



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

River Ridge Elementary
 Spartanburg 5
 Grades: PK-4 Enrollment: 727
 Principal: Glenda Bigby
 Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
 Board Chair: Mr. Butch Coan

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 | Good | TBD | TBD | Met | N/A |
| 2008 | Good | Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Good | Average | N/A | N/A | Met | N/A |

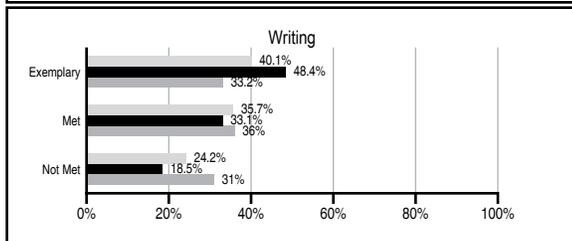
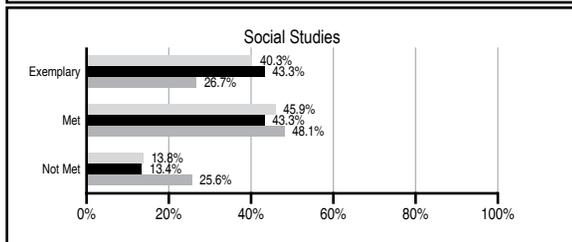
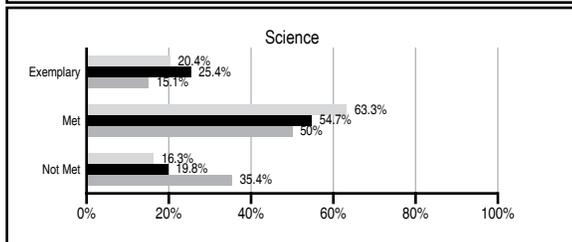
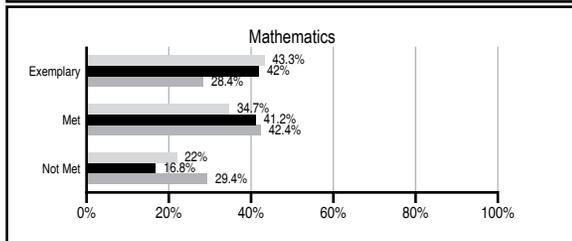
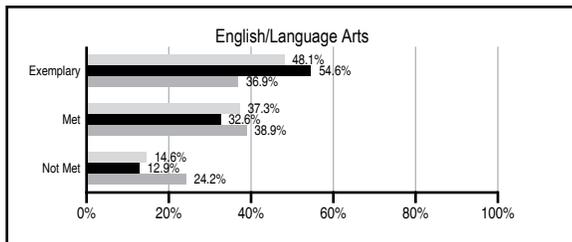
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 23 | 5 | 3 | 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.

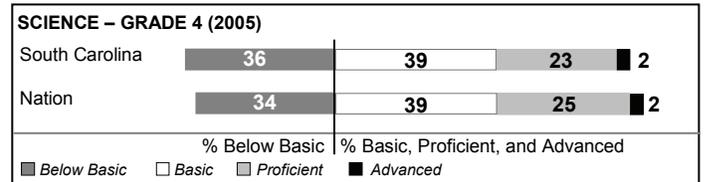
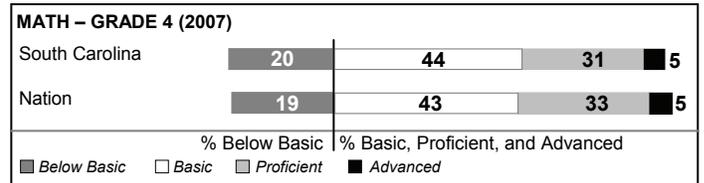
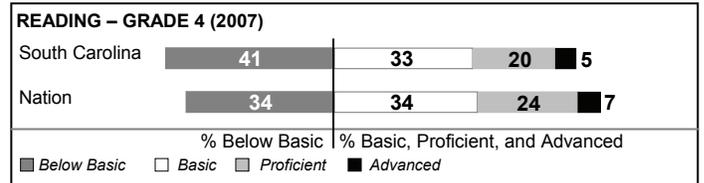
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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River Ridge Elementary [Spartanburg 5]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Students (n=727) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 2.0% | Up from 1.7% | 1.3% | 1.9% |
| Attendance rate | 97.0% | Up from 96.7% | 96.7% | 96.3% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 18.9% | Up from 18.8% | 19.3% | 10.0% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 5.1% | Down from 5.5% | 5.5% | 7.7% |
| Older than usual for grade | 0.0% | 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=43) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 53.5% | Down from 56.8% | 61.4% | 59.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 86.0% | Up from 77.3% | 81.0% | 80.0% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 80.4% | Down from 82.4% | 87.6% | 85.9% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.1% | Up from 92.8% | 95.6% | 95.1% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$48,430 | Up 4.8% | \$48,653 | \$47,149 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 1.0% | Up from 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 15.2 days | Up from 15.1 days | 11.3 days | 11.1 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 7.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 22.8 to 1 | Up from 20.8 to 1 | 19.8 to 1 | 18.8 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 91.0% | Up from 88.4% | 91.5% | 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** | \$6,633 | Down 12.2% | \$6,783 | \$7,458 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 71.7% | Down from 73.3% | 70.6% | 68.8% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 69.7% | Down from 71.2% | 64.1% | 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 | 34 | 129 | 75 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0% | 86.8% | 84.9% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0% | 93.8% | 90.7% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 97.1% | 90.6% | 88.7% |

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 750 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students.

This year, our school implemented year three of the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the use of the Rigby Literacy. We continue to integrate the Everyday Math Program in our math instruction. Science standards are addressed through exciting hands-on activities involving the use of grade-level science tubs during classroom instruction.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our Preschool Program involves three-, four-, and five-year-old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL Reading Intervention, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), PALS (Our Character Education Program), PTO Book Celebrations, Reading Renaissance, and various clubs. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms, as well as the use of digital cameras, video cameras, laser disks, scanners, and SMART boards.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, WEE Deliver, Panda Patrol, School Store workers, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: BASF Corporation, PEP (Publix Educational Partnership), Jocassee Designs, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects such as Project HOPE, Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for the Heart, Zig the Pig for cancer research, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

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Terry Shaw, SIC Chair

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