



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

DOBY'S MILL ELEMENTARY
 Kershaw County
 Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 632
 Principal: Virginia K. Catoe
 Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
 Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	NI
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

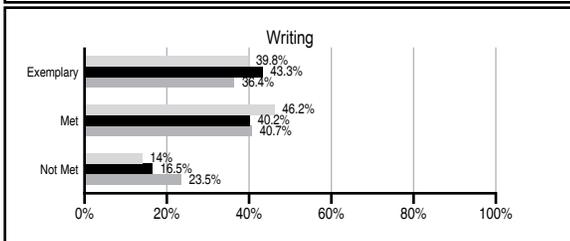
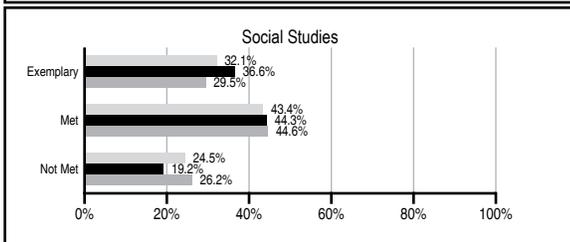
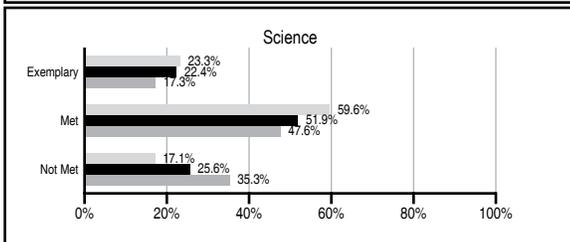
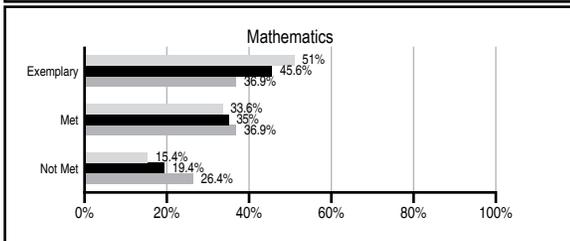
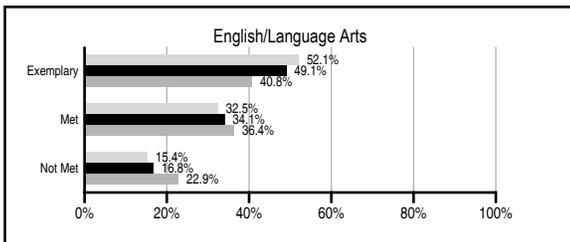
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
33	37	15	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=632)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 2.4%	0.9%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.5%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	29.5%	Up from 26.0%	19.9%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	2.9%	Down from 5.7%	3.5%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	No Change	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.7%	Up from 83.7%	65.4%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.9%	Up from 91.8%	90.6%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Down from 95.8%	90.0%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 96.1%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,037	Up 4.2%	\$48,067	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.6 days	Down from 14.2 days	11.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Down from 21.4 to 1	20.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 90.9%	90.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,603	Down 4.5%	\$7,175	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.8%	Up from 73.9%	68.8%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.4%	Up from 71.3%	66.6%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	94.7%	Down from 95.2%	94.1%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	92	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	96.7%	100.0%

*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

A wonderful community school with rich heritage of parental and community support, 630 students call Doby's Mill Elementary their home! 2010-2011 was yet another banner year as our school continued to meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students on a daily basis. We assessed student progress through careful data analysis and made instructional changes, such as intensive professional development on writing instruction, a continued focus on mathematics instruction, small group intensive reading intervention for at-risk students, integration of literacy in the content areas, and the use of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data to differentiate reading and math instruction for our students.

High behavioral and academic expectations for students are further emphasized through our implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS). Core value, daily schedules, and behavioral matrices are posted throughout the school so that students are reminded of the consistency of expectations, whether in class, on the playground, on the bus, in our afterschool program, or on field trips. The administration works with stakeholders to plan school-wide events to promote academic learning and emphasize outreach efforts with others, such as Family Reading and Science Nights, our Grandparent's Day activities, and Holiday Wreath Writing project. The Character Education Committee plans events that reinforce good character, such as Red Ribbon Week activities, Character Counts Week family writing projects, food drives to help needy families, and guest speakers. In March 2011, our school was named a 2011 SC School of Character!

The success of any school requires the support of an active PTA, an SIC which advocates for our students, faithful volunteers, generous business partners, and involved parents. Our PTA supports character education by providing funding for recognitions, such as the Beaming Beacon Breakfast and "Celebration Room" donations. Local churches provide our less fortunate families with backpacks filled with nutritious, child-friendly, nonperishable food that children take home on weekends through a program called Sacks of Love. Local churches, the American Legion, and the Optimist Club support our school through visits and activities with our students, such as Pastries for Pastors, Veteran's Day Celebrations, Bike Rodeo, and dictionary distributions. Weekly, community mentors come to work with students in conjunction with our Target READ program. We applaud our SIC for being named a Dick and Tunky Riley finalist for its devotion to school-wide health and fitness initiatives.

Although we continue to face many difficult challenges in light of the economic downturn, we are proud of the innovative ways that our Dolphins have pulled together to ensure that our students' opportunities, achievements, and performances have not been compromised. Our highly motivated teachers and staff are dedicated, and our students are bright and eager! We congratulate Abby Anthony for being our Reading Teacher of the Year and Helen Walker for being Kershaw County's Teacher of the Year. We are a 2010-2013 Red Carpet School and Exemplary Writing Recipient. Clearly, our school possesses a profound passion to educate, and our mission establishes the fun, challenging, and enriching school community! We invite you to visit us at <http://dme.kcsd.schools.com> to "Catch the Wave" with our Winning Attitudes and Visions of Excellence and experience what makes Doby's Mill Elementary so "fin-tastic!"

Virginia Catoe, Principal Deborah Sims, SIC President

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