



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

B D Lee Elementary
Cherokee
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 426
Principal: Mrs. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. William B. James
Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

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	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

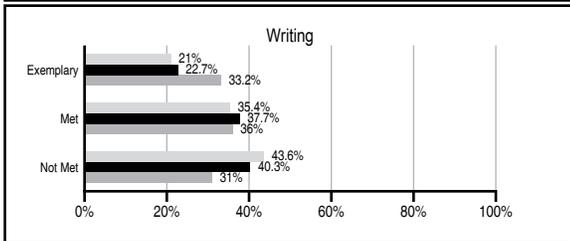
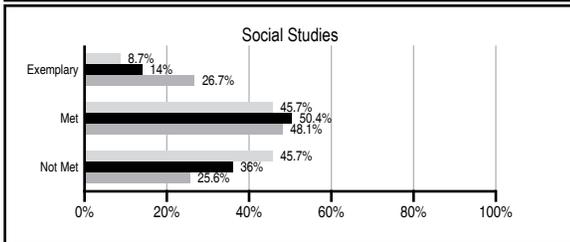
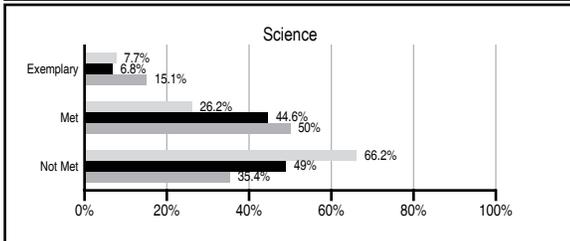
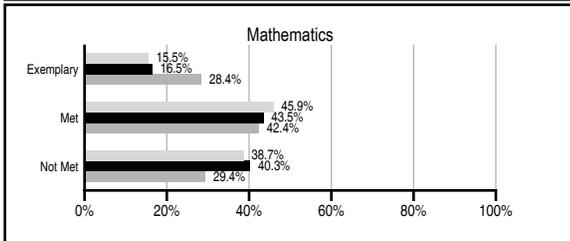
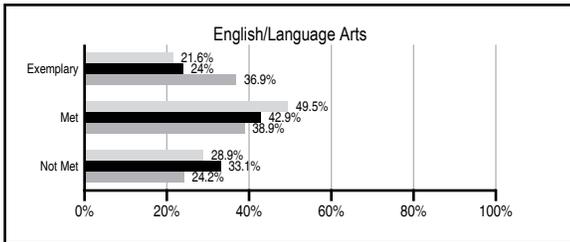
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	4	93	61	21

* 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.

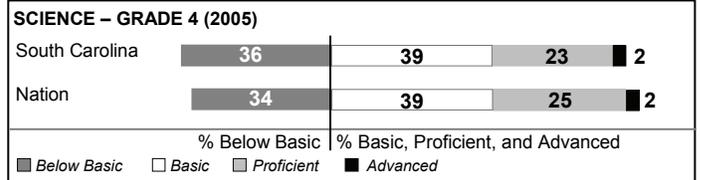
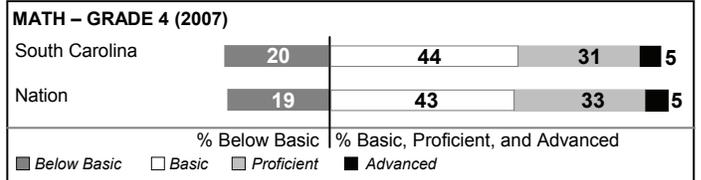
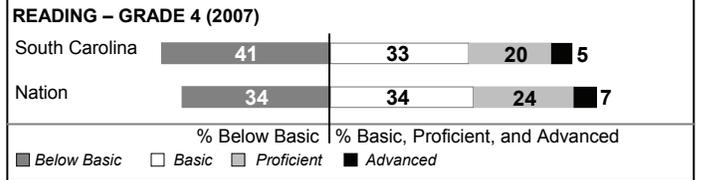
PASS PERFORMANCE

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
Students (n=426)				
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 0.7%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.3%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.9%	Down from 7.1%	4.1%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Up from 5.0%	7.8%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	1.0%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.8%	Up from 75.9%	57.0%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	96.3%	Up from 89.7%	73.2%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.3%	Down from 90.9%	83.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	91.7%	Down from 93.6%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,187	Up 8.2%	\$45,461	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.9 days	Down from 10.4 days	11.0 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	17.2 to 1	Down from 22.0 to 1	17.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 88.3%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,684	Down 3.9%	\$8,507	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.3%	Down from 73.1%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.7%	Down from 69.7%	62.1%	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	28	56	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4%	80.4%	87.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.9%	87.3%	85.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	85.5%	92.5%

*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 2008-2009 school year at B. D. Lee Elementary was focused on improving student test scores, character development, and increasing parent involvement through family literacy and parent workshops. In an effort to achieve these goals, emphasis was placed on student reading strategies across the curriculum, small grouping, effective writing strategies with Writer's Workshop, and incorporating character traits and family literacy programs. Reading Recovery has been implemented to serve as one-on-one intervention and our Reading Interventionist serves as small group intervention. Assessment with MAPS and Dominie has been used throughout the school year to monitor student's growth and provide differentiation of instruction to increase student achievement.

We are very fortunate to have a full-time literacy coach to provide collaboration among our teachers. Our literacy coach assists with implementation of effective research based teaching strategies, small group instruction, Writer's Workshop, and assist with alignment of standards throughout the curriculum.

This year our school has received two grants. Our school received an SCIRA grant to publish a school newspaper and a landscaping beautification grant from Lowes. One of our teachers, Cindy Byars was awarded an EIA grant for Science. We have a staff of two teachers and one guidance counselor who are National Board Certified: Karen Henderson, Cindy Byars, and Gayla Millwood. Helen Holmes was selected as Teacher of the Year for our school and Treasa Bagwell was selected as Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year.

B. D. Lee has been recognized for receiving the South Carolina Red Carpet Award in recognition of its family-friendly atmosphere and B. D. Lee has been recognized for receiving Exemplary Writing in recognition of its outstanding student writing program.

Our students participated in educational field trips such as USC Upstate Science Fair, Book-It Family Literacy incentive program, and Limo's for Learning incentive program. Our business partner "Nestle" provided a school community partnership with The Link's Organization on nutrition. This program provided valuable experiences and raised awareness on obesity. The Boys & Girl Club has provided youth development and core programs such as Character and Leadership Development, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, The Arts, Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

The School Improvement Council, PTO, teachers, students, parents, and our business partners have worked hard to make this a successful school year. Our SIC and PTO has taken on several beautification projects to make our school attractive, student-centered, and friendly. We are very thankful for the commitment and dedication of our PTO, teachers, students, and community members.

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