



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sara Collins Elementary
Greenville

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 798

Principal: Alice Arrington

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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

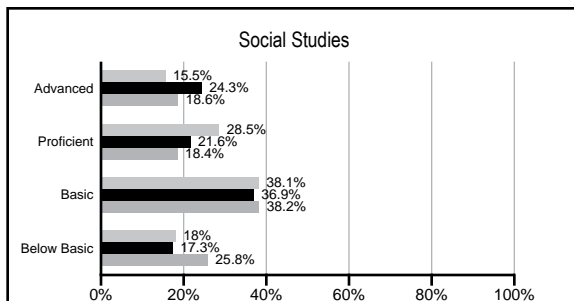
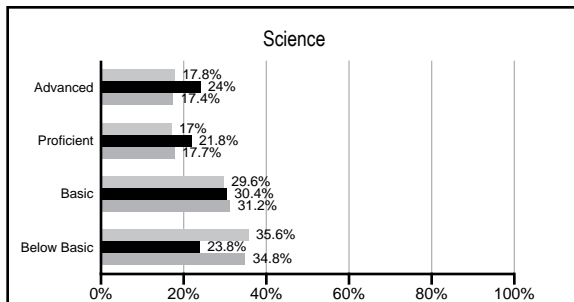
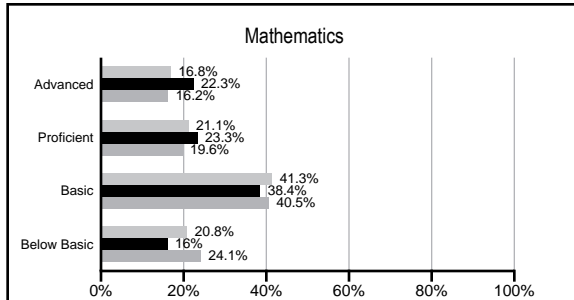
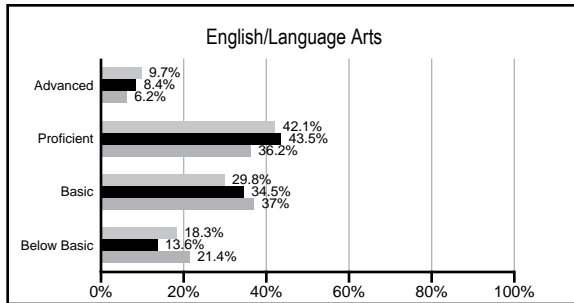
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	34	55	3	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.

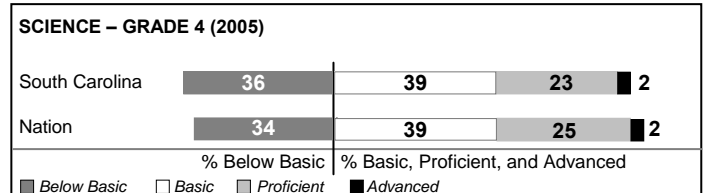
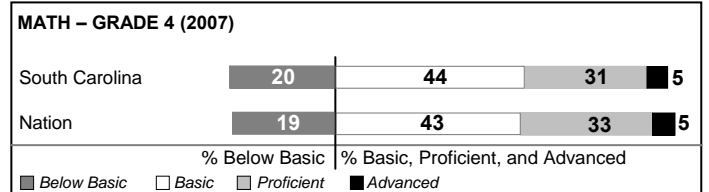
PACT PERFORMANCE

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=798)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 2.6%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.2%	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.8%	Up from 16.3%	18.0%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	17.4%	Up from 14.4%	6.6%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.9%	Down from 51.0%	61.0%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Up from 70.6%	79.7%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.9%	Down from 84.4%	87.9%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.3%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,415	Up 5.4%	\$46,845	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3%	Down from 3.6%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	19.6 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Down from 90.2%	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*	\$7,161	Up 5.7%	\$6,488	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.5%	Down from 71.8%	70.2%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.7%	Down from 69.9%	66.7%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%		90.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	81	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.0%	93.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.5%	90.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.5%	86.4%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Sara Collins Elementary is an urban school located in the city limits of Greenville, South Carolina. We are a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School. With the school motto, "Our kids are our world," we provide a quality international education to all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Our mission is to educate children to become knowledgeable, responsible citizens in a global society by providing a meaningful curriculum that integrates community and technological resources. Our program includes the district's Satellite program for orthopedic and hearing disabled students. Our emphasis is on international education, which includes Spanish instruction in grades one through five. Technology is an integral part of our program, with daily access for students in research, e-Portfolios, and a variety of productive software. Students and teachers have access to a full SuccessMaker Lab, three mobile laptop labs, Promethean boards, and a full range of content specific software. We believe Sara Collins Elementary is one of the most exciting learning communities in Greenville County.

Sara Collins Elementary and its staff have been recognized for their achievements and accomplishments on local, state, and national levels. We are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. We have most recently had The International Baccalaureate Organization authorized for the second time. This year, the South Carolina PTA recognized us as first place in the area of communication. We form productive partnerships with parents by promoting programs that connect students and parents in learning environments, such as Sizzling Saturday, Lunch and Learn sessions, and PTA events. We completed the third step to the Green Steps Program sponsored by South Carolina Resource Conservation Challenge. We partnered with the City of Greenville in the city planning program and a Safe Routes to School grant.

We currently have nine national board certified teachers. Other notable past awards include Miliiken Family Foundation National Educator Award, Palmetto's Finest Award, Village Green School, and Redbook Magazine Award for Innovative Teaching for Children with Special Needs.

We have a long, proud tradition at Sara Collins Elementary for providing a safe, caring environment and a strong educational program for all our students. We will continue to build on that tradition while we provide students with the education they need for a successful future.

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