



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Palmetto Elementary  
 Anderson 1  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 670  
 Principal: Amy Cothran  
 Superintendent: Dr. Wayne Fowler  
 Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

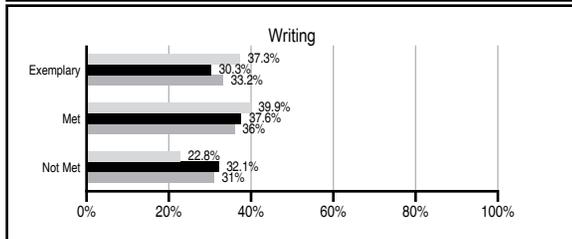
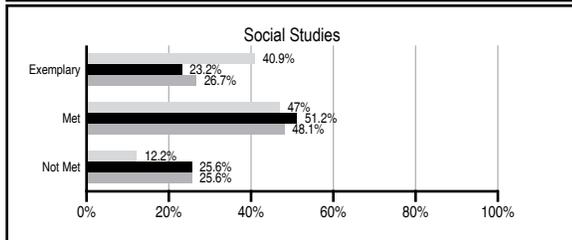
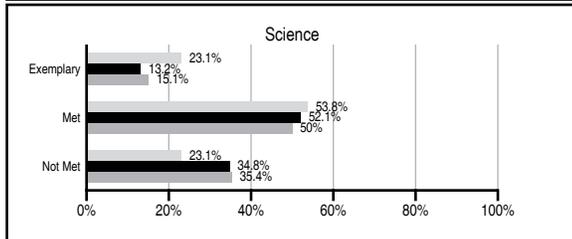
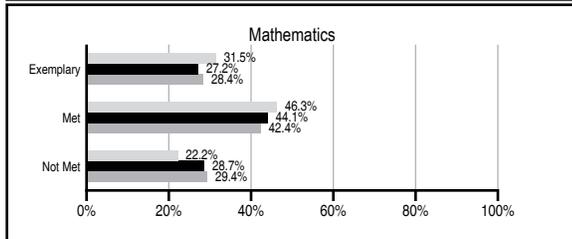
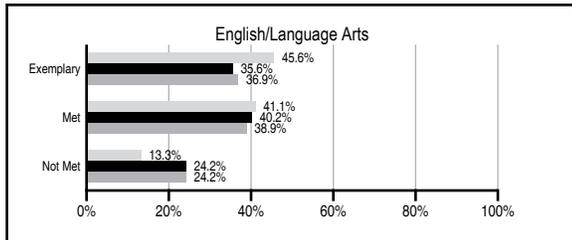
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	20	83	7	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS 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 Vision:**  
 By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=670)</b>				
Retention rate	3.4%	Down from 3.8%	2.2%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.4%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.2%	Up from 6.6%	9.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Down from 7.3%	9.1%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.2%	0.6%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=47)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.0%	Up from 56.5%	60.4%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	Up from 71.7%	83.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.1%	Up from 92.4%	88.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.7%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,549	Up 4.8%	\$47,410	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Up from 12.5 days	11.6 days	11.1 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 14.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.0 to 1	Down from 17.2 to 1	19.0 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.4%	90.2%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,196	Up 6.7%	\$7,357	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.5%	Up from 72.1%	67.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.1%	Up from 67.0%	61.5%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	47	94	55
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	87.2%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.0%	87.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.5%	88.3%	90.7%

\*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 twelve National Board Certified teachers. The 2008 PACT scores showed an absolute rating of "Good" 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; 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 six consecutive years; SC Principal of the Year for 2006; Provided parenting workshops, Family Movie Nights, and Family Reading nights; Students earned in excess of 33,000 Accelerated Reading points and 129 students went to Burger King with the principal; Book circulation in the Media Center totaled 54,268; Conferences were held with 100% of all parents; Clemson University provided 16 student tutors while we served as a pre-service teacher training site for 12 practicum students and student teachers; The Homework Center served 75 students from October until April; The After-School program tutored, supervised, and provided enrichment for 29 students until 5:30 pm daily; Family Reading Night was provided in the Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:00 pm; and Students and school staff participated in the community recycling program, National.

Breast Cancer Awareness month, Souper Bowl of Caring and Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, creating cards for Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, and Valentine's Day for Meals on Wheels and patients in the VA hospital.

Enrichment classes in music, dance, karate, guitar, arts and crafts, beginning piano, Photo Story, cooking, and basketball were offered on Mondays after school with over 135 students participating. There was also 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, two Senteo response systems, and five document cameras. An interactive student learning center, including "Achieve Now," Odyssey, and ALEKS are available to students. Thinking Maps and Thinking Maps software is available for staff and students.

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Lana Pack, SIC Chair

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