



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Doby's Mill Elementary School  
 Kershaw County School District  
 Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 560  
 Principal: Virginia K. Catoe  
 Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.  
 Board Chair: Mara H. Jones

## 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	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	NI
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

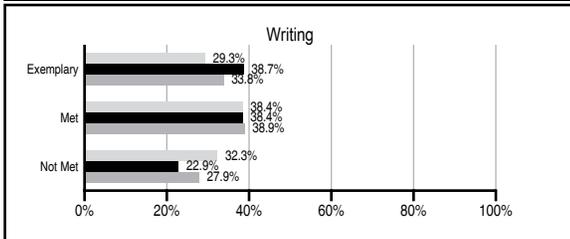
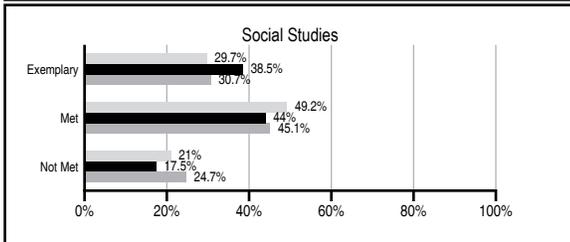
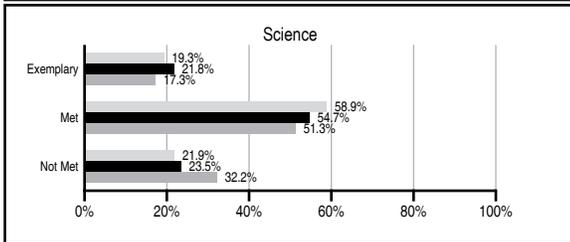
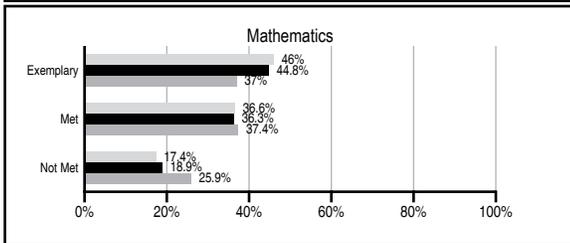
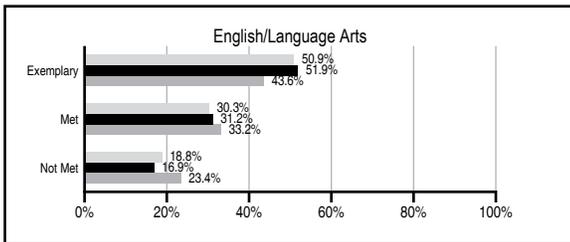
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
45	30	10	1	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=560)</b>				
Retention rate	1.6%	Up from 0.8%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.4%	96.8%	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=37)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	86.5%	Up from 85.7%	63.6%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.2%	Down from 90.2%	90.3%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,035	Down 0.0%	\$48,918	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Up from 13.6 days	11.8 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Up from 21.2 to 1	20.4 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 90.2%	90.5%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,453	Up 15.2%	\$6,885	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.5%	Down from 74.8%	68.4%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.6%	Down from 73.4%	66.5%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	88.7	N/A	95.1	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	39	96	64
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.6%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.2%	88.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	89.6%	95.2%

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

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

We celebrated our tenth anniversary during the 2011-2012 school year! Our "Decade in the Making" has been filled with fun, engaged learning, and continued academic progress. Throughout the year, our faculty, staff, and administration utilized data and current research to drive instruction. Tackle Monday data meetings were held monthly to plan enrichment and interventions. The continued, creative use of integrated technology into all subject area lessons afforded students with greater engagement and learning. By collaborating with teachers across all grades and curricular and fine arts areas, students have reaped the benefits of targeted, well-planned units of instruction. These collaborations were further highlighted during Read Across America Dr. Seuss Day, PBIS Celebration Cruise, Jump Rope for Heart, Science Fair, and Family Reading/Walking events. Teachers use common planning time to effectively research and plan instructional units.

Doby's Mill Elementary was recognized as a 2011-2013 South Carolina State School of Character, a 2012 National School of Character Nominee, a 2011-2013 Exemplary Writing School, 2010-2013 Red Carpet School, and the recipients of the Promising Practice for Beaming Beacon Award, the PBIS Red Ribbon Award, the SC Farm to School Grant, the Tool Box for Education Grant, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored Organwise Grant (only 2 in SC). We congratulate April Dixon for being our Reading Teacher of the Year and Andrea Derrick for being DME Teacher of the Year. Also, noteworthy, Helen Walker was recognized as being the 2011 Kershaw County District Teacher of the Year and one of five state finalists. Team GRIT won 3rd place in the Inspiration Award at the World Festival in St. Louis!

This year our incredible PTA continued their efforts to provide a variety of opportunities to promote parental involvement. Parent volunteerism is the cornerstone of our school's success and is further promoted by the targeted efforts of our supportive SIC. We met 18 of 19 NCLB objectives on our 2011 report card. Our compliance rating is 94.7%, and we earned an Excellent Absolute rating and Good Growth rating. Our challenges include maintaining our excellent report card ratings and achieving AYP status as the bar continues to rise. We will continue to address the challenges through our Title I interventions, differentiated instruction, use of technology, and by providing our staff with the training and materials needed to achieve success.

The mission of Doby's Mill Elementary School, in partnership with our community, is to provide a safe, nurturing, and innovative learning environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills to become self-disciplined, responsible, and productive citizens. A Title I school, our faculty, staff, and parents hold high standards for all students. Student safety and improving student success remain our top priorities. Our plans for the 2012-2013 school year are to work to integrate and implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Our Math Model and Literacy Model will need to be revised to address the implementation of the new CCSS initiatives. Our highly motivated teachers and staff are dedicated and determined, and our students are bright and eager! Our fun, challenging, and enriching learning environment epitomizes our profound passion to educate!

Ginger Catoe, Principal

Debbie Sims, SIC President

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