



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**ALMA ELEMENTARY**  
**Cherokee**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 240  
**Principal: Kimberly F. Camp**  
**Superintendent: Kim Bagwell**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell**

## 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	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

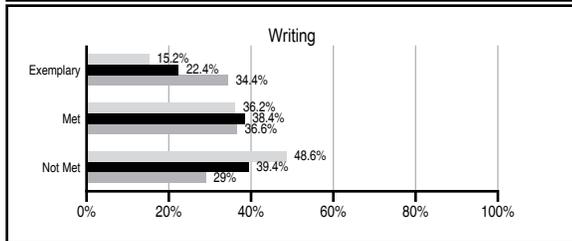
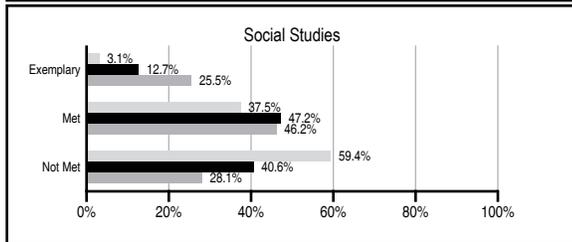
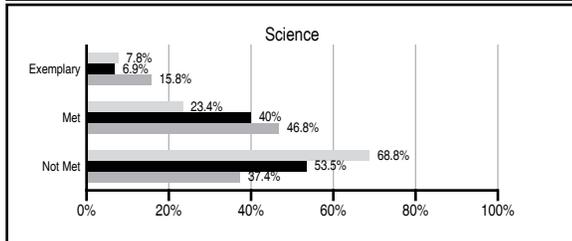
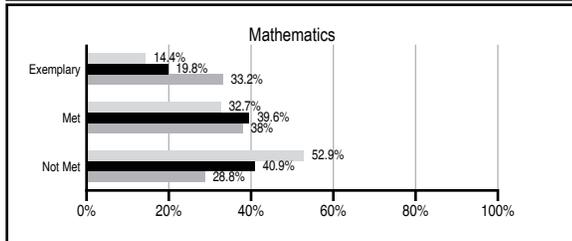
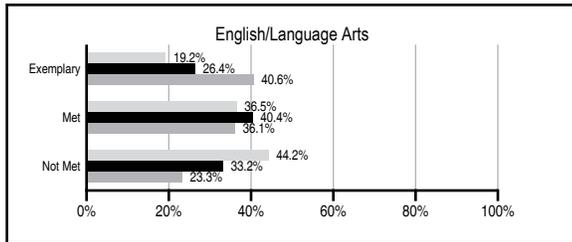
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	101	51	22

\* 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.

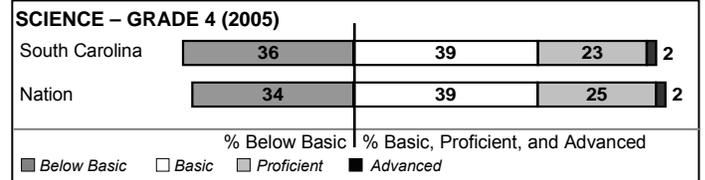
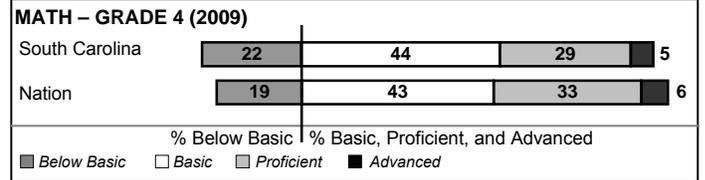
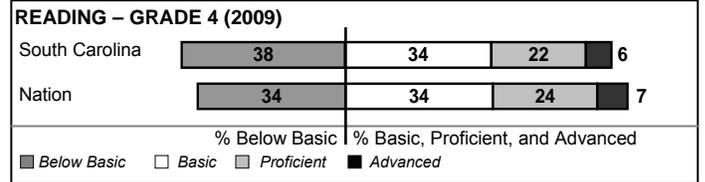
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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=240)</b>				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 6.1%	1.5%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 98.7%	95.8%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.3%	Down from 7.3%	5.0%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Up from 5.4%	8.5%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.8%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=17)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.9%	Up from 36.8%	58.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	Up from 68.4%	80.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Up from 81.2%	84.6%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,297	Up 4.2%	\$45,292	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.3 days	Down from 15.6 days	11.1 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	No Change	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	17.7 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.1%	Down from 93.7%	90.3%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,731	Up 0.4%	\$8,356	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	Up from 60.8%	68.2%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.7%	Up from 52.5%	63.0%	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	21	40	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.0%	92.5%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	95.0%	82.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	97.5%	85.7%

\*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

Alma Elementary, where we all "REACH for the STARS!"

Our students and teachers worked diligently to make learning exciting and authentic in 2009-2010. By using the South Carolina academic standards and district curriculum, we created a school-wide long range plan resulting in innovative and motivating lessons. Teachers continue to use our wealth of resources in our Literacy Center and Math/Science Curriculum Lab. Parental participation increased. Our parents attended our Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Fall Festival, Title I Parenting Sessions, Awards Days, Talent Show, Field Day, and more. Parents volunteered with our Science Fair, Book Fair, and Student-Mentor Program. Parents supported our community service projects, like Relay for Life and March of Dimes.

Alma Elementary is a Communities in Schools (CIS) grant recipient. This is an after-school program designed to assist in meeting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of students. Our teachers and CIS counselors assist in tutoring and enrichment activities. Many guest speakers were invited by the afterschool director. Alma Elementary has been a South Carolina Reading First School for the past six years. With the K-3 reading initiative, our goal is to ensure all children read successfully by the end of the third grade. Teachers receive staff development in reading strategies and assessment. Alma Elementary was visited as a possible Response to Intervention (RtI) site for the state. Alma Elementary has been selected as a Partner School (PS) with Winthrop University. In this partnership, our faculty and staff will host year-long teacher candidate internships, where college students will learn first-hand about student learning, specials needs, and literacy development.

Technology continues to increase. Classrooms are equipped with Activboards, document cameras, LCD projectors, and wireless laptop computers. Fifth graders have personal digital assistants (PDAs) to use for word processing and voice recordings. Educational sites like Tumble Books and Bookflix can be accessed from home. We will incorporate iPods, netbooks, and flip cameras into our instructional program.

Alma Elementary is a Red Carpet School. We believe in creating a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service. To tighten security and to have a record of our visitors, we have a computer program with photo capabilities.

At Alma Elementary School, education is a team effort among students, parents, school faculty, and community. You are encouraged to come and visit our school to see first-hand how parent involvement, teacher dedication, and industrious students make a successful school. You are invited to become part of our team to SHINE, as we "think, inspire, imagine, and celebrate."

Kim F. Camp, Principal  
Roxanne Wilkins, School Improvement Council Chair

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