



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY**  
**Oconee**  
**Grades: PK-5**  
**Principal: Idasa M. Cobb**  
**Superintendent: Mike Lucas**  
**Board Chair: Andy Inabinet**

**Enrollment: 624**

## 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    | N/A                     |
| 2010 | Average         | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2009 | N/A             | N/A           | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A        | N/A                     |

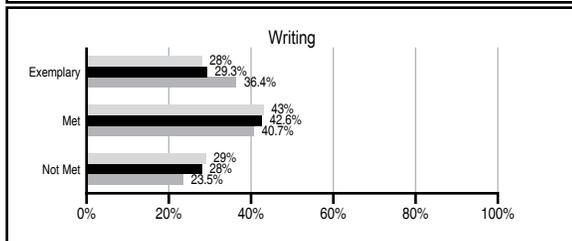
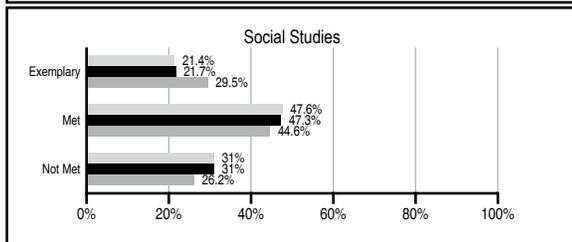
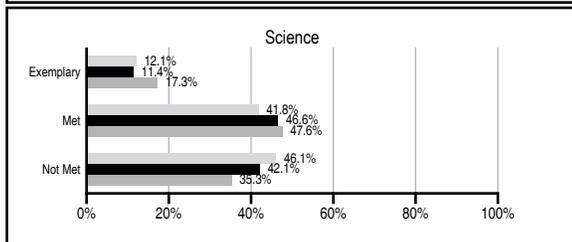
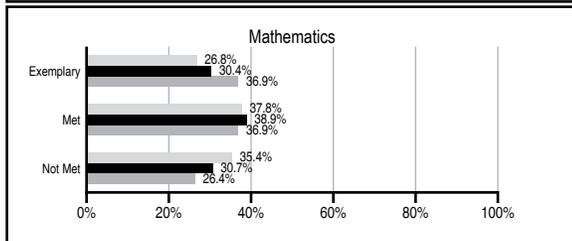
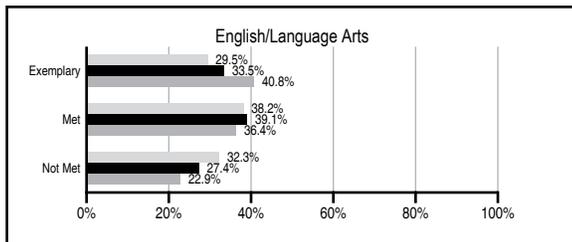
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 6         | 12   | 98      | 13            | 1       |

\*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.

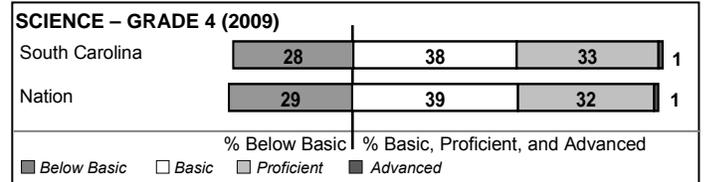
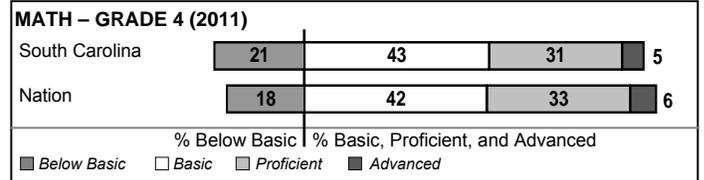
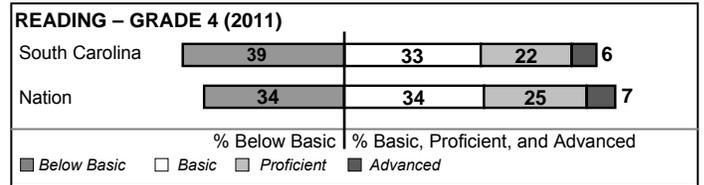
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY [Oconee]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=624)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 1.4%       | Up from 0.0%          | 1.5%                                       | 1.1%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 96.6%      | Down from 97.2%       | 95.9%                                      | 96.2%                    |
| Served by gifted and talented program  | 11.1%      | Up from 7.7%          | 9.2%                                       | 13.4%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 4.8%       | Down from 10.4%       | 4.5%                                       | 4.1%                     |
| Older than usual for grade   | 0.2%       | No Change             | 0.4%                                       | 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=53)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 69.8%      | Up from 67.9%         | 60.3%                                      | 62.5%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 92.5%      | Up from 90.6%         | 88.1%                                      | 88.2%                    |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | N/A        | N/A                   | 87.0%                                      | 87.8%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 93.9%      | Down from 98.7%       | 95.1%                                      | 95.2%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$49,260   | Down 0.8%             | \$46,115                                   | \$46,773                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 5.6 days   | Down from 15.1 days   | 11.0 days                                  | 10.5 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 1.0        | No Change             | 4.0  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 11.7 to 1  | Down from 17.8 to 1   | 19.5 to 1                                  | 19.9 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 88.3%      | Down from 94.1%       | 89.9%                                      | 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 95.0%         | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Good       | Down from Excellent   | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$8,832    | N/A                   | \$7,483                                    | \$7,447                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 71.6%      | N/A                   | 67.3%                                      | 68.4%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 69.1%      | N/A                   | 64.6%                                      | 65.8%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 57.1%      | Down from 95.2%       | 88.0%                                      | 90.5%                    |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 51       | 99        | 80       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 90.9%     | 89.7%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 98.0%    | 87.9%     | 94.9%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 90.2%    | 87.9%     | 88.6%    |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Blue Ridge Elementary School Family of students, faculty, staff, parents, and community rallied for a fabulous 2010-11 school year. We began our sophomore year with the following curricular goals: incorporate writing across the curriculum, incorporate balanced literacy strategies, use inquiry-based teaching strategies in math and science, infuse technology into all subject areas and develop a school-wide volunteer program to include parents, retirees, and other community members that enhances student achievement.

As we journeyed through the year, the Blue Ridge Elementary School Family was honored to receive many accolades and recognitions including 2011 Safe Schools Award. Club 245, our 21st century learning center, served over 120 students in grades 2-5 in reading, math and technology. For the second year in a row, one of our students won our district's State Superintendent's Writing Contest. Our Lego League Team advanced to the state competition. And five students earned a spot on the State's Honor Chorus. Our staff generated over \$5000 for our local Relay for Life and was our district's 2nd top contributor to United Way. Our students earned 2nd place in the spirit competition at Special Olympics. We implemented the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program into our school. Our staff believes that fathers and father figures are crucial components to the social, emotional and academic well-being of our students. Blue Ridge Elementary School was selected to partner with Clemson University in the Neighborhood Promise Grant. Blue Ridge Elementary School also boasted a final four District Teacher of the Year. Additionally, our partnership with Clemson University's Call Me Mister Program afforded us an additional summer program for rising 4th graders. Our school year ended with an Early Childhood summer program for rising Kindergarten and 1st grade students that focused on Early Literacy and Math. We have had a tremendous year!

Blue Ridge Elementary School is gifted with a superb faculty, staff, parents, and community that work together to give every child every chance for success!

Idasa M. Cobb, Principal  
Dr. Atieno Ragwar, School Improvement Council Chair

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