



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Luther Vaughan Elementary

Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 300

Principal: Dr. Ronald W. Cope

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	At-Risk	Average	TBD	Not Met	CSI
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

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GOOD

4

AVERAGE

4

BELOW AVERAGE

37

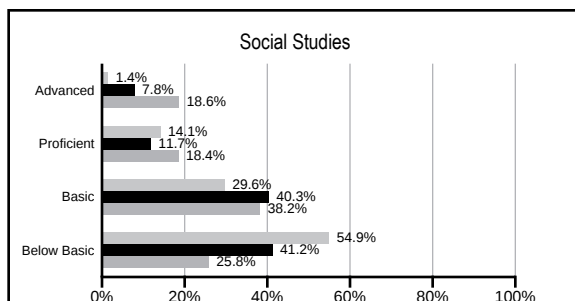
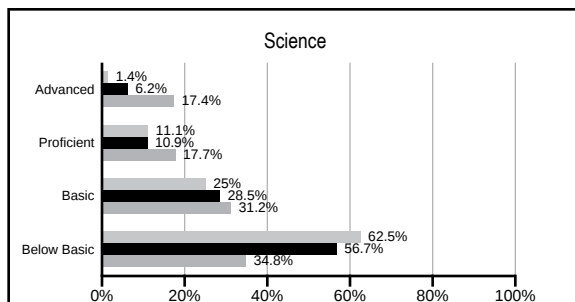
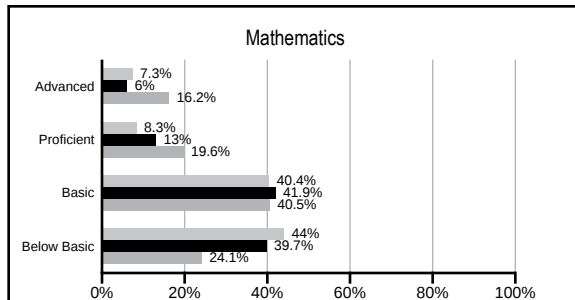
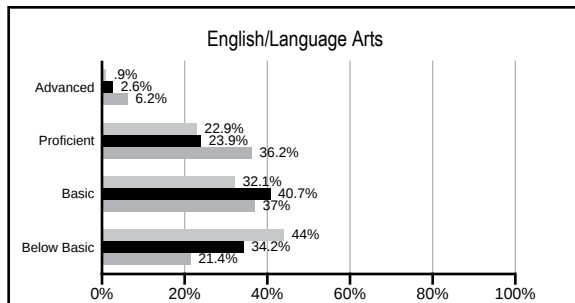
AT-RISK

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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

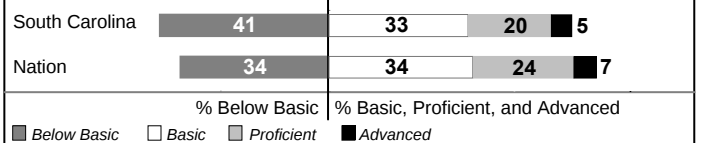
Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



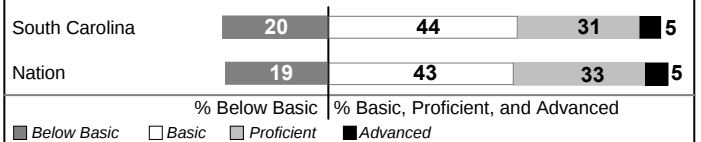
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

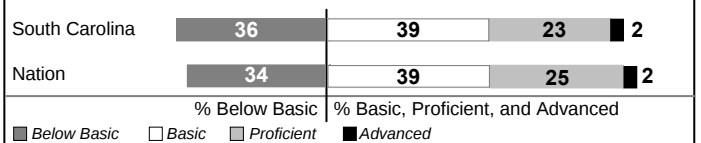
READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



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=300)				
Retention rate	2.1%	Up from 1.6%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.8%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	3.7%	Up from 2.8%	2.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Up from 9.1%	7.6%	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	58.6%	Down from 63.0%	53.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	79.3%	Down from 88.9%	67.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Down from 86.5%	82.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 93.9%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,905	Up 2.6%	\$43,616	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 4.2%	2.2%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.9 to 1	Down from 18.7 to 1	16.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Up from 87.3%	89.2%	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*	\$8,776	Down 1.5%	\$8,228	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	67.4%	Down from 67.5%	68.3%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	63.5%	Down from 64.6%	60.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%		66.7%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	34	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.0%	88.2%	82.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	70.6%	74.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.6%	91.2%	74.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2007-08 school year, we at Luther L. Vaughan Elementary continued to strive to achieve excellence in education for all of our students. There are still many challenges to face in our journey, but our faculty, staff, parents, students, and community partners continue to work to reach our goal. Some of the many successes achieved at Luther L. Vaughan Elementary School during this past year include: special-education teacher Mrs. Shelley Phillips was selected as Teacher-of-the-Year for Luther L. Vaughan Elementary School and ESOL teacher Mrs. Susan Caggiano was chosen as Reading Teacher-of-the-Year. We completed our fourth year of Year-Round classes. During our intersession times we continued to offer both remedial and enrichment classes for our students. We were again able to offer an after-school homework assistance program for our students. We employed three instructional facilitators to assist students in reaching academic achievement goals. We continued to offer free English language classes for our non-English speaking parents and their families.

Our community partnerships with Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp., The Gaffney Ledger Newspaper, Dr. Mac Carroll, and Camp BOB were maintained. All rising fourth-graders are eligible to attend a free, two-week summer camp program at Camp BOB.

Members of Restoration Church provided lunch buddies for our students. And parents and other community members continue to volunteer their time to assist teachers and students.

Still, our greatest challenge is to continue to improve our students' standardized achievement test scores. It is our goal to have at least 60% of students scoring proficient or above.

We look forward to the challenges and potential rewards that the future holds for our schools and its students.

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