



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Congaree Elementary
 Lexington 2
 Grades: 2-5 Enrollment: 404
 Principal: Jeff Becker
 Superintendent: Venus J. Holland, Ed. D.
 Board Chair: Rick Shull

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	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CSI
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

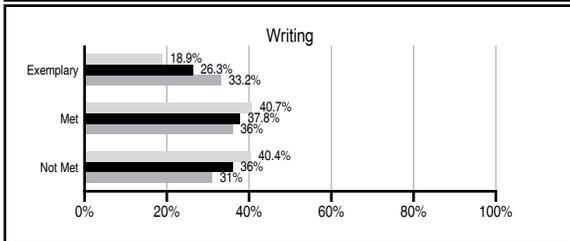
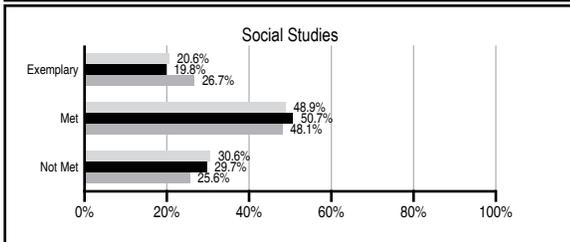
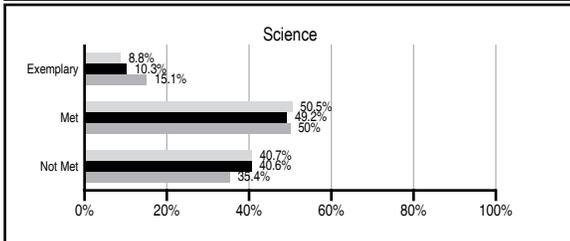
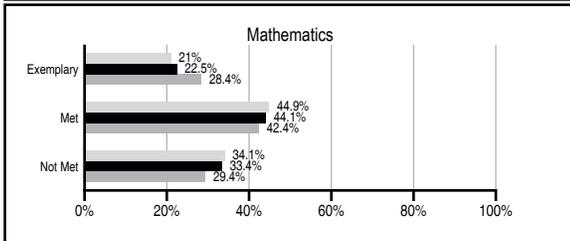
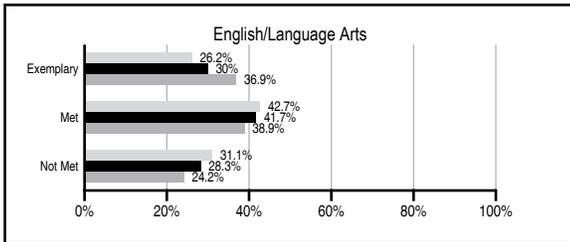
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	9	93	19	1

* 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.

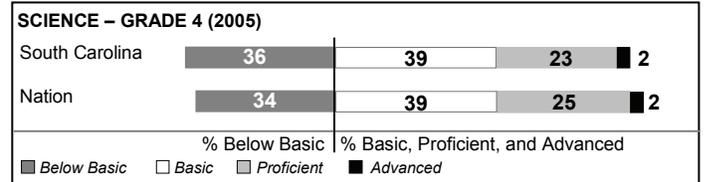
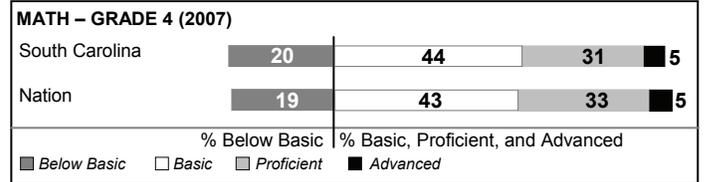
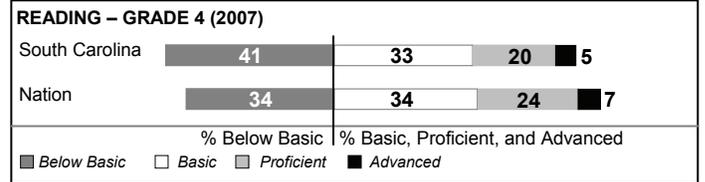
PASS PERFORMANCE

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=404)				
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 2.1%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	96.1%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.3%	Down from 11.3%	7.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	14.7%	No Change	9.1%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%	Up from 69.0%	57.7%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	90.0%	Up from 75.9%	81.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4%	Down from 87.4%	86.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 94.0%	95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,937	Up 1.9%	\$46,531	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.7 days	Down from 25.2 days	11.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Up from 18.9 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Down from 87.9%	89.9%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 98.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,330	Down 2.0%	\$7,539	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.9%	Down from 72.3%	68.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.4%	Down from 70.1%	61.6%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%	Up from 61.9%	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	77	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.1%	93.5%	84.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.9%	89.5%	90.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	96.1%	88.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Congaree Elementary School is a public, rural elementary school located southwest of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Congaree, a community of approximately 2,500 residents. First opened in 1959, Congaree Elementary serves 420 students in the 2nd – 5th grades. Congaree Elementary School has been fully accredited through SACS since 1971. Our school motto shares the feeling one gets upon entering the building: "At Congaree, our character always counts!"

New initiatives this school year include purchasing over 1000 new books for the Media Center, expanding our literature library, adding to classroom libraries, and purchasing LCD projectors and document cameras for nearly every classroom. Students regularly work on Reading and Math skills through Compass Learning, both in the classroom and the computer lab. Our Professional Learning Communities have emphasized "kid-watching" and small group instruction in classrooms, with our Title I Tutors, and in our READ 120 room for 2nd and 3rd graders. Response to Intervention lowered our referrals for testing and engaged teachers in more effectively meeting individual needs in the classroom.

Our School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Organization actively support the teaching and learning at Congaree Elementary school through various projects. PTO contributed toward the purchase of new playground equipment, including several pieces for our special needs students. PTO also sponsored a Family Fun Night, roller skating night, and spring dance. Our school raised funds for the Humane Society, American Cancer Society, the Ronald McDonald House, Hope House food bank, Helping Hands food pantry, and \$2600 for Jump Rope for Heart. To encourage parent participation and involvement we hosted a Family Literacy Night, Family Math & Science Night, several book fairs, parenting classes, a Veteran's Day celebration, May Day festivities, Grandparents' Week, Author's Tea, and quarterly Awards Assemblies. Students participated in character education, Congaree Careers, after school drama club, after school Chorus, after school writing club, before school Compass Club, and a before school walking club. Students engaged in literary conversations following our "One School, Two Books, Three Weeks."

We thank our parents and community volunteers for their support and time spent investing in the education of the children at Congaree Elementary School. We look forward to continued improvements in teaching and learning in the year to come.

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