



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

B D Lee Elementary

Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 437

Principal: Mrs. Sharon Jefferies

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

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GOOD

0

AVERAGE

17

BELOW AVERAGE

62

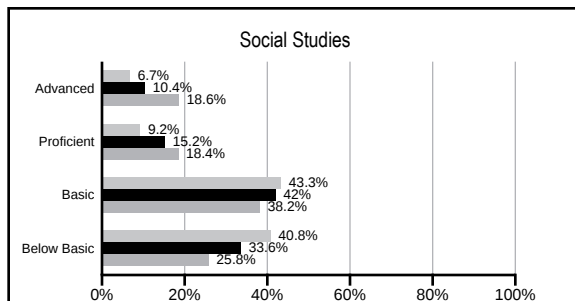
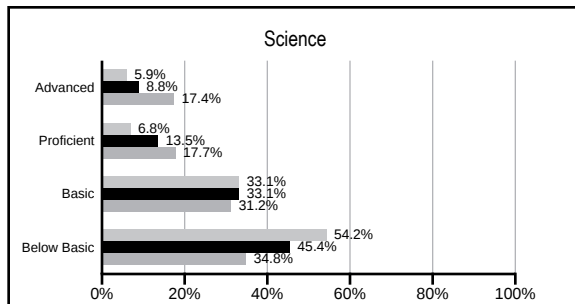
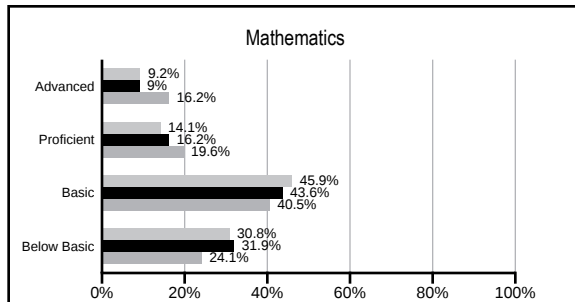
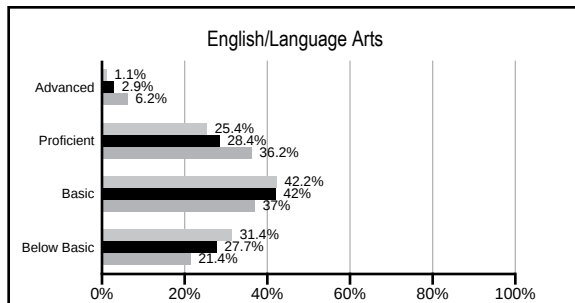
AT-RISK

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* 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

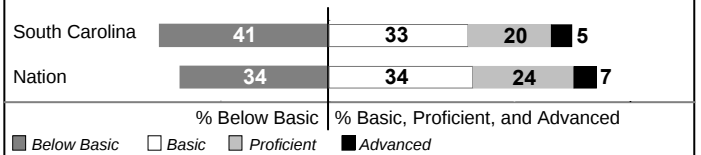
Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



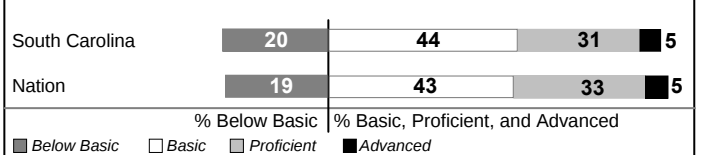
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

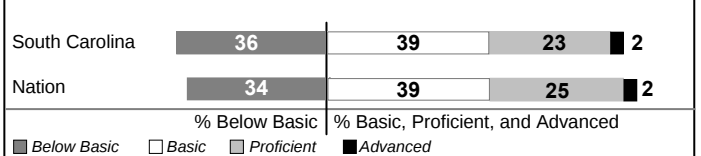
READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



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=437)				
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 1.3%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.1%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.1%	No Change	6.2%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.0%	Up from 3.3%	8.4%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.9%	Up from 73.1%	54.2%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	89.7%	Down from 92.3%	71.8%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Up from 88.0%	85.0%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.0%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$48,243	Up 0.6%	\$44,314	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Up from 21.4 to 1	17.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	No Change	88.9%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,904	Up 1.9%	\$7,616	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	73.1%	Up from 69.4%	69.1%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	69.7%	Up from 66.7%	62.9%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%		76.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	59	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.2%	94.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.2%	83.1%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%	84.5%	91.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year at B. D. Lee Elementary was focused on improving student achievement, character development, increasing school-home communications, and increasing our school absolute and improvement rating to the next level. In an effort to achieve these goals, teachers correlated standards to both instruction and assessment to increase student achievement. Dominie Assessment was utilized to provide Differentiation of Instruction and Reading Recovery was implemented to serve as one-on-one and small group early intervention. Emphasis was also placed on a school-wide character education broadcast and family-centered activities.

Our literacy and math coaches have continuously provided collaboration among teachers to assist with implementation of effective, research-based teaching strategies. Teachers have been assisted with testing analysis, alignment of standards, and differentiated instruction to allow students to excel in reading, writing, and math. Teachers engaged in technology staff development to learn to integrate technology lessons across the curriculum.

This year, Karen Martin received an EIA Grant, and Cindy Byars received an SCIRA Grant that provided materials in Math and ELA for our students. We have two teachers who are National Board Certified: Karen Henderson and Cindy Byars. Mary Starnes was selected as Teacher of the Year for our school. B. D. Lee received the South Carolina Red Carpet Award in recognition of its family-friendly atmosphere. B. D. Lee has received national recognition by making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

Students participated in educational field trips to Riverbanks Zoo, Barnum & Bailey Circus, Spartanburg Arts Center, USC Upstate Science Fair, Outback Steak House, Nestle Corporation, and educational plays to enhance character education. Our business partner, Nestle, has provided a school/community partnership that has provided valuable experiences and opportunities for our students through Pen Pals, Nestle Buddies, and Role Model Readers. The Boys & Girls Club has provided youth development and core programs, such as character and leadership development, education and career development, health skills, the arts, fitness and recreation.

The School Improvement Council, PTO, teachers, and students have worked hard to make this a successful school year. Our parents, teachers, and students were very active in local fundraising, such as Jump Rope for Heart and Relay for Life. The PTO has taken on several Beautification Projects, such as the attractive landscaping that highlights the front of the building and two beautiful mural paintings within the school. The PTO has sponsored school programs, such as family night, student dances, scholastic school-wide book fair, teacher appreciation, PACT Day Celebration, field trips, and Awards Day to build communication between parents, teachers, and students. We are very thankful for the commitment and dedication of our PTO, teachers, students, and community members.

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Jay McCraw, SIC Chair

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