



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Batesburg-Leesville Primary
Lexington 3
Grades: PK-2 Enrollment: 562
Principal: Tonya K. Watson
Superintendent: Dr. J. Chester Floyd, Interim
Board Chair: Billy Berry

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	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	RP
2008	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	CSI-DELAY

ABSOLUTE RATING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	0	0	0	0

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/17/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Primary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PRIME INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Our School	Median Primary School
89.9%	89.6%

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN CORE SUBJECTS

Our School	Median Primary School
19.5 to 1	19.3 to 1

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

Our School	Median Primary School
66.7%	60.7%

TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Our School	Median Primary School
96.3%	89.6%

PERCENT OF PARENTS ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Our School	Median Primary School
99.5%	100.0%

DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

Our School	Median Primary School
11.2 days	11.8 days

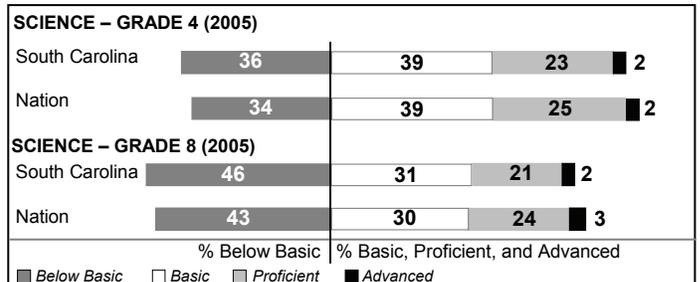
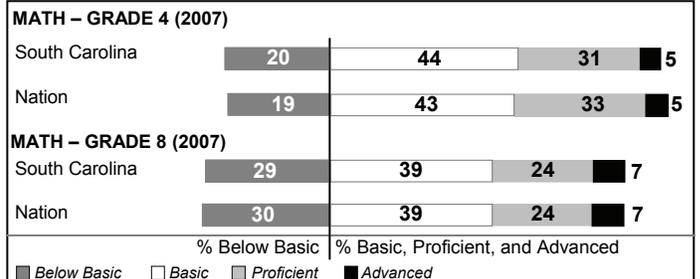
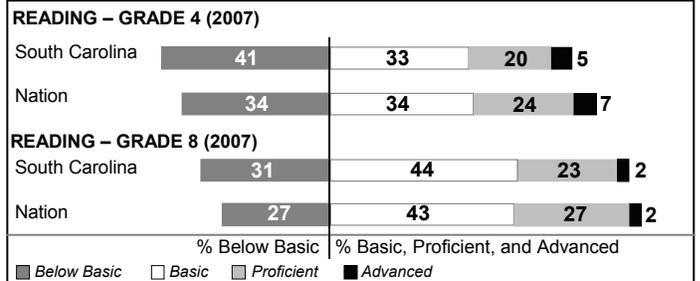
*Professional development days should be devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old.

Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

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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Batesburg-Leesville Primary [Lexington 3]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=562)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 3.6%	3.8%	3.6%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.8%	95.6%	95.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.4%	Up from 6.2%	4.5%	4.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 59.0%	62.9%	60.7%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Down from 92.3%	87.9%	83.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	96.3%	No Change	89.6%	89.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.1%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,674	Up 6.9%	\$48,189	\$47,550
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.8 days	Down from 26.0 days	16.8 days	16.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.5	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	19.4 to 1	19.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 88.2%	89.8%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,972	Up 5.0%	\$7,060	\$6,858
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.0%	No Change	70.9%	70.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.9%	Up from 57.5%	65.7%	63.7%
% of AYP objectives met	94.1%	Up from 70.6%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.0%

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Parents and Supporters of Batesburg-Leesville Primary,

Each year Batesburg-Leesville Primary focuses on an initiative which could lead to promising results for our school. This year, "Building Relationships" provides a phrase for all stakeholders at BLPS to remember that if "We Work Hard, Work Smart, and Work Together," we can accomplish what we need to achieve.

The School Improvement Council and the faculty and staff worked together to meet the goals and objectives of the 2008-2009 School Renewal Plan. The most exciting goal that was achieved was earning an "Excellent" in the Absolute Rating category as well as an "Excellent" in the Improvement Rating on the Annual School Report Card. These ratings are a result of the hard work of a well-trained faculty, students motivated to learn, and supportive parents, district personnel, and our community. We believe that our future goals are very reachable with this continued combination of dedicated people.

BLPS continued to implement the State Improvement Grant which addresses discipline issues with positive interventions. We are proud to be able to say that more than 80% of our students respond positively to being rewarded for following the three school-wide rules—Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. For those remaining students who require additional interventions to bring about good behaviors, behavior checklists were put in place for them with much success. To support the idea that our school is part of a bigger world that often needs our help, our students collected over \$17,000 to donate to worthy causes such as Trike-a Thon, Math-a-Thon, and Jump Rope for Heart.

We are excited about a new approach to teaching reading—the balanced literacy process. This new approach trains teachers to provide small group instruction on each student's reading level. The entire reading faculty participated in an in-depth training last summer. In addition, we were very fortunate to have the Superintendent and Board of Trustees commit monies to establish a leveled reader room which houses over 10,000 books for class instruction and to take home for reading practice. In addition, computer software opportunities were provided in the areas of reading, math, science and social studies through the upgrading of the software programs of "Successmaker" and through the addition of "Education City".

As we look ahead, we can not be complacent and become satisfied with mediocrity. We want our students to be able to compete with any other student across the country. A good work ethic, a strong academic base, and support from parents/guardians will certainly help in achieving our goals for the future.

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Principal SIC Chairperson

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