



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley River Creative Arts  
 Charleston  
 Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 534  
 Principal: Jayne Ellicott  
 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	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Good	Silver	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

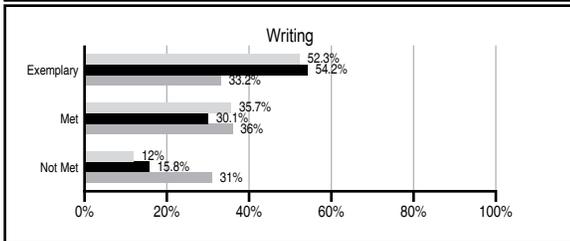
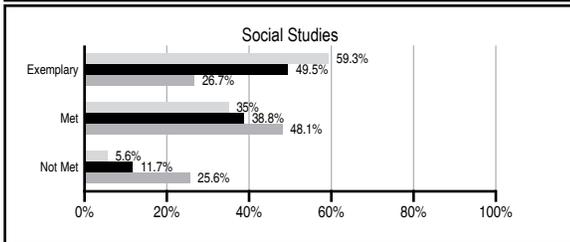
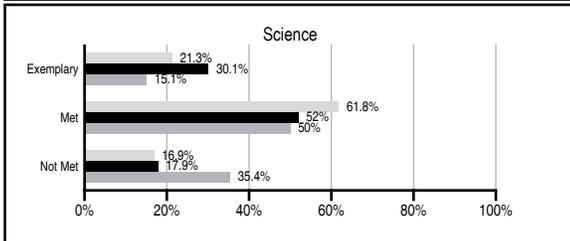
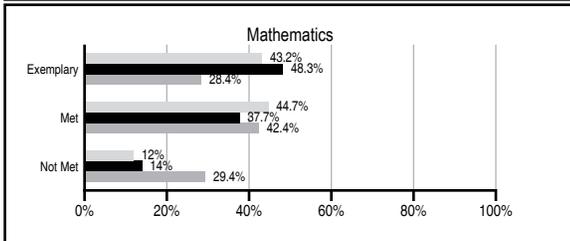
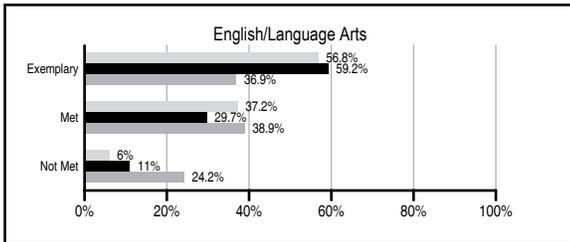
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	1	2	0	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.

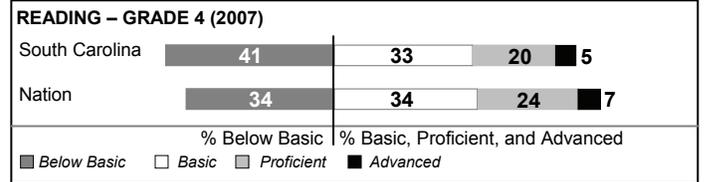
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# Ashley River Creative Arts [Charleston]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=534)</b>				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	1.1%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.0%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.5%	Down from 23.9%	26.5%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.6%	Down from 10.0%	6.4%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.1%	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=38)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.9%	Down from 61.5%	64.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	89.5%	Down from 89.7%	79.7%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.3%	Up from 84.3%	87.3%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.1%	94.8%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,483	Up 5.0%	\$48,115	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.7 days	Down from 22.6 days	10.6 days	11.1 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 13.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 19.6 to 1	19.6 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 88.3%	90.5%	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	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,813	Up 4.0%	\$6,947	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.2%	Down from 75.4%	74.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.0%	Down from 69.7%	68.8%	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	36	87	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.2%	89.7%	98.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.8%	90.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.7%	95.8%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ashley River Creative Arts is proud of our many accomplishments during this school year. We were recognized as a Palmetto Gold School (PACT score gains) with an award of \$4,739. This award will be used to purchase materials and supplies to enhance learning in the classroom. We met 21 out of 21 objectives for AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). We were recognized as an Art in the Basic Curriculum School by the South Carolina Arts Commission. This grant, funded in conjunction with PTA, provided four artists in residence programs in addition to our year long ballet program residency with Lola McDonald. Laura Rich, African drummer, worked with second graders and Becky Becker puppeteer, worked with third grade. Fourth graders worked with Janet Kozacheck, mixed media artist. Fifth grade worked with Orisirisi, African drumming and dance. We were honored to have been awarded a Distinguished Arts Grant from the SC Department of Education for the third year. This grant funded additional dance time and art materials for teachers to use with curriculum units.

Reading and math continue to be a school-wide focus. We used many techniques to inspire young readers. Parent and community volunteers, book clubs, Walk to Read, and many small groups of students worked hard to meet the challenge of accelerated math and reading throughout the year.

Our arts integration curriculum is a whole school initiative. Our performing groups have traveled around the county to perform for civic groups and educational organizations. Our chorus is rehearsing for their big Disney performance in the spring of 2010. We hosted visiting educators from around the country. They observed in classrooms and reviewed our arts curriculum.

School Community Council and our endowment committee joined together for our "Paving the Future" brick campaign. Our goal is to pave the front walk and flag area of the new school. We are thrilled with the response from parents and alumni. It is a wonderful way to leave a legacy to our school.

The new building has developed before us day by day. We've all relished the opportunity to see walls, windows and bricks put in place. During the loss of power and phones and the shaking of the ground, we recovered quickly by peering outside. We can't wait to move in and be afforded all the luxuries of living in the 21st century.

Ashley River is proud of our success, and we appreciate the support we receive from our community and parents who are vital to our success. Our business partners offer immeasurable support. Our parents are true partners working hand and hand with us by volunteering, organizing events, attending conferences, and ensuring homework and projects were completed. Our mission statement emphasizes the importance of harmony and cooperation between school and home; Ashley River Creative Arts, in partnership with families and community, integrates the arts to provide students a strong academic curriculum.

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