



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HOUSTON ELEMENTARY
Spartanburg 7
Grades: PK-6 Enrollment: 437
Principal: Thomas Stokes
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Sharon D. Porter

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	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

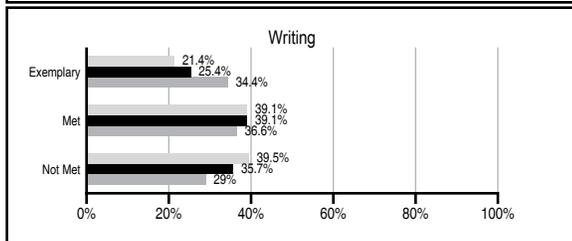
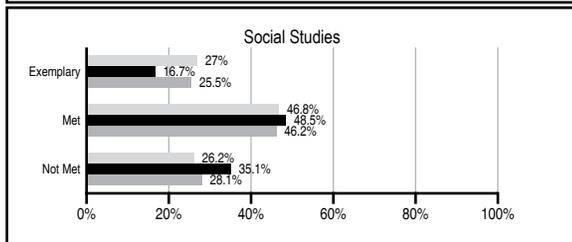
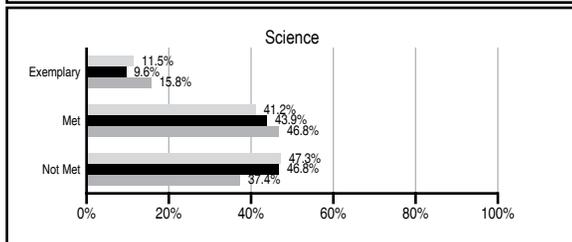
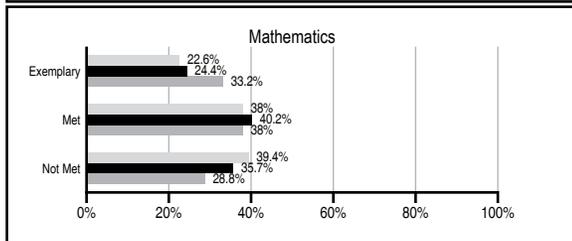
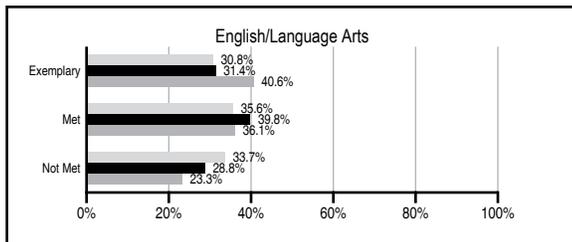
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	8	98	22	7

*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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HOUSTON ELEMENTARY [Spartanburg 7]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=437)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 3.0%	1.7%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.7%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.1%	Down from 14.2%	7.2%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Up from 10.8%	8.8%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Down from 1.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.5%	Down from 72.7%	58.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Up from 81.8%	83.3%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.3%	Up from 71.5%	85.2%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.5%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,214	Up 1.7%	\$46,155	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.7 days	Down from 15.3 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 0.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Up from 16.1 to 1	18.8 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.2%	90.0%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,687	Down 7.4%	\$7,821	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.1%	Up from 61.4%	68.2%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.1%	Up from 60.4%	64.4%	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	41	56	23
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.0%	73.2%	78.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.4%	81.8%	73.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.6%	85.5%	82.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Houston Elementary students strive to achieve excellence on a daily basis. Our well-trained and dedicated staff works diligently to provide each of our students with an enriched educational experience. For the third consecutive year, Houston received an "average" absolute rating on the state report card. Houston is currently in the third year of the South Carolina Teacher Advancement Program (SC TAP). Houston Elementary is proud of the success of our teachers and students. A second grade teacher was our Teacher of the Year. Five teachers have obtained National Board Certification, and 100% of our faculty is highly qualified.

Our students distinguished themselves in numerous academic and special areas. Thirty-three students participated in our district Gifted and Talented program. Our students were represented in the Regional Spelling Bee, the State Superintendent's Writing Award, and the Kiwanis Club Terrific Kid. Eight students participated in our Honors Band and Stings program, twelve Houston students participated in the district's Honors Chorus, and five of our Houston Huskies achieved recognition during Youth Art Month. As a whole, Houston Elementary students participating in the Academy of Reading received recognition for successful implementation of the program.

To promote wellness and a commitment to the total growth of the child, our students had opportunities to participate in numerous extracurricular activities. Students participated in our Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day. Students also participated in our "Girls on the Run" club, Houston Running Club, and Creative Expression Dance Club.

Houston Elementary has received numerous awards and set an expectation of excellence during the 2009-2010 academic year. South Carolina has recognized Houston's service to parents and community as a Red Carpet School. The Academy for Creative Expression and the implementation of Problem Based Learning have further enhanced our educational program. Finally, Houston celebrates its students through our annual Showcase of Learning and the newly dedicated Burfete Gallery of Art.

We are here to serve your children and encourage each of you to continue to take an active role in the education of your child. Remember, "Together We Can."

Thomas Stokes, Principal
Elisa Gonzalez, SIC Chair

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