



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**COOLEY SPRINGS-FINGERVILLE ELEMENTARY**  
**Spartanburg 2**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 308  
**Principal: Denny Landrum**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Scott J. Mercer**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Connie Smith**

## 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	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

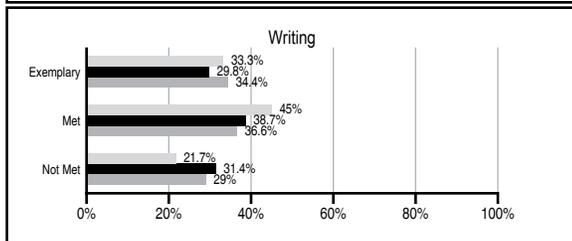
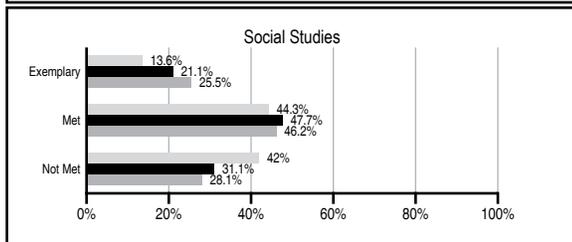
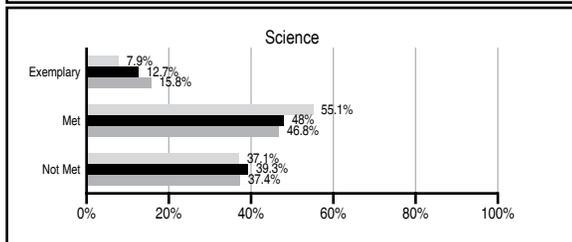
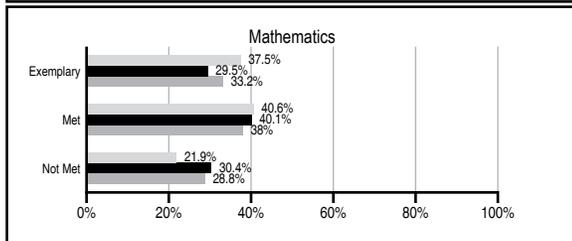
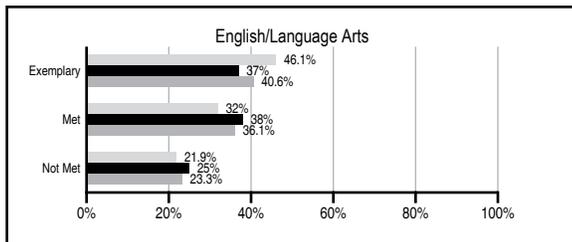
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	20	92	8	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=308)</b>				
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 5.0%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	95.8%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.1%	Up from 8.7%	10.6%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	9.7%	Down from 10.1%	8.7%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	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=21)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 59.1%	59.8%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 77.3%	85.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.5%	Up from 76.2%	87.7%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 93.6%	94.9%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,562	Up 4.7%	\$47,073	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	21.2 days	Up from 17.8 days	10.5 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Down from 18.1 to 1	19.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Up from 86.2%	89.9%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,011	Down 0.9%	\$7,478	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.6%	Up from 61.4%	68.0%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.4%	Up from 54.0%	64.6%	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	18	27	20
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.2%	95.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.0%	94.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	84.6%	95.0%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Cooley Springs-Fingerville Elementary celebrated another successful year of raising the bar for student achievement. Our school was named a Distinguished Title 1 School for 2008 for improvements in our PACT scores for at least two consecutive years and making AYP (Adequately Yearly Progress). This year we received the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Gap. Meeting the unique physical, emotional, social, and academic needs of every child is our primary focus. Students are provided with a highly qualified staff, as well as offered a variety of opportunities to increase academic achievement during and after school.

This year's continued implementation of the 100 Book Challenge Reading program has encouraged the daily independent reading of students at school and at home, building success for all students. Our program continues to promote a positive attitude toward being successful readers, especially for reluctant readers because students are encouraged to read at their "fast, fun and easy level." The Read with Sarah reading program focuses on working with students in small groups on specific reading skills and provides a more focused direct-instruction setting for our students. This program has been fully implemented in grades K5 through 5. Students are also provided related arts instruction in music, art, physical education, media, and technology science.

Our PTO is an active part of our school. The PTO provides support for our instructional program, recognizes student performance, honors staff members, and provided initial funds to purchase a computerized message system for parent phone contacts. The School Messenger phone system is a valuable tool for sending messages to all parents, small groups of parents or individuals. We continue to strive to improve parent involvement in our school. We are very appreciative of the commitment of our students, parents, volunteers, business partners, and staff.

The staff continues to strive to keep abreast of current brain research and apply it toward instruction for student learning. We have implemented all Math Out of the Box modules, an inquiry approach to teaching math, and plan to continue this hands-on program. A computerized Early Literacy Test is used to measure reading readiness in K and grade 1. MAP (Measuring Academic Progress) has been implemented in grades K through grade 5. Map data based on South Carolina standards continues to be used to provide information for specific instruction to small groups of students across grade levels in grades 3 through 5 and among grade levels in grades 1 and 2.

Everyone continues to work as a team for the success of our students, as the staff diligently seeks to provide them with the best educational opportunities.

Denny Landrum, Principal

Sandra Camp, School Council Chairperson

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