



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Waterloo Elementary

Laurens 55

Grades: PK-5

Principal: Taria Stokes

Superintendent: Edgar C. Taylor

Board Chair: Rev. Charlie Short

Enrollment: 385

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

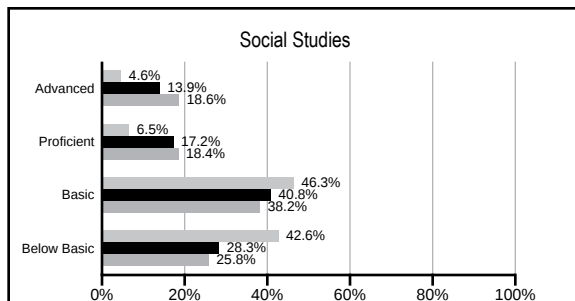
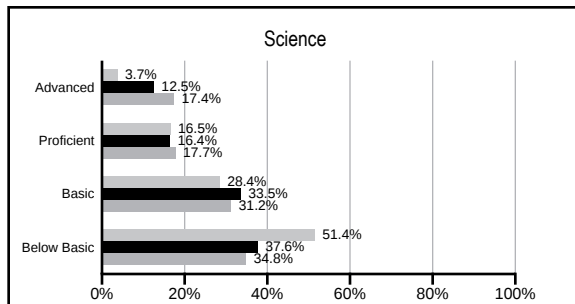
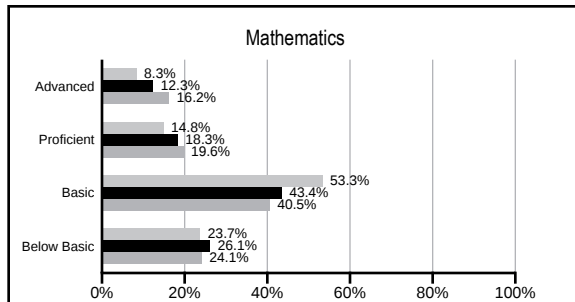
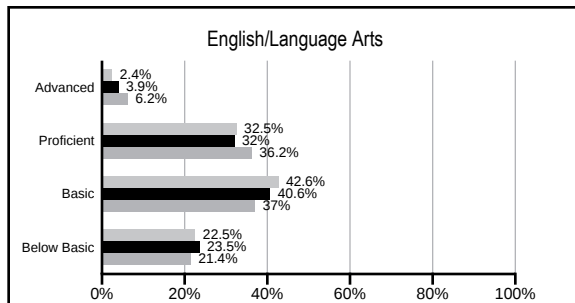
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	36	49	2

* 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.

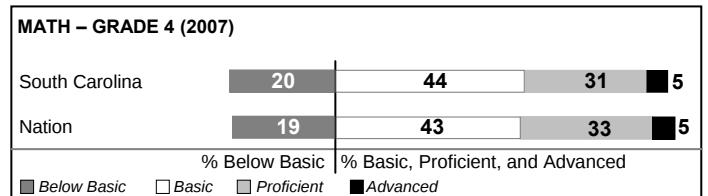
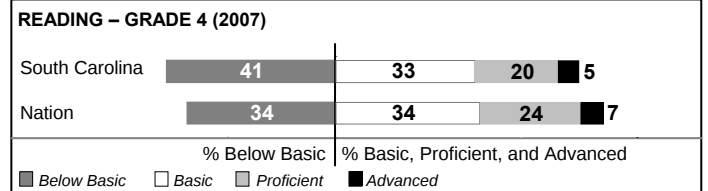
PACT PERFORMANCE

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=385)				
Retention rate	3.9%	Up from 3.6%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.4%	Up from 2.9%	7.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Up from 3.5%	9.0%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=22)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	31.8%	Up from 23.8%	54.3%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	63.6%	Down from 81.0%	76.7%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.1%	Down from 80.4%	86.2%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.5%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,348	Up 1.1%	\$45,014	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 18.7 to 1	18.2 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 87.1%	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*	\$5,831	Up 7.9%	\$7,363	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.5%	Up from 60.2%	68.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.7%	Up from 57.6%	63.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		80.0%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	65	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.9%	87.7%	88.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5%	81.5%	86.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.9%	85.5%	82.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Waterloo Elementary continues to be a “Beacon for the Community.” Our school lights the way for increased success for our teachers, students, parents, and community throughout the year.

The teachers continue to use the analysis of MAP data, Best Practices strategies, and differentiated instruction to help students reach their goals. This year, a math/science coach worked with teachers to plan and implement hands-on lessons. Waterloo Elementary finished SCRI training in literacy, but the literacy coach will continue to provide support to teachers and students. The media center sponsored various literacy initiatives (literacy parade, Read across America, storyteller, Reading on the Green, Books and Breakfast, Warm Up with Reading, etc.) to involve everyone in reading. Opportunities for students to receive free books for their home library were held throughout the year. Writing across the curriculum was emphasized this year, and Thinking Maps training has helped teachers provide visual clues for writers.

The community was an integral part of our school. Groups from the community sponsored events (Easter Egg Hunt, after school program, career day, fire prevention, etc.) for students and their families. Parents were involved in our volunteer program, SIC, and PTO. Donations from parents and businesses are always appreciated. A computer class for adults was offered through Lifelong Learning.

Character education continued to be a focus. Programs (Pro Kids show, Yellow Dino, Hospice grief counseling, etc.) for parents and children were available. Kiwanis Terrific Kids were chosen each month. Celebrations were held for attendance and improvement in academics. Ronald McDonald visited with a character message for all.

Waterloo Elementary strives to educate the “whole” child, providing engaging lessons and promoting good citizenship. Parents may choose traditional or Montessori education for their children. Whether it is traditional or Montessori, we know one day each of our students will be a “Beacon for the Community” in which they live.

Sherry E. Abrams, Principal
Kathy Richardson, Chairman SIC

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