



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pomaria/Garmany Elementary

Newberry

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 381

Principal: Beth Brooks

Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett

Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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

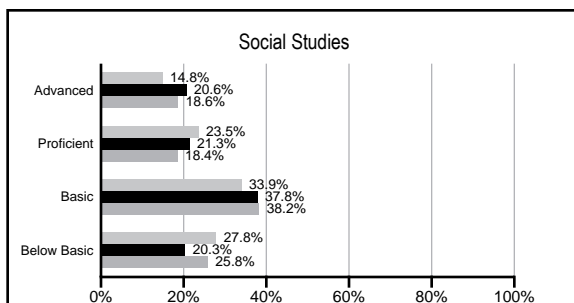
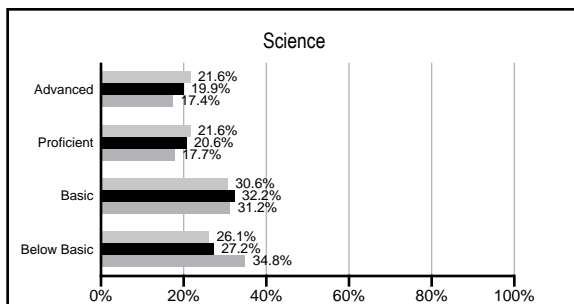
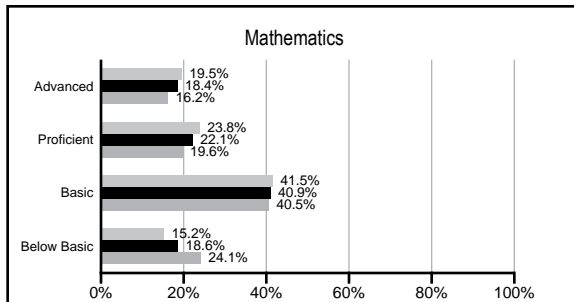
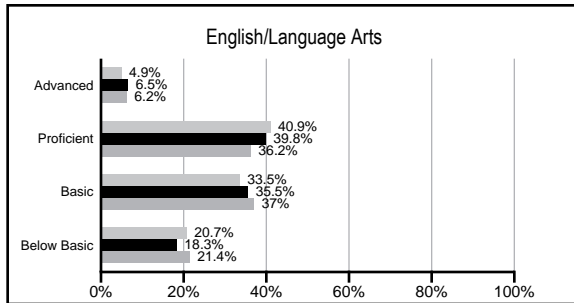
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	15	60	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.

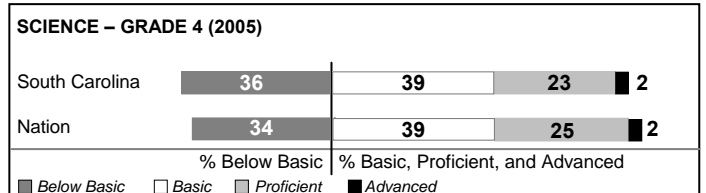
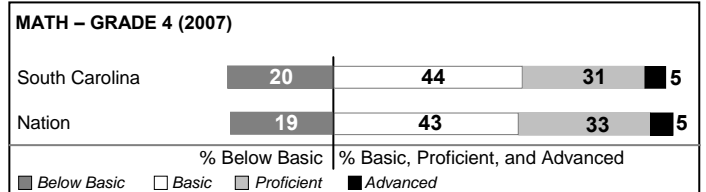
PACT PERFORMANCE

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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=381)				
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 6.4%	2.2%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.5%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.2%	Up from 15.1%	12.3%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.1%	Down from 6.3%	7.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%	Up from 62.5%	56.0%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Down from 87.5%	78.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Up from 89.6%	88.0%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,736	Up 7.4%	\$45,236	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	Up from 17.5 to 1	18.9 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 89.4%	90.5%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Fair	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,828	Up 14.4%	\$6,445	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	74.6%	Up from 74.3%	69.7%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	70.0%	Up from 68.8%	65.2%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	93.3%		89.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	58	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.6%	84.5%	86.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.3%	72.4%	78.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.7%	89.7%	80.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School is located in the rural community of Pomaria in Newberry County. Our school serves a diverse population of 407 students, which includes pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Fifty-five percent are Caucasian, twenty-one percent are African American, and twenty-two percent are Hispanic. Fifty-seven percent of our students qualify to participate in the free and reduced lunch program. Our school received Title I funding for the 2007-2008 school year.

Pomaria-Garmany is a SACS accredited institution, School of Promise, and Red Carpet School. Eight of our faculty members are National Board Certified teachers, and seven others began the application process during the 2007-2008 school year. The faculty participated in many professional development activities this year, including a Literacy Institute, IGPRO, and On Course Lesson Plans. We also participated in a book study focusing on making the transition easier for ELL (English Language Learners) students. First Steps continued to fund a summer program for ten kindergarten students to increase their readiness level for kindergarten. These awards and other activities demonstrate a hardworking and dedicated faculty and staff.

Students at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary made many accomplishments this year. Our pre-kindergarten program was continued through our Title I grant. On a school level, students were recognized at the end-of-year awards ceremony. Students were rewarded with trophies, pendants, and certificates. Parents and members of the community were invited to come out and support student achievement.

A fifth-grade student received a Citizenship Award and was recognized at the State House. There was also a school-wide winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Essay Award and a runner-up in the MESAS Science competition. Several students were recipients of the Duke TIP Talent Search Award. Two students were runners-ups in the S.C. Reel Contest. Weekly recognition for writing ability and character skills is a part of our news show. Students, under the guidance of our school media specialist, produce the daily morning news show. Third-grade students also serve as library helpers. They assist the media specialist in shelving books after school. The fourth-grade students maintain the PGE postal system and deliver mail to students, faculty, and staff. Fifth-grade students also are selected to serve as our morning STAR Patrol. STAR Patrol assist in school morning duties and model character skills for younger students. Students at Pomaria-Garmany experience learning outside the classroom through guest speakers and field trips.

Parents and community members actively support our school. Our PTO and School Improvement council are very active in making school decisions. The local community (parent volunteers, community members, churches, and civic organizations) is also very supportive in providing for the needs of our students. Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School is a learning partnership where parents, teachers, and community members work together to ensure that students are successful.

Beth S. Brooks, Principal

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