



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Tamassee-Salem Elementary School  
 School District of Oconee  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 280  
 Principal: Lisa Simmons  
 Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas  
 Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

## 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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2010	Good	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

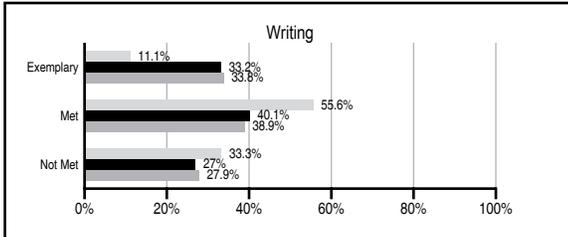
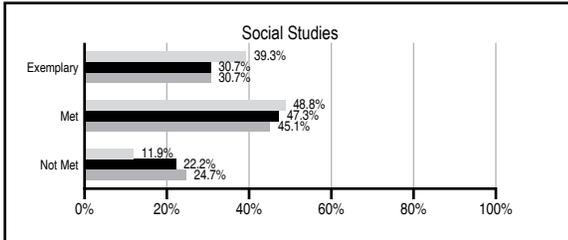
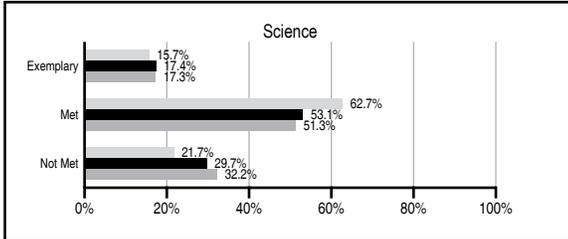
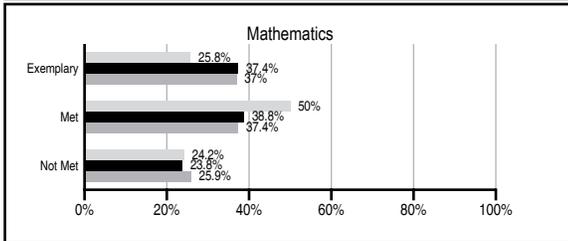
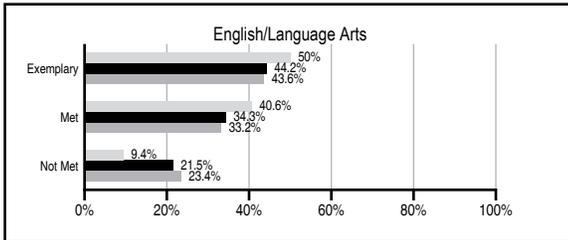
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	47	49	2	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.

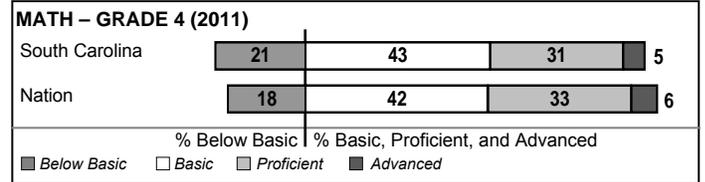
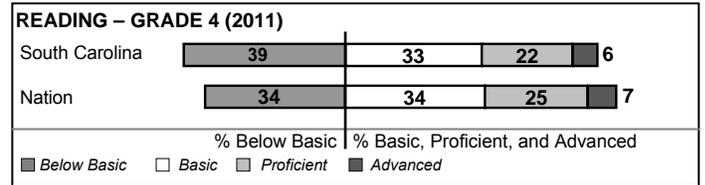
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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.*

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**[School District of Oconee]**

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=280)</b>				
Retention rate	4.2%	Up from 3.0%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.8%	96.4%	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=24)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 52.0%	61.8%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	93.3%	Up from 91.3%	89.9%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	89.0%	Down from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,542	Up 5.3%	\$47,436	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 10.8 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.5	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	Up from 18.7 to 1	20.1 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.7%	Down from 89.9%	90.2%	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	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,667	Up 3.2%	\$7,027	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.1%	Up from 61.1%	67.8%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.1%	Up from 59.2%	66.0%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	96.0	N/A	91.5	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	46	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.5%	96.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.5%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.7%	87.0%	89.7%

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

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Tamassee-Salem Elementary School is a 4K - 5th grade school that serves 286 students, including 4K. The mission of Tamassee-Salem Elementary is to provide a safe learning environment where all students reach their full potential. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2011 - 2012 school year! Our school met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Legislation. We were also recognized by the state as a Palmetto Silver Award winning school. The continued analysis of our state testing and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data allows us to reflect upon our instructional strategies so that we can be assured we are meeting the needs of all of our students. Our MAP scores continue to meet the district and national averages. Professional development continues to be a key component in our success. Our teachers received training in various areas in order to help meet the ever-changing needs of our students.

The academic success and well-being of our students at Tamassee-Salem Elementary School are always the chief factors in decision making at our school. We pride ourselves on offering a welcoming and safe environment not only to our students, but also to our families. Our school is accredited by the South Carolina Council on Accreditation and School Improvement along with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our Pre-K program is licensed by the Department of Social Services. Our students participated in before school activities, such as reading and math computer labs, chorus, and Cougar Leaders. Our 4th and 5th graders are also given the opportunity to participate in an art club after school. Our chorus participated in the annual district wide Mayfest Choral Performance and many of our students were also invited to participate in the K - 5 Annual Artist Exhibit at the Blue Ridge Arts Association.

Chick-Fil-A of Seneca continues to be our business partner for character education and our monthly spirit nights. Our students, staff, and families continue to have the opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life raised money for the American Cancer Society and our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association.

As you can see, Tamassee-Salem Elementary School has numerous accomplishments to be proud of. These accomplishments are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, students, and families. We appreciate the support of our community who volunteer many hours to our students. It is truly a team effort!

Shanon H. Lusk, Principal  
 Tricia Burgess, SIC Chair

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