



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

JAMES B EDWARDS ELEMENTARY
Charleston
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 568
Principal: Francine B. Mitchell
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mr. Chris Fraser

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		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

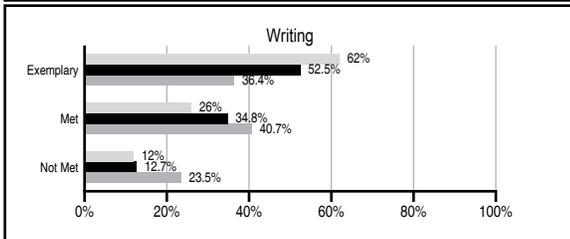
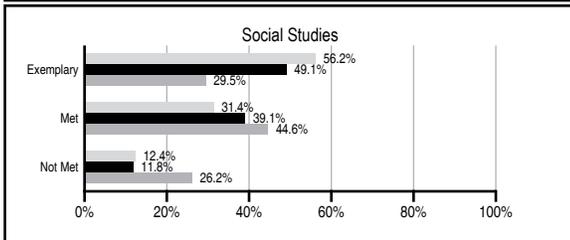
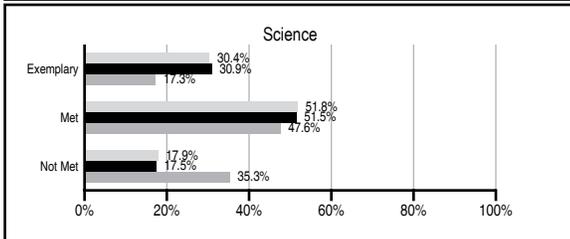
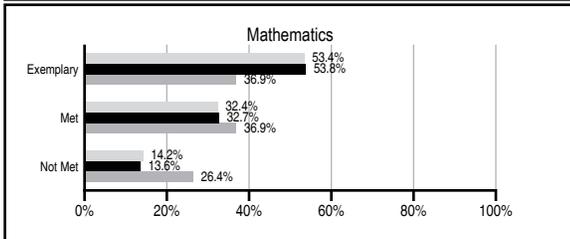
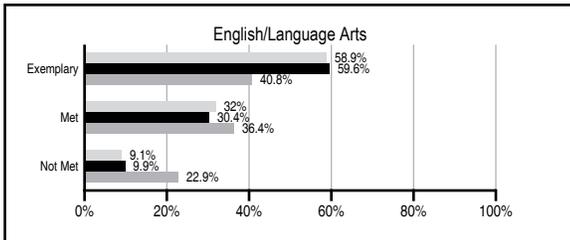
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	2	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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 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
Students (n=568)				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	0.8%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.0%	96.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	42.2%	Up from 38.1%	29.6%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	1.3%	Down from 3.8%	3.0%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.5%	Up from 61.4%	63.3%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.0%	Down from 95.5%	92.1%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.6%	Down from 89.8%	91.1%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 97.8%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,655	Down 5.9%	\$47,996	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Down from 17.3 days	9.2 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.8	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 22.3 to 1	21.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	Down from 93.6%	91.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	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**	\$7,720	Up 6.8%	\$6,493	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.0%	Down from 75.5%	69.9%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.6%	Down from 72.7%	68.7%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	88.2%	Down from 100.0%	98.4%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	99	84
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	89.9%	92.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.9%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.9%	92.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The James B. Edwards Elementary (JBE) faculty, staff, and School Improvement Council are proud to share our 2011 school report card with you. At JBE, our primary goal is to provide students with a variety of academic opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment. We pride ourselves on having a rigorous curriculum and excellent teachers in every classroom.

JBE puts a great emphasis on having parents, teachers, and the community working together to provide meaningful educational experiences and opportunities for all of our students. A few great examples of this are our family reading night, family math night, and science fair. These events provide students with unique experiences that further enrich their education.

In addition to great academic rigor in the core subject areas, our students are afforded many wonderful experiences in the arts. The arts are integrated frequently into every classroom at JBE. We even have a special day toward the end of each year in which we celebrate the arts. At May Day, our classes learn performances that they share with the community. The fifth graders end it with a bang each year by dancing the May Pole Dance.

JBE also has a great character education program. We realize the importance of developing the whole child. This includes providing students with opportunities to learn about social well being, responsibility, career choices, and acting in a moral and ethical manner.

Our great success is due to many different groups. The JBE PTA is a very active group involved in conducting fundraisers, social events, and other programs that help support our students and teachers. The JBE Tom Lee Endowment also does an extraordinary job of partnering with local businesses and putting on fundraising events to further provide educational opportunities for our students.

All of these collective efforts enable the students at James B. Edwards Elementary to be successful and achieve to their highest potential.

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Jake Rambo, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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