



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley River Creative Arts

Charleston

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 538

Principal: Jayne K. Ellicott

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley

Board Chair: Mr. Hillery Douglas

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Good	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Met	N/A

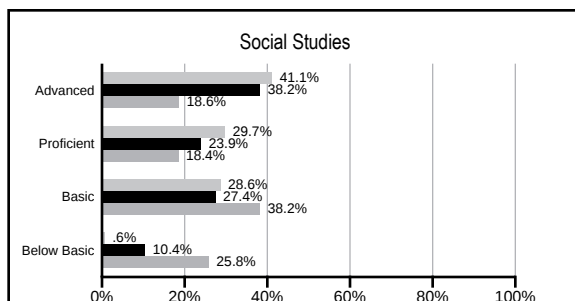
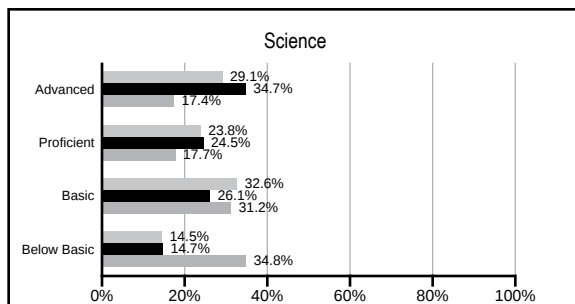
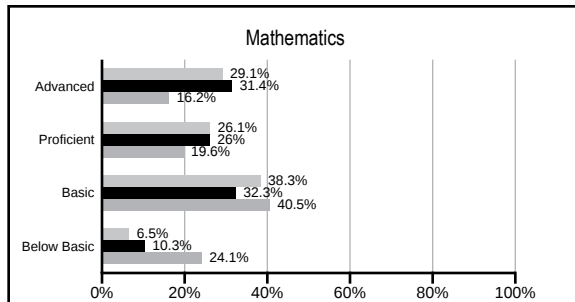
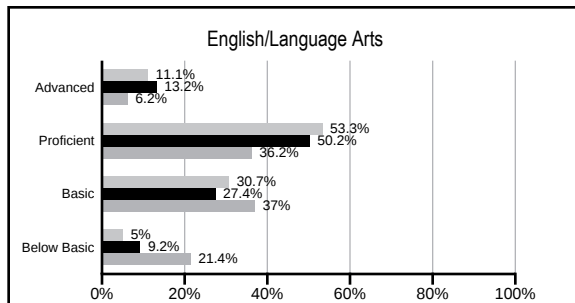
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	19	2	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

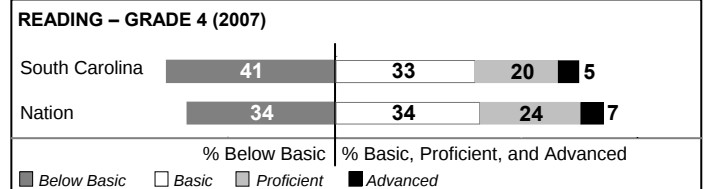
PACT PERFORMANCE

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 GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=538)				
Retention rate	1.5%	Down from 1.9%	1.2%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.8%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	23.9%	Down from 28.4%	24.5%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Down from 10.6%	5.7%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Up from 58.1%	59.2%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	89.7%	Up from 83.7%	78.9%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.3%	Down from 85.8%	88.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.4%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,243	Up 4.1%	\$46,812	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.6 to 1	Down from 20.2 to 1	19.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Up from 87.9%	90.5%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,509	Up 2.0%	\$6,491	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	75.4%	Up from 74.5%	72.8%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	69.7%	Up from 69.5%	64.4%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		90.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	87	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.3%	94.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.2%	93.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.7%	95.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary is proud of our many achievements during the 2007-2008 school year. We began last August with the first of many changes that will take place as we construct a new facility on site. The future could not be brighter as we focus on building a school with all the arts-integrated components. We met 21 out of 21 objectives for AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). Our overall Report Card rating was Good. We were recognized again for lowering the Achievement Gap. Ashley River has received this recognition four out of six years. Ashley River continues to strive to create a learning environment that promotes excellence for all students and to equip them with the skills they need to be successful.

Our arts-integrated focus is the driving force behind our curriculum. Our teachers and staff daily make connections with the arts and reading, math, writing, science, and social studies. We feel a sense of pride as we tour our school with visitors and observe drama, music, visual arts, and movement being used throughout the day. Our winter, spring, and ballet performances are regular reminders of how the arts boost confidence, increase the ability to focus, and reinforce skills.

Our School Improvement Council was an ambitious group during the year. We met monthly to discuss several concerns. The possibility of a traffic light or caution light on Highway 61 is still a goal for us. We also listened to a presentation by the Coastal Community Foundation about establishing endowments. We believe an endowment fund might be a wonderful way to leave a lasting gift to our school for future needs.

Our Artists in Residence program gave our students some wonderful opportunities to work with real artists. The highlight of this program is the opportunity to provide a ballet program during the year for all students. Lola McDonald is truly an asset to our staff. She works collaboratively with all faculty members to incorporate movement in our curriculum. Without the support of our PTA and business partners, we could not offer our students such varied opportunities.

Our school is recognized around the state and country. Yearly we welcome visitors to observe us. They travel home to replicate our program so other children may benefit from it. There is no greater tribute to our dedication and work than to know we are continuing to make a difference in the lives of many children. Thank you for your immeasurable support. You, our parents, are true partners, working by our side volunteering, organizing events, attending conferences, and making sure homework and projects are completed. Our mission statement, "Ashley River Creative Arts, in partnership with families and community, integrates the arts to provide students a strong academic curriculum," emphasizes the importance of harmony and cooperation between school and home.

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