



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Limestone/Central Elementary

Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 471

Principal: M. Clayton Fowler

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

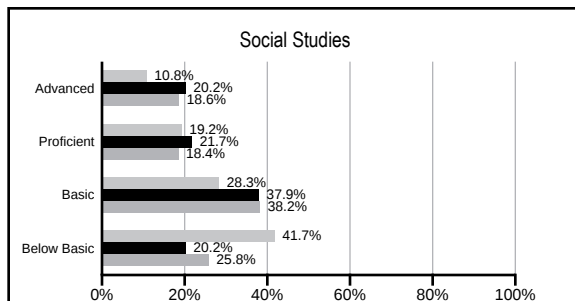
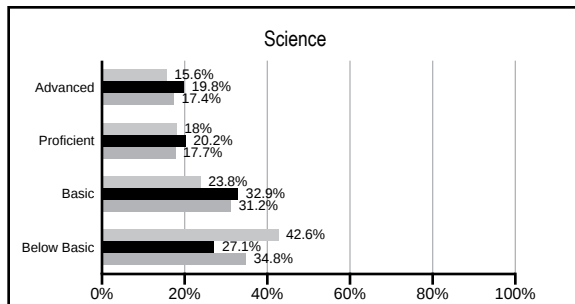
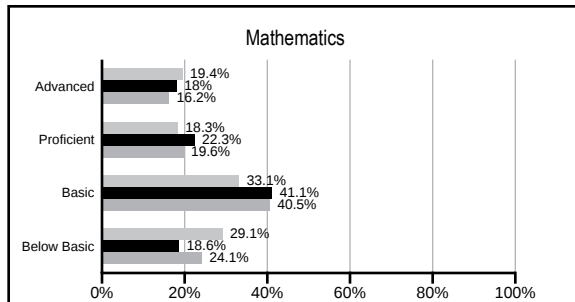
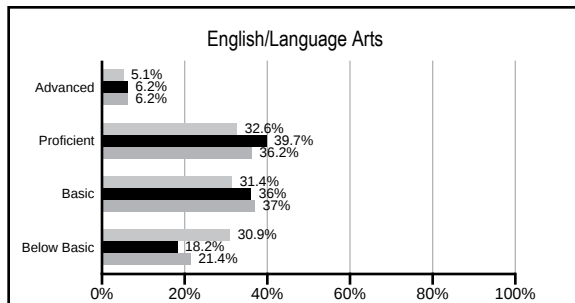
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	15	59	5	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

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=471)				
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 0.9%	2.3%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.9%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.1%	Down from 13.7%	12.3%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	3.4%	Down from 4.5%	8.1%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=32)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.3%	Down from 64.3%	55.8%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	78.1%	Up from 75.0%	78.9%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.9%	Down from 85.2%	87.9%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.6%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,920	Up 0.1%	\$45,036	\$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	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Down from 19.6 to 1	18.9 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 89.6%	90.5%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,457	Down 6.5%	\$6,479	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	71.9%	Up from 70.2%	69.7%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	68.2%	Up from 67.2%	65.4%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	70.6%		89.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	47	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	91.5%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.8%	85.1%	83.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.5%	85.1%	81.4%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our mission at Limestone Central Elementary School is to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of every child through partnerships with families and the community. Preparing our students to be responsible citizens and lifelong learners drives us to provide innovative educational experiences that meet the needs of the whole child.

Limestone Central uses a variety of instructional strategies to foster the academic success of our students. Teachers plan lessons based on a rich, standards-based educational program.

Our teachers provide quality, hands-on instruction through the use of technology and manipulatives. The staff diligently works to analyze diagnostic information about students to form small, instructional groups with a focus on differentiation.

Students at Limestone Central are also provided numerous opportunities to develop character traits through community service learning projects. These projects include Relay for Life, the Salvation Army canned food drive, Jump Rope for Heart, and collecting supplies for the Cherokee County Children's Home.

Special events and programs during the year included the Title I hotdog supper, Title I parent meetings, school cookout, field trips, P.E. program, Santa Shoppe, field day, PTO fundraiser, Timken lunch-buddy program, awards programs, and the school safety fair.

We thank you for your continued support.

M. Clayton Fowler, Principal
Carol Moss, SIC Chair

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