



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hickory Tavern Elementary
 Laurens 55
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 510
 Principal: Mary Ann Crouch
 Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland
 Board Chair: Rev. Charlie Short

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	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

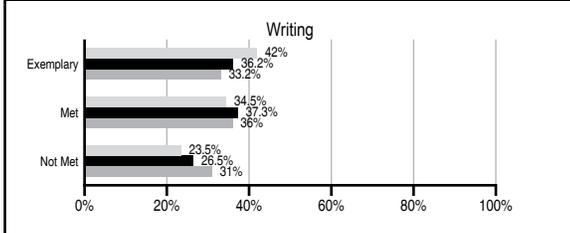
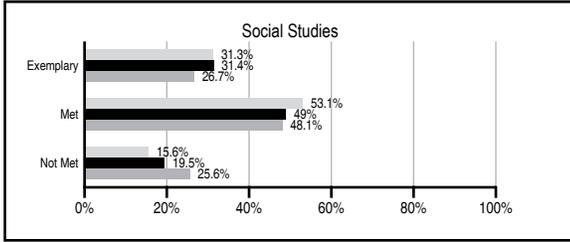
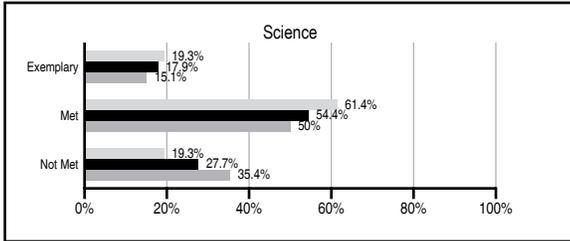
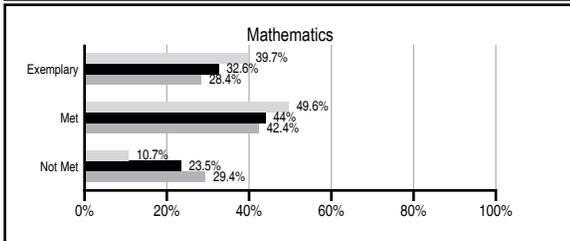
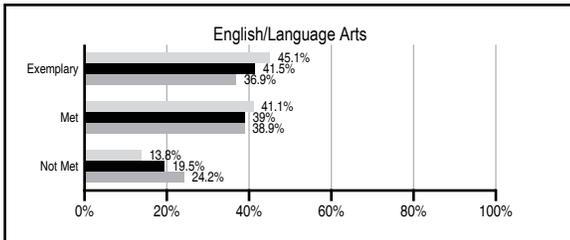
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	27	50	1	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.

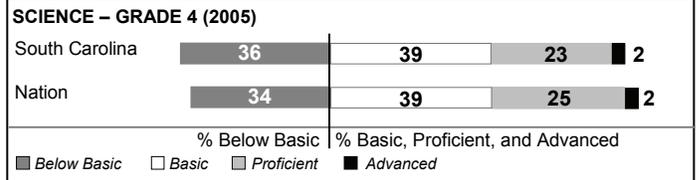
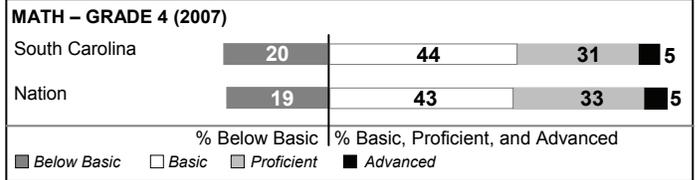
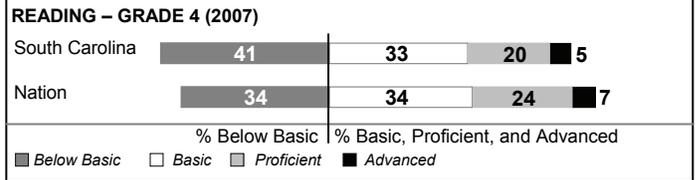
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=510)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 3.4%	1.8%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	No Change	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.4%	Up from 9.4%	12.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 8.7%	7.8%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	No Change	0.4%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 51.6%	57.9%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	90.0%	Up from 77.4%	82.1%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.7%	Down from 87.8%	87.5%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 94.7%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,229	Up 4.5%	\$46,824	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.6 days	Down from 17.9 days	10.6 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.9 to 1	Down from 18.7 to 1	19.1 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8%	Down from 89.2%	90.5%	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	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,013	Up 6.9%	\$6,927	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.2%	Up from 63.2%	69.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.6%	Up from 60.1%	64.6%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 93.3%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	80	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.3%	78.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.6%	86.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.5%	89.9%	85.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This year at Hickory Tavern Elementary School (HTE) has been about change and moving forward with a determination for excellence. Our students, parents, and teachers joined together to "Saddle Up For Success!" After all, the mission of Hickory Tavern Elementary is to create a community of leaders who are responsible and productive citizens. HTE has reached out to the community to lend support and has encouraged our parents to take an active part in their children's education. The generosity of our students never fails to amaze everyone. During the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign in February, we collected 2,421 cans of food and donated them to the Laurens County Food Ministry. HTE also participated in the first "Join Hands Day," a community sponsored event, which collected canned goods and money for another local food bank. The students also contributed money to support needy families at Christmas, Pennies for Patients, Relay for Life, Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart, and Pennies for Peace. Involvement in programs such as these promotes community awareness and civic responsibility in our students. We are also proud to have had a student who received first place in the SC Salute to Manufacturing Art Contest. A school can truly be successful only if it has the support of its parents and community. A continued increase has been seen in parental and community involvement in a wide range of school activities, such as Open House, Parent Conferences, Family Nights, Parent Volunteer Training, Field Day, Awards Day, Character Education workshops, and Veteran's Day. The School Improvement Council (SIC) has continued to lay the groundwork for establishing a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to begin the 2009-2010 school year. The PTO by-laws were written and accepted, and the initial officers were selected. It is the desire of the SIC for the PTO to benefit the school financially and amplify parent, school, and community relationships. School initiatives such as single-gender classes, "Keep Learning on Track" pilot program, ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces), Panther Cubs Archery Team, Arts Day, and grants play an important role in the success of our students to reach higher academic levels. Title I funds have continued to provide extended learning opportunities for our students. Our commitment to education is the one constant in our ever changing future. Hickory Tavern Elementary School is dedicated to providing excellence to all of our students. It is our desire for parents, students, community, and school to work together to produce successful life-long learners and productive citizens. Mary Ann Crouch, Principal; Ellen Armstrong, SIC Chairman

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