



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BRENNEN ELEMENTARY**  
**Richland 1**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 795  
**Principal: Marian Crum-Mack, Ph.D.**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack**  
**Board Chair: Vince Ford**

## 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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

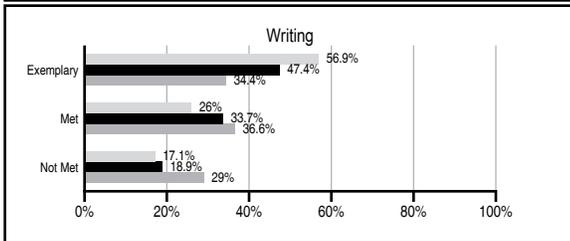
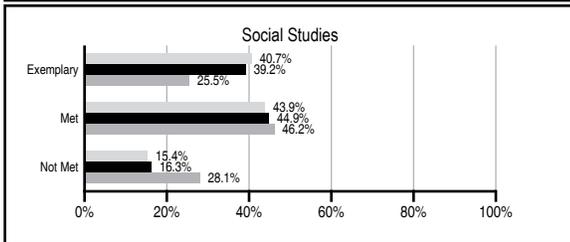
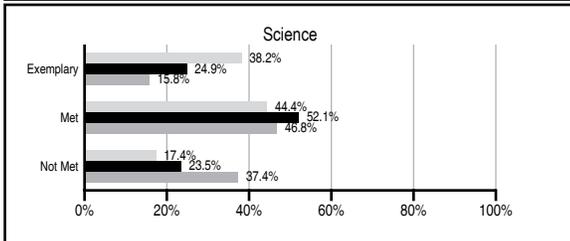
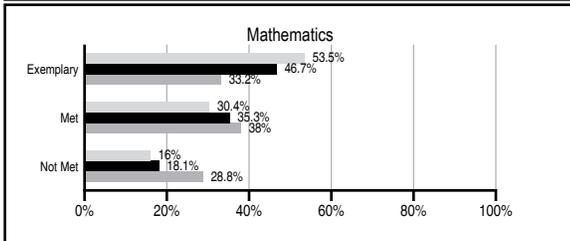
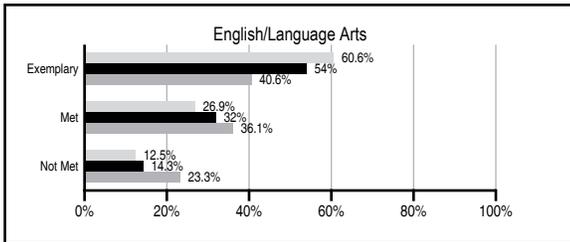
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
26	16	5	1	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.

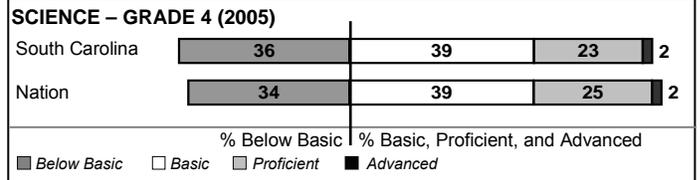
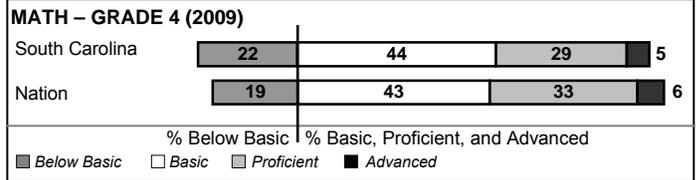
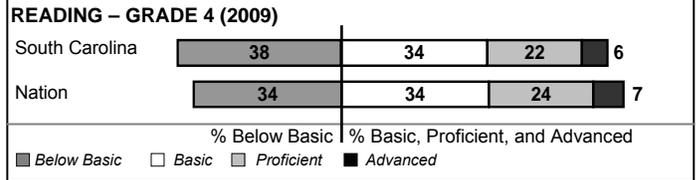
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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=795)</b>				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 1.7%	1.0%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 96.0%	96.5%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	32.2%	Up from 23.9%	19.7%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	10.7%	Up from 10.0%	7.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	0.2%	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=54)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.5%	Up from 67.9%	61.7%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	72.2%	Up from 71.4%	86.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8%	Down from 86.1%	88.3%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.8%	96.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,363	Down 0.6%	\$48,507	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.7 days	Down from 12.6 days	10.0 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Up from 20.2 to 1	20.7 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 87.7%	92.4%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,721	Up 6.4%	\$6,921	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	81.6%	Down from 82.5%	70.6%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	78.8%	Up from 77.5%	67.4%	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	49	126	100
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.4%	91.3%	90.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.6%	87.2%	93.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.9%	96.8%	89.8%

\*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

Brennen Elementary School continues to be a flagship institution for elementary education throughout South Carolina. The school is situated in a residential section of Columbia and serves approximately 780 students in grades K through 5. Brennen's greatest strengths come from its strong student achievement, excellent parent and community support, comprehensive social action projects, and continuous professional development.

We are proud of the student achievement and other school honors that have come to us at Brennen in recent years. Since the beginning of testing, we have maintained a rating of Excellent or Good on the SC School Report Card. Also, for 7 of the 9 years, we have maintained Palmetto Gold or Silver Award status. In addition, our students have performed above the state average on all parts of PASS testing each year. For multiple years, we have continued our status as a Red Carpet School, as well as a School of Promise. Four of our 5th graders won honors in the junior division at the USC Region II Science and Engineering Fair. We utilize the latest technology, such as interactive white boards and a wireless mobile computer lab, to maximize our students' achievement. All of our students participate in art, music, PE, Spanish and drama classes. First through fifth graders perform in full-length plays.

Our parent and community support is quite impressive. The PTO sponsored its 7th fund-raising auction, raising \$36,000 during that one evening and attracting approximately 275 attendees (PTO raised almost \$60,000 over the entire school year). Among the PTO activities that regularly bring in hundreds of attendees are events such as Harvest Happening, Spring Supper, Back-to-School Bash, Walk Your Child to School Day, and Grandparents' Day. Our SIC was quite active this year, also. The members broadened school-to-family communication, created the student directory, and assisted teachers with many classroom activities and needs. Our neighborhood Kilbourne Park Baptist Church members serve as our Faith-Based Partners and allow us to have our 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony in their gym. USC's Foreign Language Department students have continued to provide German instruction to interested students in one of our after-school programs.

Our Social Action Projects included Pennies for Pasta (\$1,303 for the Leukemia Society), Jump Rope for Heart (\$4,041 for the American Heart Association), Harvest Hope Food Drive (1,463 pounds), Relay for Life (\$800 for the American Cancer Society), and The Water Project (\$1,414 for a well for an African village).

In much the same way, we have continued our emphasis on professional development. We have implemented Stages One and Two of HET (Highly Effective Teaching) and provided multiple-year coaching for our faculty and staff. Stage One focuses on the physical and emotional environment of the school. Stage Two addresses curriculum and instruction issues. In addition, our teams of teachers have worked to become true Professional Learning Communities.

All of us associated with Brennen Elementary School are proud of our 60-year history of academic excellence and have pride in the outstanding elementary school experience that we provide for our students.

Dr. Marian Crum-Mack, Principal

Coley Brown, SIC Chairperson

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