



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Grassy Pond Elementary

Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 496

Principal: Mrs. Nanette A. Ruppe

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

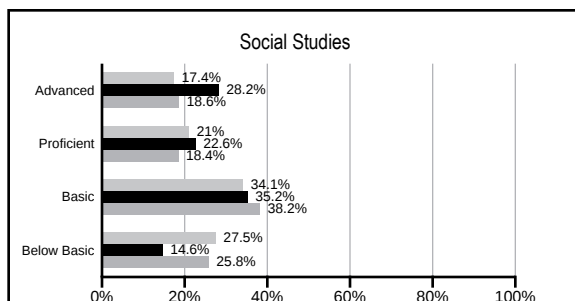
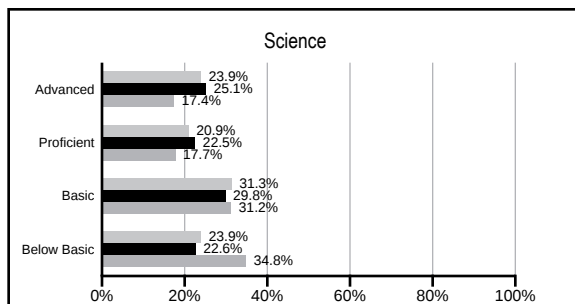
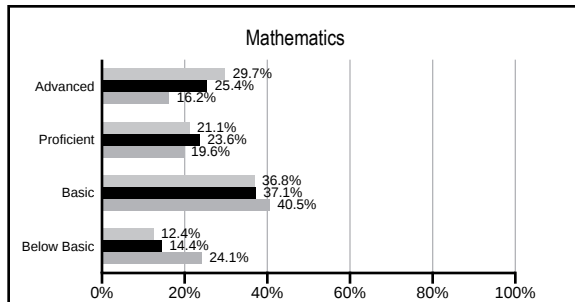
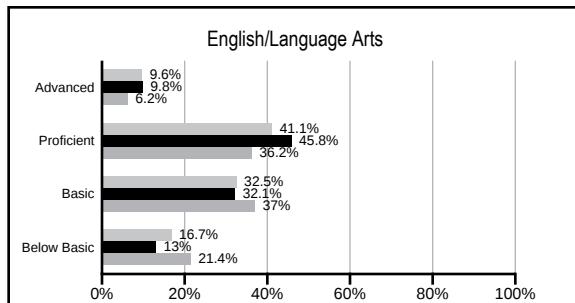
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	19	21	2	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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=496)				
Retention rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	1.6%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Down from 97.1%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.5%	Up from 16.7%	18.8%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	2.2%	Down from 3.4%	6.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.7%	Down from 68.8%	60.0%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	93.5%	Up from 90.6%	80.0%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.4%	Up from 93.6%	87.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.5%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,069	Up 4.3%	\$46,664	\$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	20.5 to 1	Up from 20.3 to 1	20.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.9%	Up from 91.2%	90.3%	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*	\$5,566	Down 2.4%	\$6,689	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.7%	Up from 69.6%	70.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	71.3%	Up from 68.6%	65.7%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	88.2%		92.3%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	77	62
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.9%	87.0%	86.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.9%	87.8%	90.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.0%	89.3%	83.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Grassy Pond had a very successful year in 2007-2008. Administration, teachers and staff, students, parents, and community worked cooperatively to accomplish many things.

By prioritizing literacy, students improved in all subjects across the curriculum. Through assessment practices, such as Dominie and analysis of MAP data, teachers set reasonable academic goals for students, made wise instructional decisions, and saw increases in MAP scores and classroom performances for all students. With a continued emphasis of technology through the use of document cameras, Promethean Boards, and CPS units, students enjoyed and participated in daily activities and teachers offered innovative and differentiated instruction.

The School Improvement Council met regularly to complete a School Renewal Plan, while the Parent Teacher Organization continued to raise money for classroom materials and supplies, field trips, and technology.

Mr. Ryan Godfrey was named Teacher of the Year, and Mrs. Jan Lowry was named Distinguished Teacher of Reading.

The students continued to demonstrate service to others by raising more than \$5000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Cherokee County Children's Home, March of Dimes, and Relay for Life.

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