



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St Helena Elementary  
 Beaufort County  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 478  
 Principal: Kay Keeler  
 Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale  
 Board Chair: Fred Washington

## 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	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	NI-DELAY
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

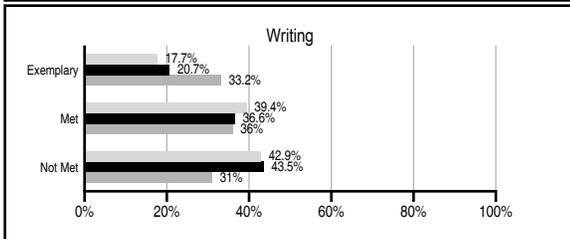
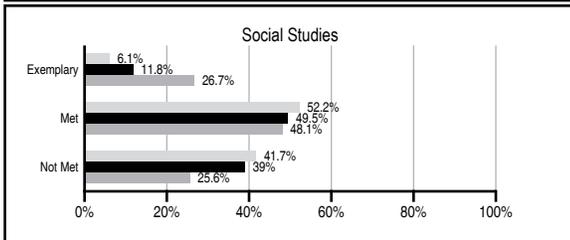
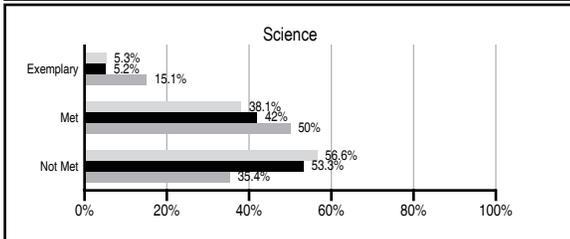
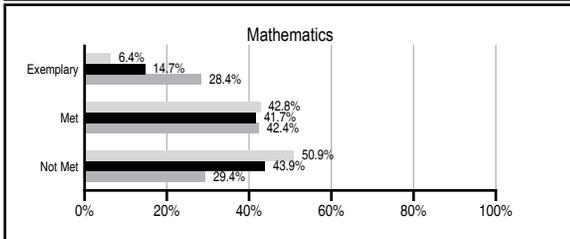
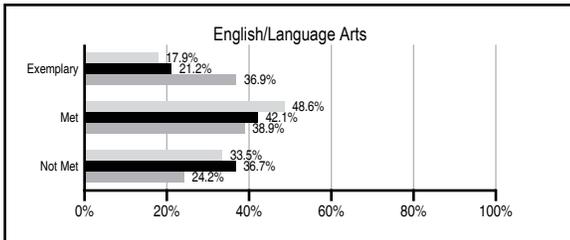
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	2	53	51	31

\* 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.

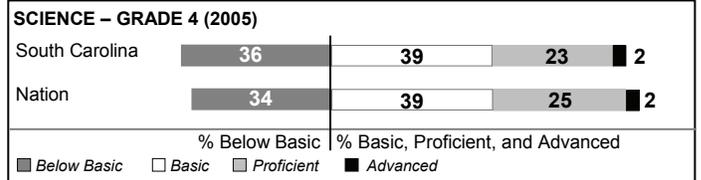
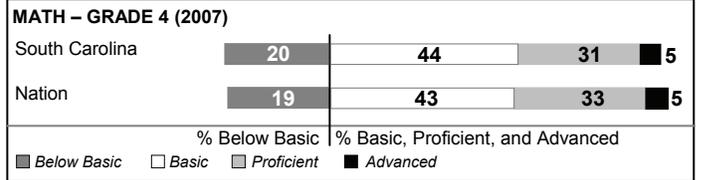
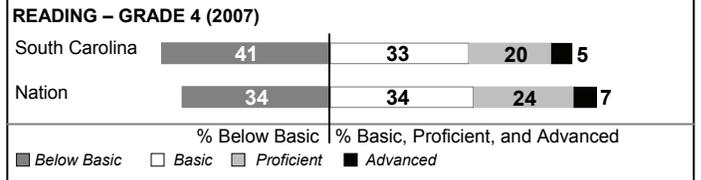
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# St Helena Elementary [Beaufort County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=478)</b>				
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.1%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 98.3%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.1%	Down from 7.2%	2.8%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.5%	Up from 4.8%	7.4%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.3%	1.2%	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=40)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 69.2%	57.0%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Up from 71.8%	70.9%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.6%	Down from 84.3%	81.4%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 93.3%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,429	Up 5.8%	\$45,718	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	18.8%	Down from 24.2%	0.6%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Down from 17.8 days	10.8 days	11.1 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.3 to 1	Down from 18.2 to 1	16.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 89.4%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,001	Up 8.7%	\$8,730	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.2%	Down from 68.0%	68.4%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.2%	Down from 64.1%	61.9%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 53.8%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	36	21
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.3%	55.6%	52.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	78.3%	63.9%	71.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	45.5%	75.0%	52.4%

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

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been an exciting school year at St. Helena Elementary School and Early Learning Center with a focus on reading, math, science, and technology integration. Our faculty, staff, and community are proud of the progress our students have achieved which as been evidenced through growth shown on MAP, Dominie, and Stanford testing. We are proud to share that 99% of our first grade students ended the year reading at grade level. We attribute this growth to increased staff development on reading comprehension strategies and progress monitoring, as well as intervention put in place to assist struggling reading. Teachers work hard to continually learn and improve their teaching practices. The faculty and staff participate in a variety of learning experiences, such as weekly grade-level meetings, site visits to other schools, staff developments, professional developments, study groups, and on-line activities. In order to help improve collaboration, our school has common planning times.

Some of the activities and events that involved our parents and community include Community Arts Nights, parent conferences, Back-to-School and End-of-the-Year Bash, Grandparents Day, Field Day, American Education Week, grade level performances/activities, SIC, PTO, Family Literacy Nights, Family Math, Science and Technology Night and Kid's Club. We continued with the United States Department of Education Arts Grant which was used to help strengthen academic achievement and artistic achievement. This grant let teachers utilize the arts as an effective method of instruction in non-arts classrooms. Our school is also the recipient of the State Office of Food Services & Nutrition Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program grant. Through this grant our students were provided with fresh fruits and vegetables weekly. Teachers were able to use the integration of fruits and vegetable to teach lessons in healthy eating and living as well as a support for teaching reading, math, science and social studies. In collaboration with Clemson Extension, our kindergarten students were able to participate in our first Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Olympics.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students in writing. We have one hundred and fifteen published student poets in the anthology Celebration of Young Authors. To assist with improving reading and to help students create an enjoyment of reading our Adopt-A-School volunteers donated books to all our students twice this year. Students were extremely excited and grateful to receive a book of their choice. Our volunteers continue to log in many hours as they work with our students everyday.

SIC has worked very hard at meeting its goals for the year. This was the first year of school-wide uniforms for our student. Our SIC and PTO have worked with our school to help increase parent/community involvement and to improve student achievement and student behavior. We will continue our efforts of fostering a strong commitment to enhancing each student's education through research-based programs and innovative teaching techniques as we cultivate an environment of success as we move toward excellence.

Priscilla Drake, Principal  
William Spann, SIC Chairperson  
Chad Denney, PTO President

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