



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BLACKSBURG ELEMENTARY**  
**Cherokee**  
**Grades: 3-5**      **Enrollment: 394**  
**Principal: Rita Martin**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Edgar C. Taylor**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Donnie 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		
2011	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

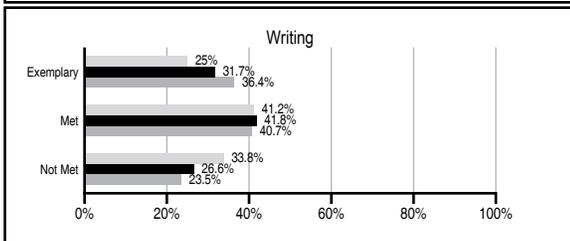
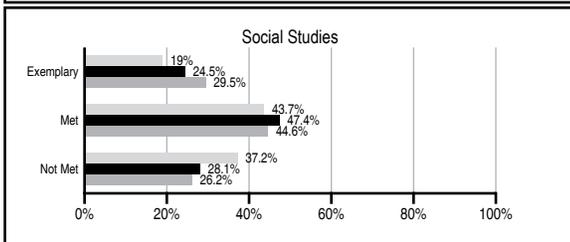
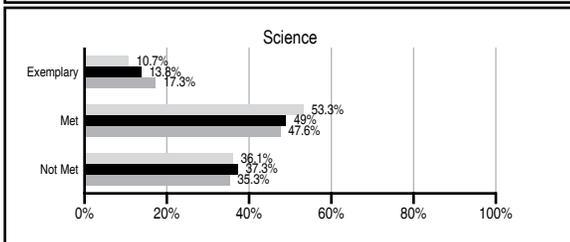
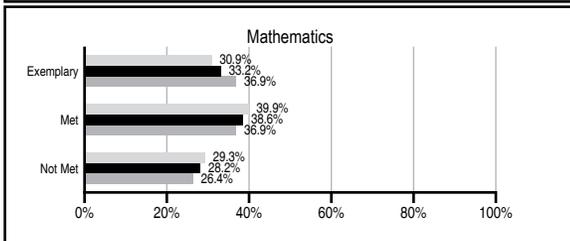
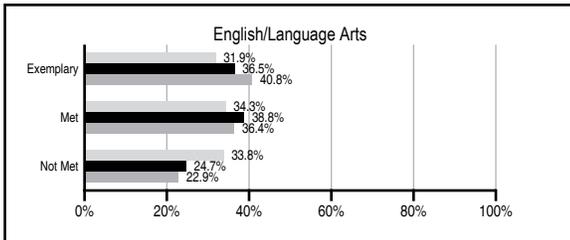
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	23	87	9	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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# BLACKSBURG ELEMENTARY [Cherokee]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=394)</b>				
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 2.6%	1.3%	1.1%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 98.0%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.9%	Up from 7.6%	11.6%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Down from 9.4%	5.0%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.3%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=22)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.3%	Up from 72.7%	59.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	95.5%	Down from 100.0%	90.0%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0%	Down from 89.2%	87.8%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 90.4%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,323	Down 5.1%	\$46,605	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	4.7 days	Down from 7.9 days	11.3 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Up from 21.4 to 1	19.6 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.7%	Up from 88.3%	90.1%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.2%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,335	Up 4.2%	\$7,471	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	Down from 68.9%	67.2%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.8%	Down from 66.6%	64.7%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%	Down from 89.5%	89.6%	90.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	153	138
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.3%	79.6%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.6%	78.4%	85.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.3%	85.5%	77.6%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Blacksburg Elementary School we believe that every student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs. We are committed to this belief and strive to make all students feel successful in the areas of academics, citizenship, and service.

During the 2010-2011 school year, classroom instruction included time for review and extra practice, along with enrichment opportunities that included fifth grade band, National Junior Beta Club, Student Council, Walk and Read Program, Too Good for Drugs Program, Character Education, Computer Lab, and Science Lab. Our fifth grade worked hard to compete in Carowinds Roller Coaster Building Competition where they walked off with a first place rating. Teachers presented lessons to motivate and educate by providing activities that met the various learning styles of their students. Teachers used MAP data and ongoing classroom assessment to help plan lessons that ensured students were being taught at their appropriate learning levels. Reading, writing, and math clinics were held during small group class time to ensure that students gained success over their areas of concern. Supplemental tutoring services were offered before and after school.

Volunteer participation continued to help BES rise to meet the challenges of budget cuts and larger teacher student ratios by assisting our classroom teachers through mentoring at-risk students, preparing papers for the day, gathering needed materials, and monitoring during classroom instruction.

Staff members participated in various learning opportunities throughout the year to help better prepare them for the ever-changing needs of their students. A focus on special needs, autism, and behavior disorders was followed throughout the year. Several staff members served on the School Improvement Council and assisted in the analyzing and developing of the current school-wide improvement plan.

Students again showed their compassion for helping others. Monies and food items were raised and donated to Jump Rope for Heart, Pennies for Patients, Relay for Life, Iron City Ministries, and Cherokee County Humane Society.

The Blacksburg community, parents, staff, and especially students made the 2010-2011 school year a great one that provided lifelong memories. Thank you to all those who helped to make this possible!

Rita Martin, Principal 2010-2011  
Christy Phenicie, SIC Chairperson

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