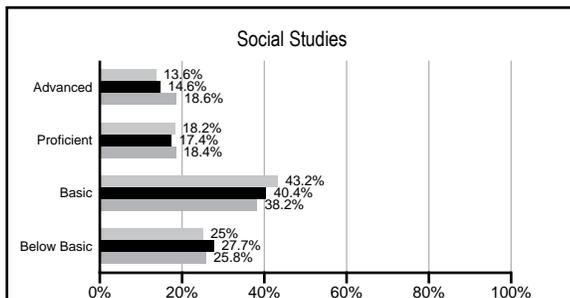
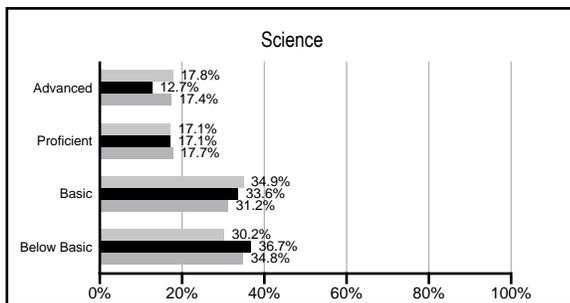
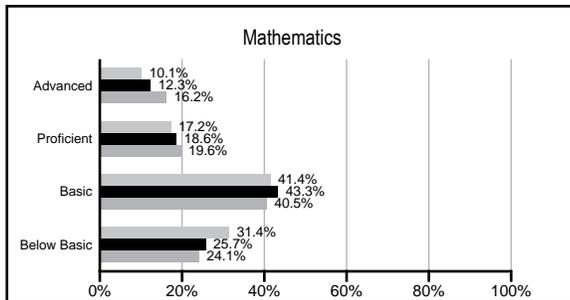
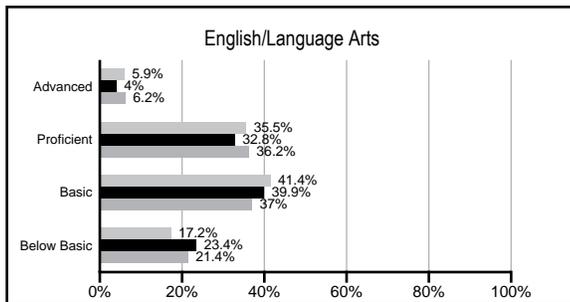
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	35	43	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.

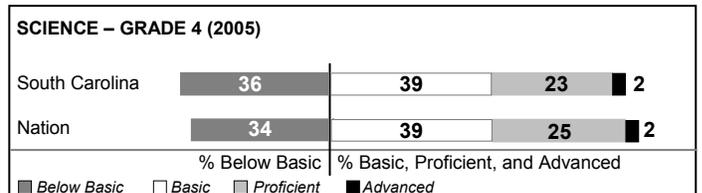
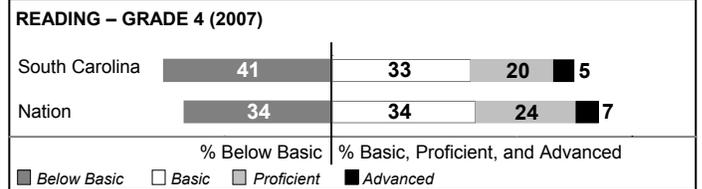
PACT PERFORMANCE

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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Foster Park Elementary [Union]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=535)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 3.7%	2.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.6%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.3%	Up from 4.6%	9.2%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Up from 9.9%	8.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.0%	Down from 70.3%	57.1%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	79.5%	Down from 83.8%	80.0%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.5%	Down from 87.1%	87.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 84.6%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,194	Up 1.6%	\$45,421	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	Down from 19.4 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 77.6%	89.2%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$4,858	Up 1.8%	\$6,982	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	68.4%	Down from 70.3%	68.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.6%	Down from 68.4%	64.9%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	84.2%		85.7%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	97	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.7%	83.5%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6%	82.5%	93.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.1%	79.2%	83.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This year has been a productive year at Foster Park Elementary School. Our school received recertification from SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). Our school maintained its ABC Arts Status and was able to secure two Artists in Residences. We were fortunate to have a Japanese Artist who shared her artistic abilities, as well as, her culture with the students.

We offered several tutorial and enrichment after school programs this year. We believe in developing the whole child and firmly believe that children thrive in a positive and challenging environment. Our school achieved AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) this year by meeting 19 of our 19 objectives. These objectives included student performance, graduation rate, student attendance, and participation in the state testing program. Our school received a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) grant and as a result, Dollar General provided every student in our school with free books. We exceeded our reading school-wide goal of 25,000 hours. Our school also hosts an Exemplary Writing Contest each nine weeks. Our Positive Behavior Grant funded many of the positive incentives for our staff and students this year. Universal breakfast in the classroom continues to provide our students and staff with a great start to the day. This family style breakfast sets the tone for the day.

Our teachers continue to obtain creative classroom materials by writing and receiving Donor's Choose Grants. Likewise, continued staff development keeps our teachers and staff trained in best practices. Teachers are currently finalizing Pacing Guides, Curriculum Guides (written using the Backward by Design Model), and Math Kits that were piloted this year. Community involvement also plays a large part in the success of Foster Park. Our volunteer hours exceeded 4,000 hours this year. Our students and staff have benefited tremendously by the mentoring efforts of our local churches and community volunteers. Even with our high poverty level, our children became involved in giving back to the community through numerous community projects such as Relay for Life, March of Dimes, St. Jude's Math-a-Thon, and Jump Rope for the Heart. Our school won top honors in many of these events. We truly believe that our students, staff, parents, and community are "Building a Family Where Children Soar as Eagles."

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