



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northside Elementary

Oconee

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 360

Principal: Geoff Smith

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Lucas

Board Chair: Harry B. Mays, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Below Average	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Good	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Average	N/A	Met	N/A

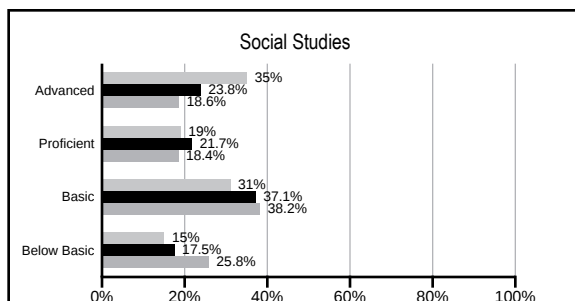
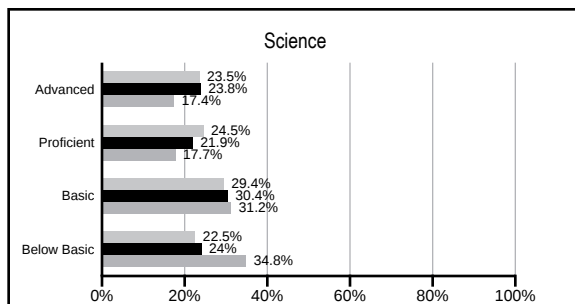
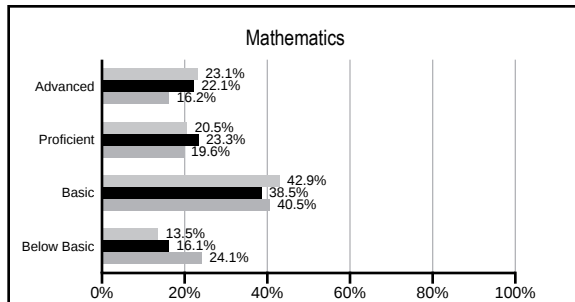
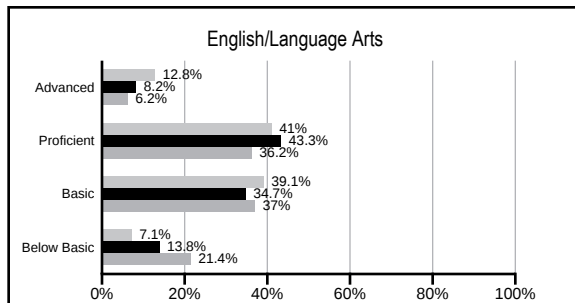
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	33	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.

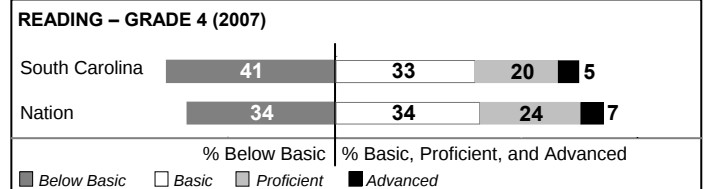
PACT PERFORMANCE

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=360)				
Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 2.9%	1.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.7%	No Change	96.5%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	24.4%	Up from 21.6%	16.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Down from 5.5%	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=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 60.7%	60.2%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	85.2%	Up from 82.1%	81.5%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.3%	Down from 82.7%	89.6%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 93.0%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,269	Up 2.1%	\$46,714	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.1 to 1	Up from 18.1 to 1	19.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 88.3%	90.2%	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*	\$8,130	Up 7.9%	\$6,515	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	65.5%	Down from 67.2%	69.7%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	62.2%	Down from 63.8%	65.6%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		92.3%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	58	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4%	94.8%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4%	93.1%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Northside Elementary School, in partnership with home and community, is to challenge every child to be a "Learner for Life." It is this team approach that makes Northside such an inviting, warm, safe, and nurturing place. Northside continues for the second time as a Red Carpet school for its service to children and the school community. It is a school of high expectations that wishes the very best for every child. Northside Elementary is a community of 358 students in grades kindergarten through grade five. There is an even split between male and female students, and a variety of cultural backgrounds are represented. Our class size in grades 1-3 averages 20, and in grades 4 and 5 the average is 23.

Students and staff here at Northside have the privilege of being in a building that is clean and attractive both outside and inside. The media center has an open format and averages 34,200 books checked out each year. Northside was the tri-county winner in the science fair competition. A fine arts program offers many opportunities for our students. Several pieces of student artwork are displayed in the community and around our school. The music program has benefited from grant money and provides many performance opportunities. Physical Education continues to teach students about fitness and general wellbeing. A new program titled Zest Quest has added a wellness coach to the school and integrates health standards into the general curriculum. Northside was the top school (of 14 schools) in the Zest Quest monthly challenge for faculty and staff. Speech, Reading Recovery, English as a Second Language, a Reading Strategies class, a Literacy Coach, and a Resource class all aid in the development of children needing additional assistance. Northside Elementary offers a comprehensive guidance program with a variety of programs to enhance each child's personal wellbeing. A gifted and talented class serves students who score at the state identified level. Instruction is infused with lessons utilizing Smartboards, United Streaming, and laptop computers as well as LCD projectors. The staff of Northside also does a terrific job in handling day-to-day clerical needs, keeping the school looking great, and preparing a breakfast and lunch program. Support from an active parent group as well as the School Improvement Council provides necessary input for continued growth and school improvement. A 5k/1 mile fun run was enjoyed by many. Community sponsorships from this event will assist in playground enhancements and promote fitness.

It is this well-rounded approach and quality daily instruction that has made test scores of Northside students consistently higher than the state averages and had the school recognized as a Palmetto Silver winner. Northside also met the federal mandate in the No Child Left Behind Act of making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the fifth year in a row. There is a continual analysis of MAP and PACT scores to seek ways to improve upon our daily instruction and support programs. Northside was again recognized by the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) for Closing the Gap for the fourth time. Through the commitment of the Northside staff, it is our goal to meet each child's needs and encourage them to be Learners for Life.

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