



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Orange Grove Charter
Charleston

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 641

Principal: Larry DiCenzo

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	Average	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Good	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

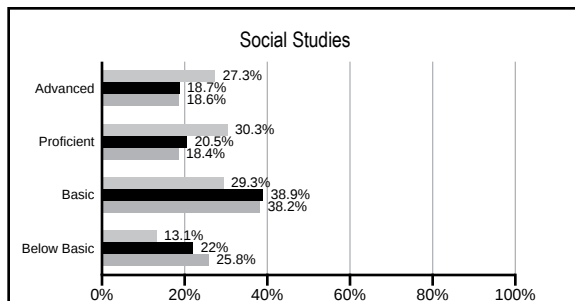
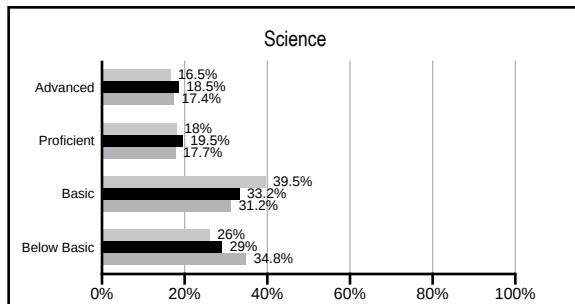
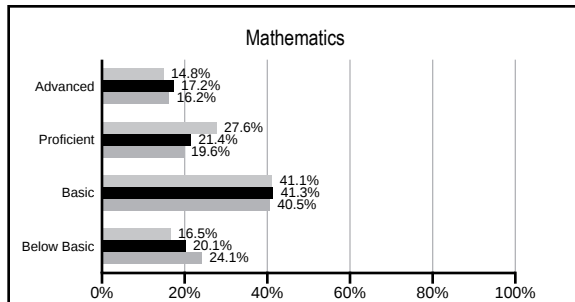
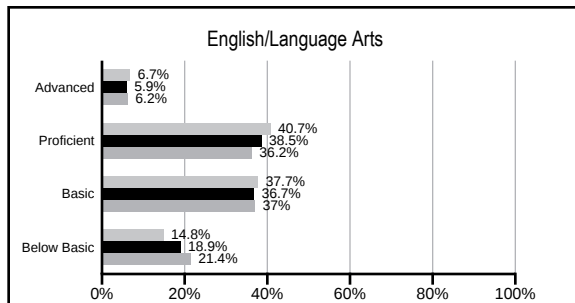
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	12	61	12	1

* 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.

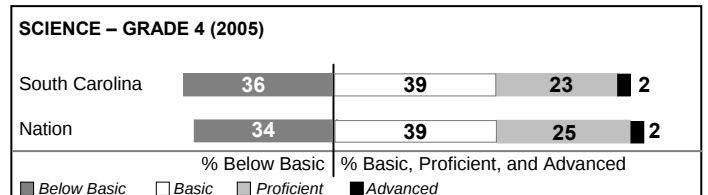
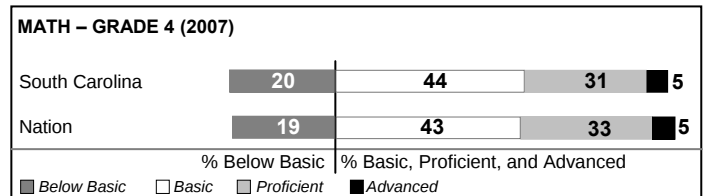
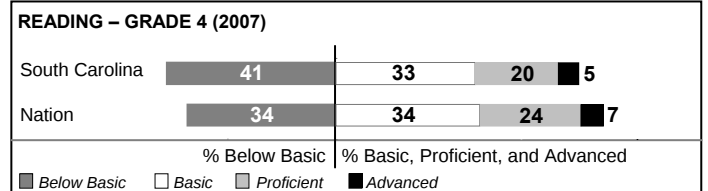
PACT PERFORMANCE

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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=641)				
Retention rate	4.1%	Down from 4.8%	2.2%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.3%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.5%	Down from 11.5%	11.2%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Down from 6.6%	8.5%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=61)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.9%	Up from 68.3%	56.6%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	78.7%	Up from 74.6%	80.0%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 96.7%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,836	Up 9.3%	\$45,023	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	No Change	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.2 to 1	Down from 16.9 to 1	18.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.8%	Up from 92.5%	89.9%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	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	N/A	\$6,685	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	76.0%	N/A	68.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	69.6%	N/A	65.0%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		87.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	63	95	89
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.7%	90.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.5%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.4%	91.5%	92.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Orange Grove Elementary Charter School is temporarily located in North Charleston while our new school is being built in West Ashley. We will move into that new facility in the summer of 2009.

We draw our students from a wide range of cultural and socio-economic areas. Our school houses three self-contained special education classes in addition to two resource programs where students are mainstreamed when appropriate. We offer a traditional education that focuses on the basics, while enhancing the curriculum with technology, creative arts, and other programs.

Significant accomplishments and notable awards are the direct result of dedicated and motivated parents and teachers. For years, Orange Grove has been known for its exceptional levels of parent and community involvement. We have repeatedly achieved recognition for excellence at the local, state, and national levels. One of many significant accomplishments that speak to the excellence of Orange Grove is the 17 years we have received S.C. Incentive Awards for faculty and student attendance and student test scores, a claim that can only be made by a few schools statewide! We have received the Palmetto Gold Award three times and, this past year, received the Silver Award for the second time. We have been recognized by the S.C. Education Oversight Committee for closing the Achievement Gap through exemplary PACT performance of historically underachieving students. We have received this award four times. Mr. DiCenzo was also recognized as the South Carolina Public Charter School "Administrator of the Year."

We have established three goals for this year. They are as follows: We will infuse more technology into our curriculum and provide the staff development training to go along with it; students performing Below Basic on PACT must decrease by a minimum of 5%; students performing in the Proficient and Advanced levels will increase by a minimum of 5%. The strategy we will use to accomplish the last two goals is to provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum that ensures all students have the opportunity to meet grade-level standards and maximize their ability to achieve.

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