



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

North Charleston Elementary
 Charleston
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 447
 Principal: Latisha Vaughn-Brandon
 Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
 Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

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	At-Risk	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Met	R-DELAY
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

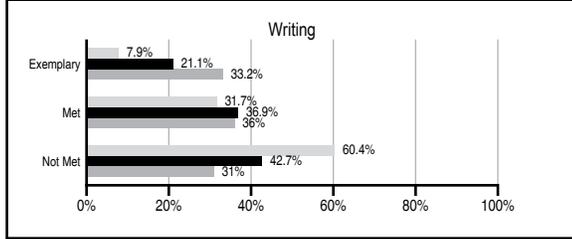
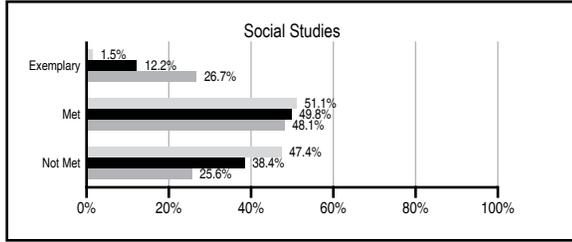
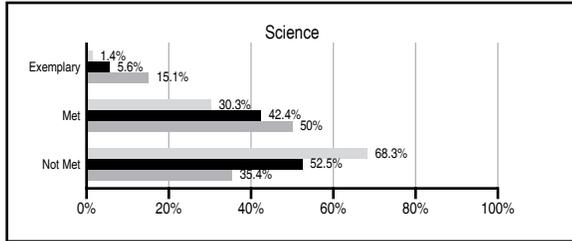
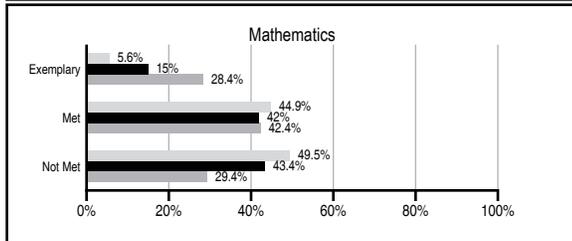
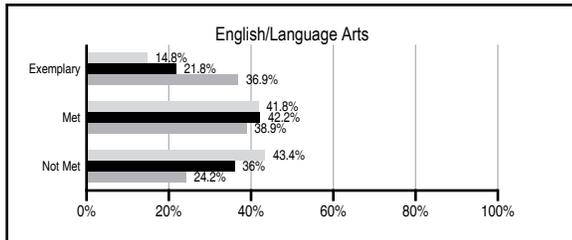
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	3	63	61	32

* 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.

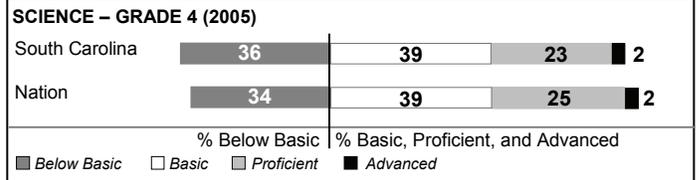
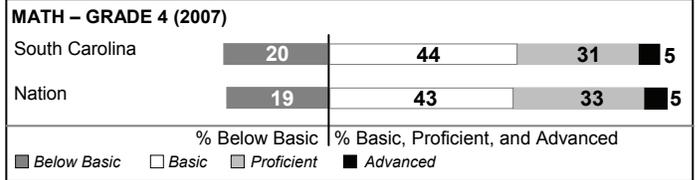
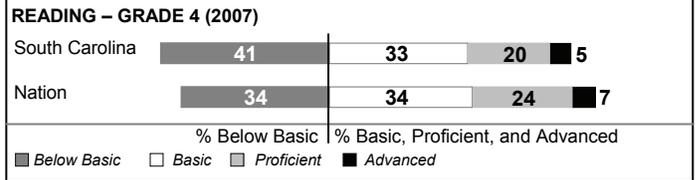
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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North Charleston Elementary [Charleston]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=447)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 2.6%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.8%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	3.0%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	6.7%	Up from 6.4%	7.4%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.2%	1.1%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.0%	Down from 3.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	46.9%	Up from 38.6%	57.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	53.1%	Up from 50.0%	71.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.6%	Up from 8.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	69.4%	Up from 66.8%	81.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 95.1%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,398	Up 5.1%	\$45,854	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.2%	Down from 4.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.8 days	Up from 8.6 days	10.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	14.9 to 1	Down from 17.8 to 1	16.7 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 89.1%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,523	Up 6.5%	\$8,669	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.8%	Up from 70.7%	68.3%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.6%	Up from 61.6%	61.8%	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	33	78	59
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.8%	83.1%	94.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.9%	79.2%	98.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	34.4%	74.0%	93.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

North Charleston Elementary school is located in the residential section of the city's historic district. Our school is a state-of-the-art, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver-certified facility which replaced the original building constructed in 1922. This "one-of-a-kind in South Carolina" elementary school serves as a community learning hub and gathering place for the children and residents of North Charleston. The school strives to create a healthy teaching and learning environment by emphasizing the importance of making connections between learning and living.

The academic program focuses on Literacy, Mathematics and Writing. The Literacy and Numeracy blocks use a workshop method to teach reading, phonics, writing, mathematics computation and problem solving. Art, Music, Dance, Physical Education and Spanish strive to integrate the core subject areas of Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science into their curriculum standards. The teachers use benchmark assessments such as MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), common assessments and DIBELS to document student progress and make decisions about differentiating the type, frequency and style of instruction.

We have achieved strong community and family involvement by providing programs such as Parent University, an active School Improvement Council and PTA. Being a Trident United Way Links to Success site also provides additional support for our families through partnerships with Communities in Schools, the Department of Mental Health, the Lowcountry Foodbank, Boys and Girls Club and Reading Soulmates. Additional partnerships with the local Rotary Club, North Charleston United Methodist Church and Mount Moriah Baptist Church provide extra academic and social support for our students. In addition, an active and supportive PTA sponsors student incentives and teacher recognitions throughout the school year.

Our primary focus is increasing student achievement and improving the rate of student attendance. To address the challenges of issues such as the high mobility of students and historically low scores on the PACT test and deliver high student achievement, we utilize federal and state money to reduce class sizes, provide technical assistance to teachers, offer Early Childhood programs to 4-year-olds, ensure struggling students receive remediation or extended time, and have on site community partners to provide assistance to students and their families.

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Vera Polite, SIC Chairperson

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