



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Walhalla Elementary

Oconee

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 510

Principal: Steve Harvey

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	Average	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Good	Silver	Met	N/A

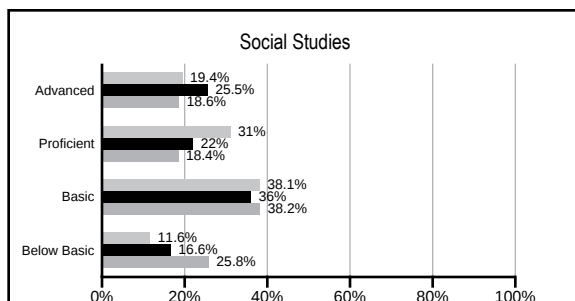
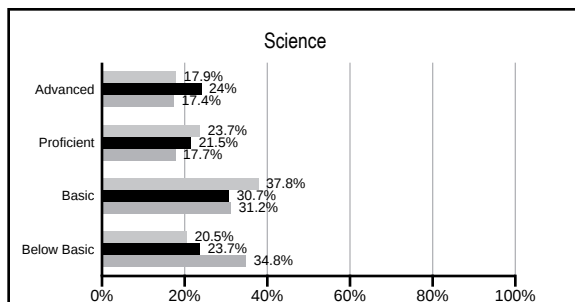
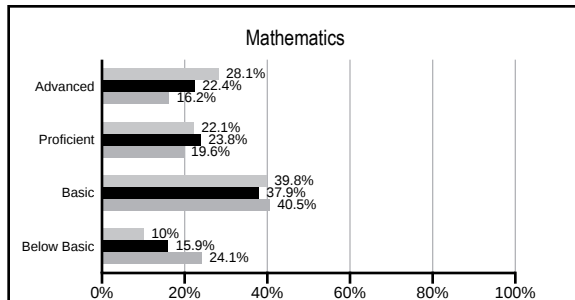
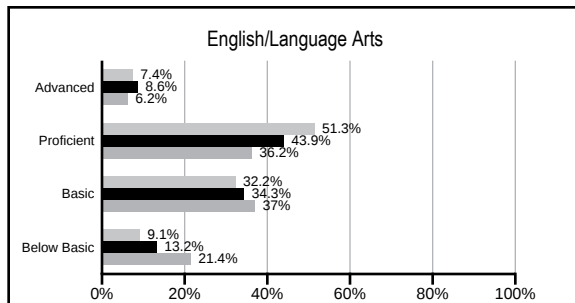
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	26	44	1	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

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=510)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 1.9%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.6%	96.5%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	26.9%	Up from 26.3%	16.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.4%	Down from 5.8%	6.5%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	34.2%	Up from 33.3%	60.7%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	78.9%	Up from 78.8%	80.6%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.9%	Up from 87.0%	88.8%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,744	Up 2.8%	\$46,809	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 21.7 to 1	19.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	Up from 91.2%	89.8%	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*	\$6,098	Down 6.7%	\$6,545	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	68.0%	Down from 69.1%	69.5%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	64.3%	Down from 65.5%	66.4%	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	40	70	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%	92.9%	93.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	100.0%	83.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Walhalla Elementary School is a K-5th grade school that serves 505 students. The mission of Walhalla Elementary School, in cooperation with the home and community, is to develop confident, responsible, productive lifelong learners by providing a total educational experience in a positive environment. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2007-2008 school year and we are continually looking for ways to improve. Our school met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Legislation and we received the Education Oversight Committee's "Closing the Gap" award for improving test scores for a historically underachieving group.

The continued analysis of our PACT test and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data allows us to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments, and programs so that we can be assured we are providing each student with the best possible opportunity to be successful. While our test scores consistently meet and exceed the state and district average for students scoring Basic or higher on PACT, we continue to strive for improvement.

Staff development continues to be a key component in our success. Our teachers received training in various areas in order to help meet the ever-changing needs of our students. Some of these areas include Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), Technology Integration, Balanced Literacy, Curriculum Mapping, Differentiated Instruction, and Spelling Instruction. A number of our teachers attended professional conferences and were able to share the information from the conferences with our entire staff.

Our students have opportunities above and beyond the regular school day. Our math and English/Language Arts (ELA) labs open before and after school. A homework center is provided three days a week for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Students in grades 4 and 5 can also participate in our Drama Club, Art Squad, and Chorus programs. Our Parent, Teacher, Student Team (PTST) and our School Improvement Council (SIC) continue to play important parts in our success. Donations from the PTST helped us purchase, among other things, an agenda for each student in grades 3, 4, and 5, instructional technology for our classrooms and computer lab, classroom supplies, and much more. The PTST also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner and our Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Our SIC sponsored our 4th annual Family Fun Run to promote physical fitness, Family Write Night (with storyteller Tim Lowery), Season's Readings, and Math and Science Night. We also hosted four ESOL Food and Family Nights for our families.

Our students, staff and families continue to have the opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life team raised over \$11,000 for the American Cancer Society, and our school held a Relay for Life mini-walk as part of our field day activities. Our school visited the local retirement home at Christmas and participated in a can tab drive for St. Jude's Children Hospital.

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