



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**DOBY'S MILL ELEMENTARY**  
**Kershaw County**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 832  
**Principal: Virginia K. Catoe**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan**  
**Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.**

## 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	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

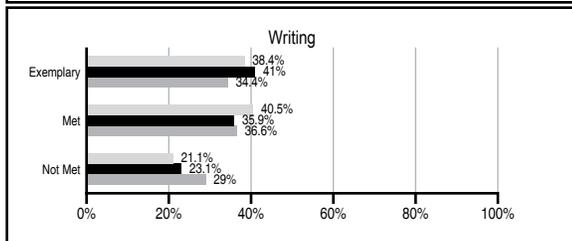
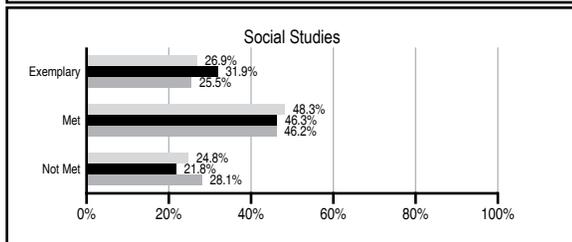
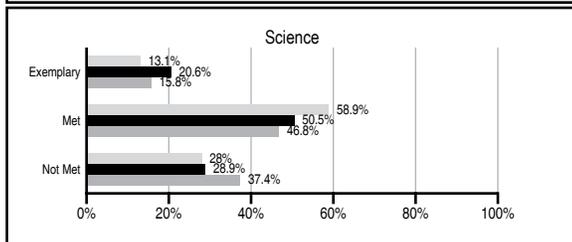
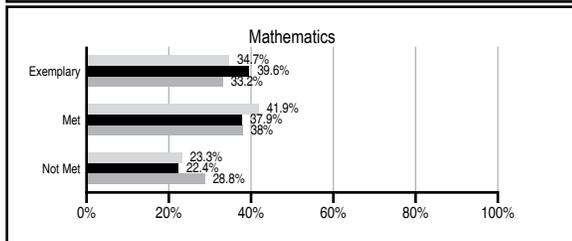
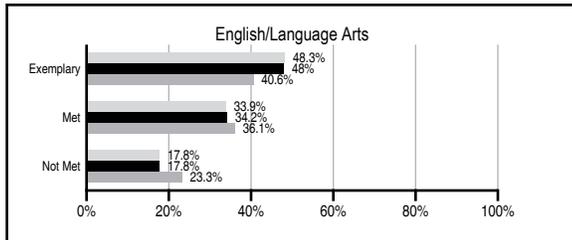
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
23	38	30	0	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.

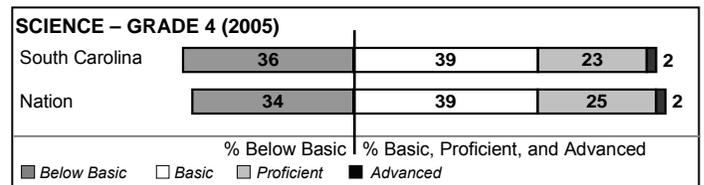
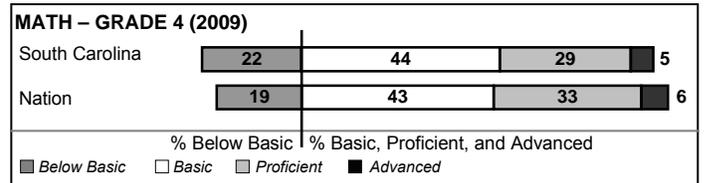
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# DOBY'S MILL ELEMENTARY [Kershaw County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=832)</b>				
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 1.6%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.1%	96.2%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	26.0%	Down from 30.6%	16.0%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Up from 5.6%	7.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.3%	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=49)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	83.7%	Up from 79.2%	61.5%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	91.8%	Up from 85.4%	86.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.8%	Down from 96.3%	89.2%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.6%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,021	Down 0.5%	\$48,008	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Down from 15.3 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Down from 21.6 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 91.0%	90.7%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,865	Up 1.7%	\$7,072	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.9%	Up from 72.3%	69.2%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.3%	Up from 67.9%	65.9%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	112	106
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.6%	98.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.8%	94.6%	98.1%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Doby's Mill Elementary, our learning environment is safe and encouraging. We are a 2002-2003, 2006-2007 and 2009-2010 Red Carpet School, a 2007 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award winning school, and a 2007 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence. Our teachers and staff are motivated and determined. We congratulate Wendy Todd for being our Reading Teacher of the Year as well as the Kershaw County Reading Teacher of the Year! We also applaud Mary Catoe for representing Doby's Mill as our school Teacher of the Year. Our principal, Virginia Catoe, was selected as the district's Principal of the Year for 2009-2010. Our students are your children, and they want to succeed just as much as we aspire them to. Our common care and desire for them to grow makes a partnership that works well.

Everyone knows that every school in our district and across the entire nation has many difficult challenges in the light of the current economic downturn but at Doby's Mill we are proud of the creative ways that our Dolphins have pulled together to ensure that these cuts and reductions have not diminished our students' opportunities, achievements, or performance. As is evidenced by our Beacon Points of Pride and test scores, our 842 students in PreK to grade five are certainly not "cutting back" with the budget or merely standing still and holding their ground. Rather, they are thriving despite the current economic climate. At our school, our continued success despite these current times is a direct and tangible result of the pooling of efforts and resources of our school employees, parents, PTA, SIC, community and business partners, and most importantly, our students. Our students are bright and eager.

We invite you to visit our school family and to participate in all the exciting activities that we have to share with you. Thank you for your continued belief in and support of both our school and public education. Without you, we would not have been able to accomplish the achievements that we have or set our sights on an incredible future! Please stop by and "Catch the Wave" with Winning Attitudes and Visions of Excellence and experience what makes Doby's Mill Elementary so "fin-tastic," or visit us on our Website at <http://dme.kcsdschools.com>.

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Vinson Rivers, SIC Chair

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