



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**  
Aiken

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 545

Principal: Pamela J. Hart

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

## 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		
2010	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	NI-DELAY
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

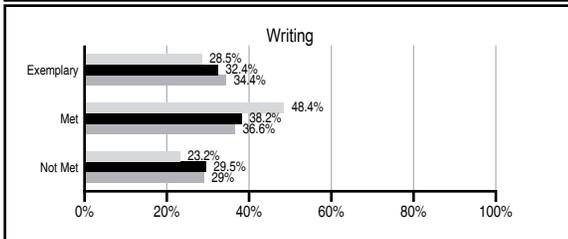
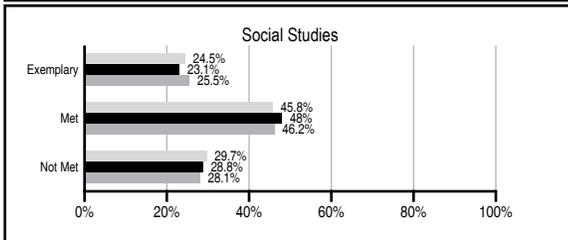
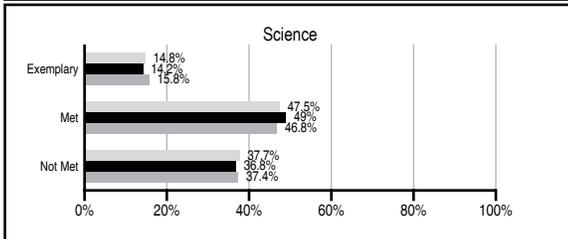
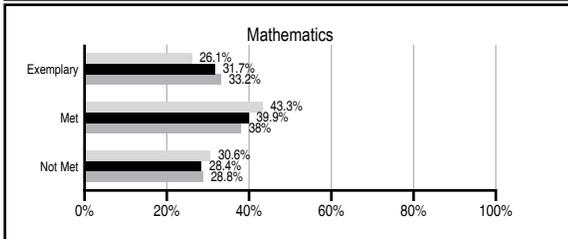
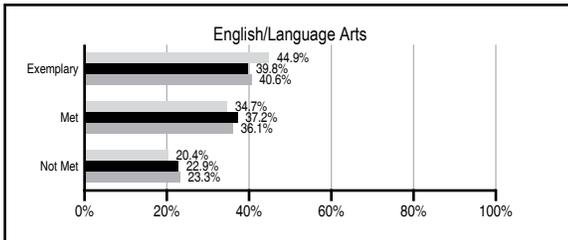
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	24	87	3	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

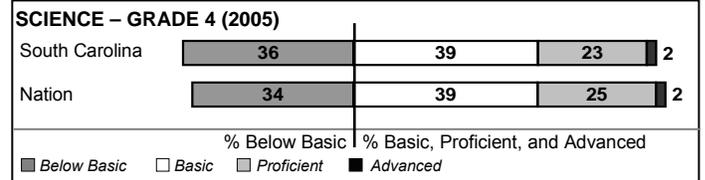
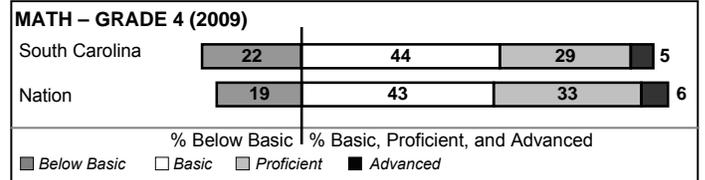
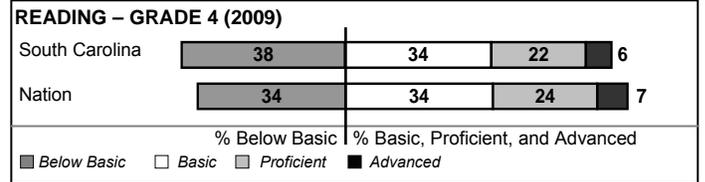
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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
<b>Students (n=545)</b>				
Retention rate	3.3%	Up from 2.8%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.9%	Up from 11.9%	11.7%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Down from 6.6%	8.8%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Down from 1.6%	0.4%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=34)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.9%	Up from 52.6%	60.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	Up from 73.7%	85.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 2.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Up from 86.5%	88.7%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	89.9%	Down from 93.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,235	Down 0.7%	\$47,280	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Up from 12.8 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 19.4 to 1	19.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	81.0%	Down from 87.3%	90.2%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,762	Down 1.0%	\$7,537	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.9%	Down from 71.7%	67.4%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.6%	Up from 57.0%	64.0%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	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	81	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	67.6%	83.8%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.2%	90.0%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.2%	88.9%	75.0%

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

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Academic achievement remained the top priority of Jefferson Elementary School for this school year. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests were administered to our first through fifth grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. Teachers used the diagnostic results of the tests in reading, math, and language to differentiate instruction for each student at his/her level. J Team, our afterschool tutoring program, provided an opportunity for students to be taught in their areas of weakness by certified teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Qualifying first grade students were served by Reading Recovery. Second grade students were served in small groups in a Reading Intervention Model.

At Jefferson Elementary School, we believe it is important for children to be recognized and honored for their positive actions and accomplishments. This recognition was carried out in a variety of ways. A school-wide awards ceremony was held at the end of each nine weeks to recognize students for attendance, honor roll, most improved, good manners, good behavior, good citizenship, most effort, and exceptional performance in art, physical education, music, and speech. Monthly, each homeroom teacher selected a Citizen of the Month who received a certificate and had his/her picture posted on a bulletin board. Students were rewarded by teachers, staff members, and administrators with Eagle Tickets when they were caught doing the right thing. The Celebration of Character provided another opportunity for students to be commended for outstanding behavior. Students also enjoyed opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities such as Student Ambassadors, Valentine Court, the Fall Carnival, Field Day, and WJES, our morning television news show. Students practiced civic pride and benevolence by participating in Adopt a Highway, Pennies for Patients, the Ronald McDonald can tab program, and Terra Cycle Pouch Brigade.

Parents are able to actively participate in events and activities that bring them into the school. Their children get the message that "School is important!" when parents volunteer in classrooms, chaperone field trips, and attend functions such as Open House, Family Reading Night, Family Math Night, the Fall Carnival, Sciencefest, Night of the Arts, the Holiday Shop, and Valentine Court. Parents and community members are kept up to date on school news and upcoming events through The Eagles' Tales, our parent newsletter. Additionally, our Family Handbook and our website, [www.jeffersonelementaryschool.net](http://www.jeffersonelementaryschool.net), also help to keep parents well informed.

Jefferson Elementary is a great place to be. Our faculty and staff earned us the honor of being named United Way 2009 School of the Year. We also maintain our status as a Red Carpet School. Through the efforts of our PTO chairperson, Mrs. Dawn Gresham, we received a grant from Lowe's for \$5,000 which was used to install a walking track around our playground. Come visit us and you'll see why we say, "There's no place we'd rather be than Jefferson Elementary."

Letty Harris, SIC Chairperson  
Pam Hart, Principal

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