



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

James M. Brown Elementary

Oconee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 718

Principal: John M. Frady

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

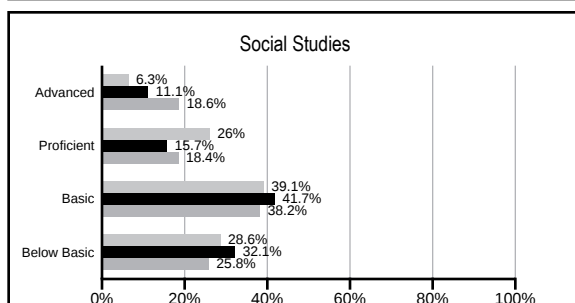
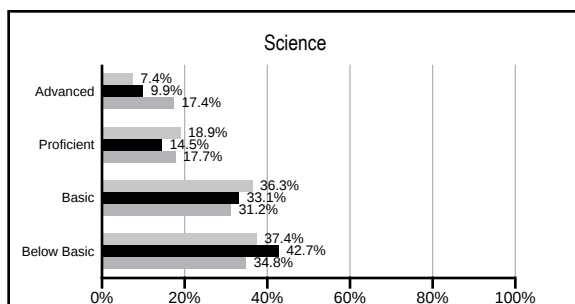
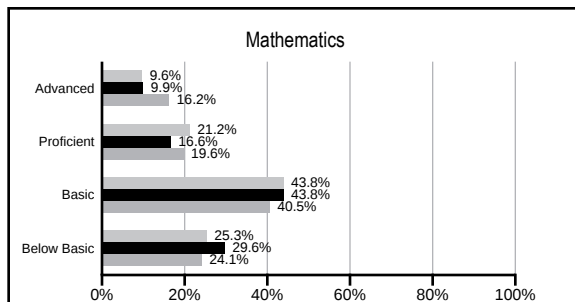
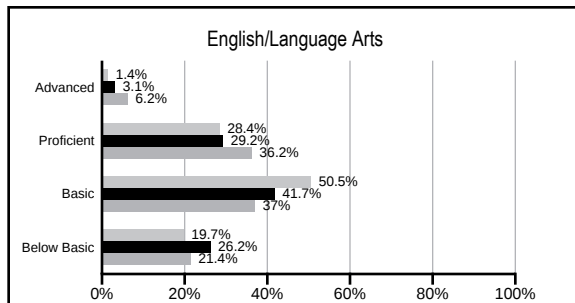
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	21	62	9

* 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.

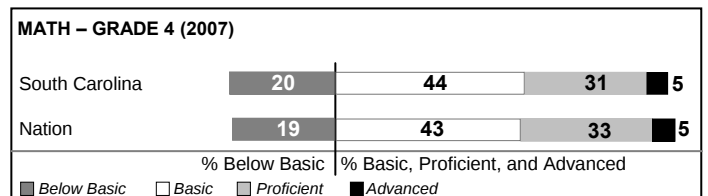
PACT PERFORMANCE

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=718)				
Retention rate	3.9%	Up from 3.2%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.8%	Down from 14.5%	6.5%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	Up from 8.4%	8.7%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.4%	Up from 52.6%	52.6%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	70.2%	Down from 78.9%	75.7%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Down from 92.8%	85.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 93.5%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,672	Down 2.7%	\$44,473	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.5	Up from 1.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Up from 16.7 to 1	18.1 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 87.9%	88.9%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,018	Up 0.6%	\$7,289	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	66.8%	Down from 69.7%	69.1%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	62.7%	Down from 64.6%	63.8%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	72.0%		76.7%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	94	94
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.0%	93.5%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.5%	92.5%	88.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	94.7%	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

James M. Brown Elementary School, a Title I school, is proud of the achievements of our students. We continually strive to seek out and improve the best educational programs and techniques for our children. Our mission is to develop lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible, honest citizens. Our dedicated staff works daily to ensure success and to meet the needs of each student.

James M. Brown Elementary School has been the recipient of numerous awards over the past several years. In addition to being named Carolina First Palmetto's Finest, James M. Brown Elementary School has been recognized as a South Carolina Honor Reading School and again in the 2006-2007 school year as a South Carolina Red Carpet School.

While striving towards our vision of getting the most for and from our students during their time at James M. Brown Elementary School, we are constantly researching new methods and programs to give them the greatest opportunity of educational success. James M. Brown Elementary School implemented a Reading Intervention Program during the 2007-2008 school year focused on meeting the needs of students struggling with reading fluency and comprehension. The program is based on a Response to Intervention (RTI) model that matches the students' difficulties with one of three intervention programs that were implemented by exceptional instructors that were specifically trained in their intervention product. We have been well pleased with the preliminary results of this program and will begin to expand to include math intervention in the 2008-2009 school year.

Test scores including PACT and MAP are analyzed yearly to determine strengths and areas for improvement. James M. Brown Elementary School consistently meets or exceeds the county and state in the percentage of students who score at or above standard on PACT.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and School Improvement Council (SIC) continue to play important parts in our successes. Donations from our PTO allowed for the purchase of toys for our Kindergarten students, gifts for our teacher appreciation program, and supplemental funding for the school's yearbook just to name a few. Our SIC and PTO hosted a luncheon for the Parent Advisory Cabinet. We look forward to even more progress with our PTO and SIC in the coming school year.

Our continued improvement is attributed to a highly qualified and dedicated faculty, strong parent and community support, and innovative, research-based programs. It is the goal of James M. Brown Elementary School to meet each child's needs and maximize his or her potential.

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Dave Mahon, SIC Chair

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