



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mt. Zion Elementary  
 Charleston  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 214  
 Principal: Deborah Fordham  
 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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

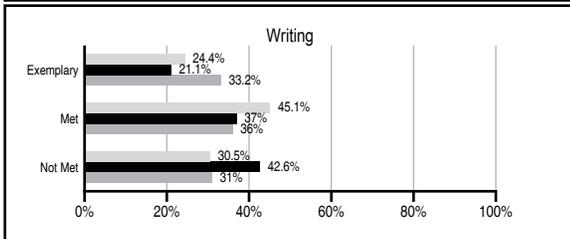
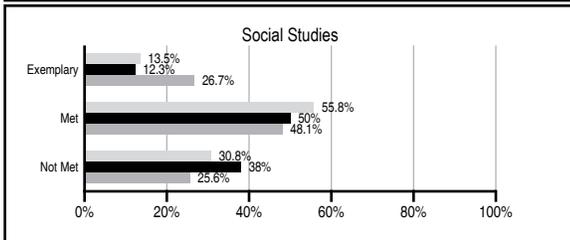
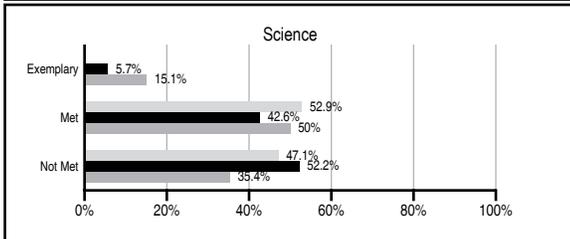
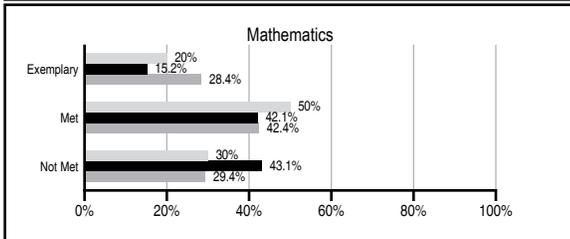
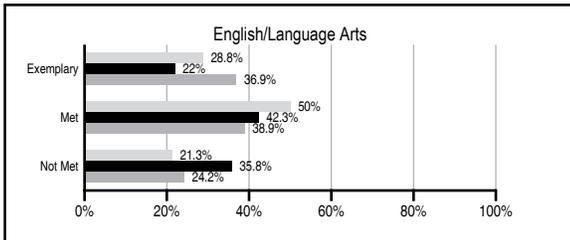
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	3	68	63	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.

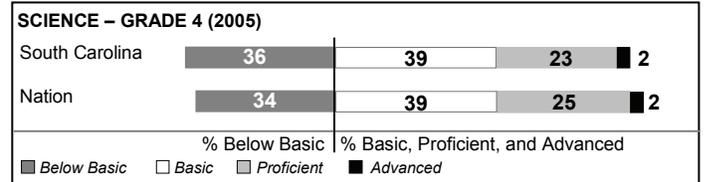
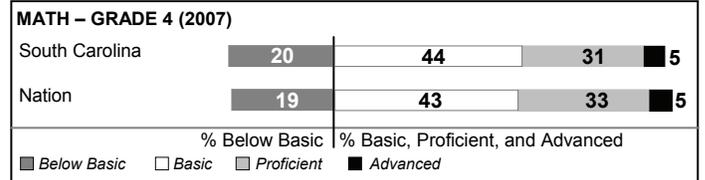
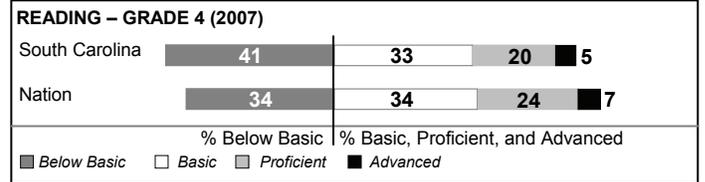
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# Mt. Zion Elementary [Charleston]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=214)</b>				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 1.2%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.9%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.0%	Down from 7.3%	3.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	2.6%	Up from 1.9%	7.5%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	1.1%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=18)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	38.9%	Up from 31.3%	57.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	55.6%	Up from 50.0%	71.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.0%	Up from 69.9%	82.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	No Change	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,578	Up 5.3%	\$45,790	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.2%	Down from 15.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.7 days	Up from 6.6 days	10.7 days	11.1 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	No Change	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Up from 18.6 to 1	16.7 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 90.7%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	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**	\$10,266	Up 13.1%	\$8,646	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.3%	Down from 66.1%	68.3%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.7%	Up from 51.8%	62.1%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 92.3%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	34	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.1%	88.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	97.1%	72.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.0%	94.1%	77.8%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Mt. Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high quality education through curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

This mission drives the decisions made about all facets of the programs offered at our school. We make every effort to reach students where they are, while requiring them to reach higher and dig deeper.

We will add to the mission a focus on educating the whole child. The faculty and staff are committed to implementing instructional strategies that will develop our student's mind, body and spirit.

We invite our entire school community to join us in achieving our mission. You are invited to visit, get involved, and to help us make a difference in the life of our future leaders of America.

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Peter Trees, Chair, School Improvement Council

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