



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Calhoun Academy of the Arts
ANDERSON 5
 Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 635
 Principal: Mrs. Ann D. Self
 Superintendent: Thomas A. Wilson
 Board Chair: Rick Bradshaw

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
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Average	GOLD	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Good	Good	SILVER	N/A	A	N/A

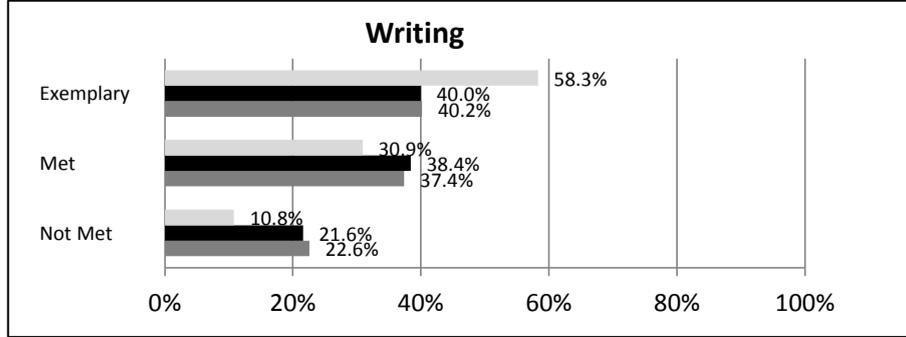
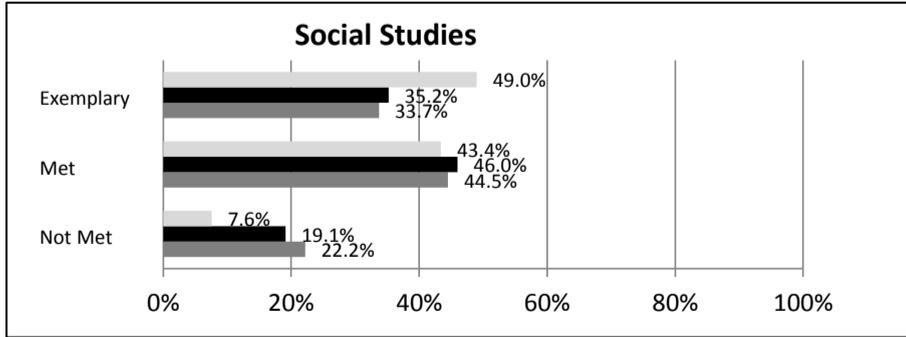
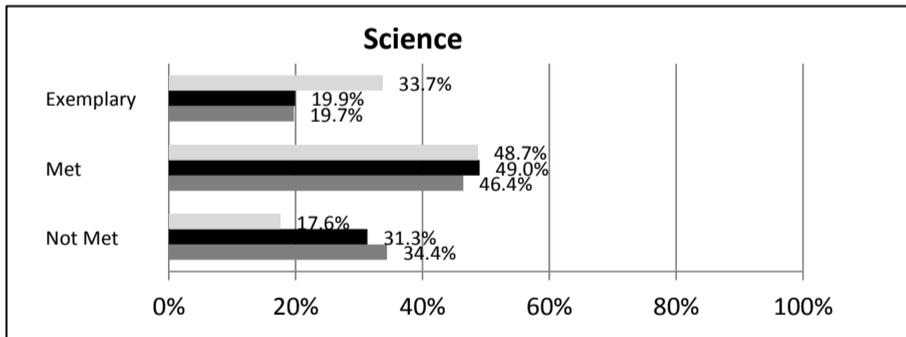
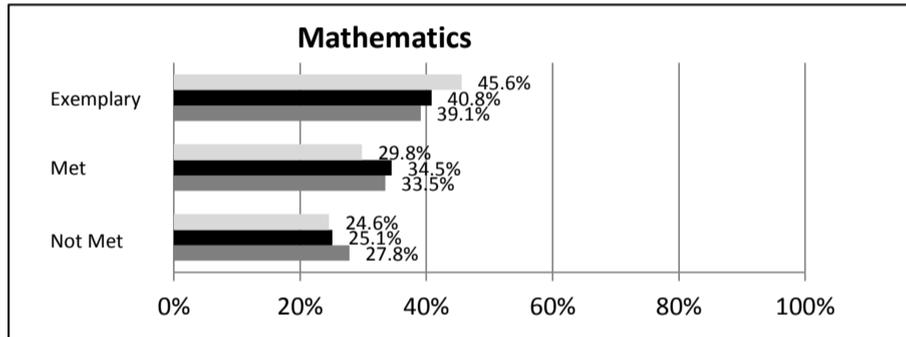
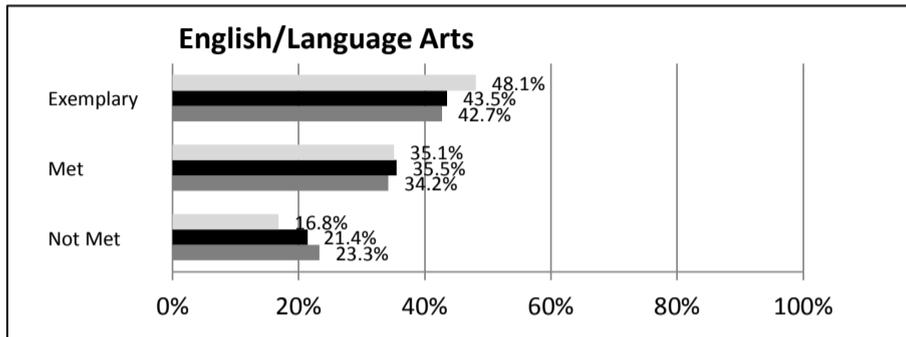
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
30	54	38	2	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elem Schools Statewide



NAEP*

*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 Schools
Students (n = 635)				
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.2%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.7%	Down from 8.4%	7.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.7%	Up from 10.1%	13.3%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.5%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.8%	Up from 52.3%	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	97.8%	Up from 84.1%	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 89.1%	89.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 96.3%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,573	Up 0.4%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	0.7 days	Down from 6.6 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	20.0	No change	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/A	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 92.0%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	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**	\$6,492	Up 10.7%	\$7,479	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.6%	Up from 68.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.6%	Up from 67.0%	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	95.6	Up from 87.4	88.4	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	68	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	77.9%	94.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	86.9%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.8%	94.2%	70.6%

*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

"Calhoun Academy of the Arts "saddled up for success" this year with a western theme and our 40-year anniversary as an elementary school. Our "40-Year Round-Up" in October was a four-hour celebration attended not only by hundreds of students, parents, and community member but also by past principals, teachers, and students who came back to their Calhoun family from many miles away. Calhoun students showcased their dance, drama, strings, visual art, and singing talents, with bluegrass music and barbecue provided by our Anderson community. We are particularly thankful to our phenomenal P.T.O., without whom this huge event could not have taken place.

We continue to embrace the integration of the arts and academics through artistic expression in our classrooms and student performances. Calhoun again was the recipient of South Carolina's ABC (Arts in Basic Curriculum) grant of \$7500. This provided funding for comic artist Dave McDonald, who taught our fifth graders the elements of story-writing through comic strip drawing. We were also able to continue our relationship with storyteller Tim Lowry, who helped coordinate Colonial Day for our fourth graders. The grant also helped fund our mammoth school-wide student performance in March, Books to Broadway, which featured the singing, dancing, and acting talents of our students and staff. Other school performances this year include Christmas at the O.K. Corral by second grade; strings and chorus concerts; and collaborative performances with dance and art in which students showcased original dance moves while their own artwork was displayed on the stage backdrop. Our music and drama (MAD) departments also collaborated to perform class-written scripts and songs that integrated academic standards, MAD about Learning. All students showcased their artwork at a school-wide art show in October. The artworks of many Calhoun students were featured at the countywide art show, and first place winner of the elementary division was from Calhoun. Additionally, for the third consecutive year, Calhoun was a winner at the AnMed art show. We are also proud of our fifth grade advanced strings students, who brought home awards from the S.C. Solo and Ensemble Festival, and our honors chorus, who participated in a district choral clinic.

Calhoun received an excellent rating on our school report card this year, as well as AYP status and the Palmetto Silver Award. We continued our status as an Exemplary Writing School, as our students practiced journaling in every subject and student, parent, and staff writings were displayed throughout our school.

Calhoun fourth and fifth grade girls who are part of our ENGAGE club participated in community service and other activities this year that enhanced positive character traits and self-esteem. Fifth grade students ran our daily morning news show as they assumed roles of writers, news anchors, weather reporters, camera operators, and other technical support.

We wish to thank our PTO, who did so much for Calhoun this year, including purchasing each child a school T-shirt and providing funds for every grade level attend a performance at the Brooks Center. We are also thankful for our mentors of our Legacy Mentor Program for giving of their time to mentor our children and for our Anderson University student tutors of the America Reads, America Counts program. We join with our stakeholders as we continue to educate our children and inspire them to create, aspire, and achieve.

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