



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Williams Memorial Elementary**  
**Dorchester School District Four**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 679  
**Principal: Jeffrey Beckwith**  
**Superintendent: Jerry G. Montjoy**  
**Board Chair: Dr. Kenneth Jenkins**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2011	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

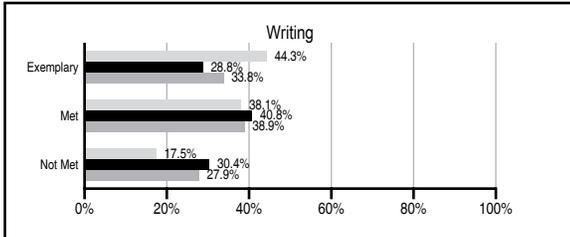
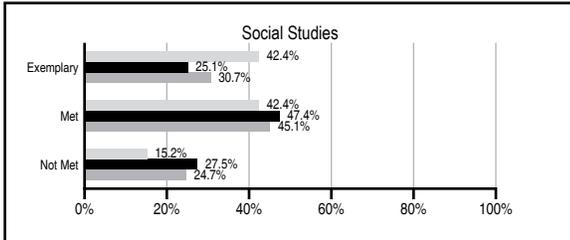
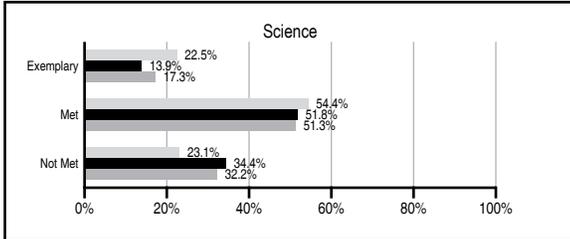
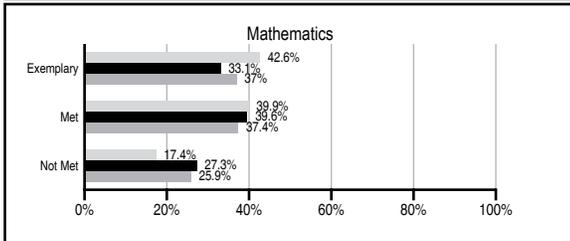
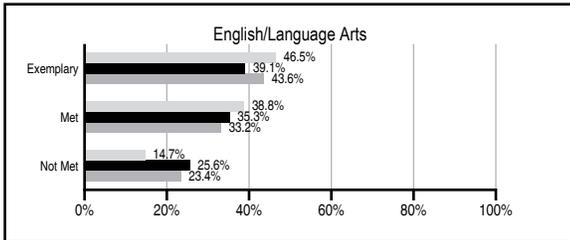
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	30	86	8	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

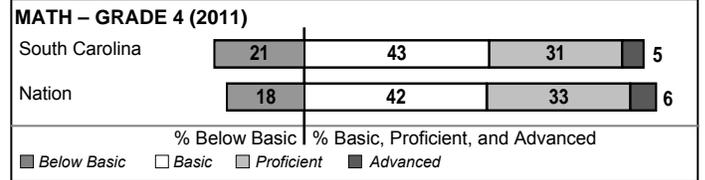
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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.*

### Abbreviations Key

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**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=679)</b>				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 3.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.3%	96.3%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=48)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.1%	Up from 76.1%	60.4%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Up from 89.8%	88.7%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	93.0%	Down from 93.9%	94.8%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,649	Up 2.5%	\$47,009	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	0.2 days	Down from 7.7 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.6 to 1	Down from 17.0 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Up from 88.2%	89.8%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	17.1%	Down from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,522	Down 3.0%	\$7,312	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.8%	Down from 68.8%	67.8%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.2%	Down from 65.2%	65.0%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	93.8	N/A	88.5	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	91	53
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	83.3%	96.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	73.6%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.9%	94.5%	92.2%

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

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, Williams Memorial Elementary remained consistent in providing its students with a top of the line educational program. The school received a visit from the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Zais, who recognized WMES for demonstrating that all children are capable of learning at a high level and we were again recognized by the state with the Palmetto Silver Award.

WMES enters its third year as a TAP (Teacher Advancement Program) school, providing teachers with on-going, focused professional development and teacher performance incentives for academic student growth. All of the teachers at WMES are highly qualified, thirteen are Nationally Board Certified, and for the sixth time in as many years, WMES has Dorchester School District Four's Teacher of the Year.

In the classrooms, students are being offered sound standards based instruction through student centered, hands on activities. The teachers analyze all of the data from each of the school's many assessments to develop differentiated learning opportunities through small group instruction, literacy work stations, centers and flex grouping. Beyond the classroom, hundreds of our students excelled in one of our many extra-curricular offerings that included the Art Club, Chorus, Basketball, Cheerleading, Book Club, Math Club, Trebuchet Club, Nature Club, Soccer, TNT News Team, and Recycling Team. Also, in their first year as a club, the Robotics team, The Tigerbots, advanced through regional qualifiers to compete in the state competition in Columbia.

Our parents, grandparents and community members take an active part in the school by volunteering to be on the School Improvement Council or by taking an active role in our very supportive and hard working PTA. Families and community members joined us at our Academic Nights, Grandparent Luncheons, Veteran's Day Luncheons, WMES sporting events and Character Student of the Month breakfasts.

As we close the door on another successful school year, we can say with complete confidence that we are still "Paws"-itively the Best.

Anita Elliott, SIC Chairperson  
Jeffrey Beckwith, Principal

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