



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sunset Park Elementary
York 3

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 268

Principal: Tammy T. White

Superintendent: Dr. Lynn P. Moody

Board Chair: Bob Norwood

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	CA
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CSI
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	NI

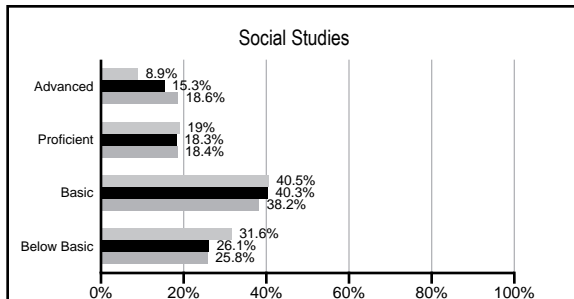
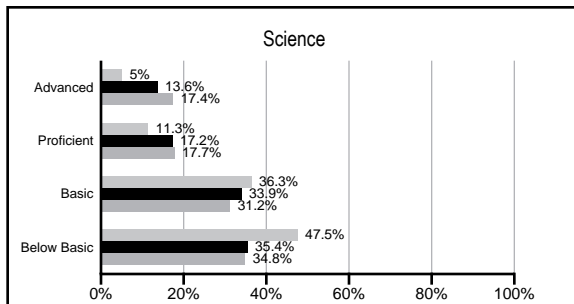
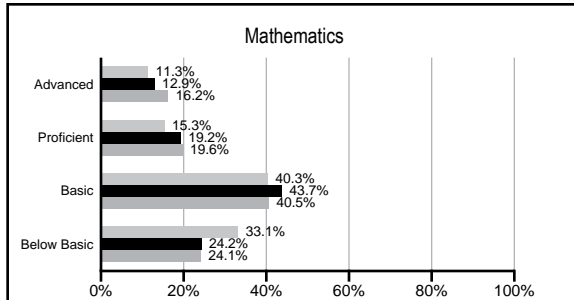
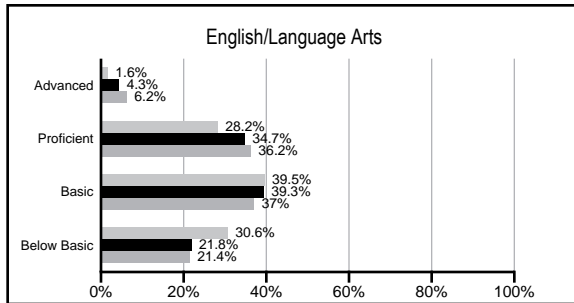
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	49	35	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.

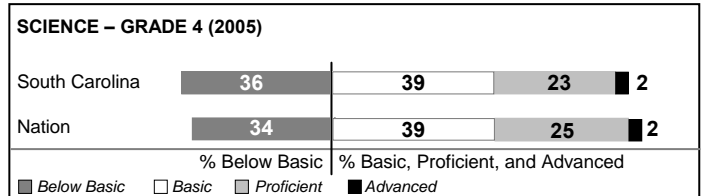
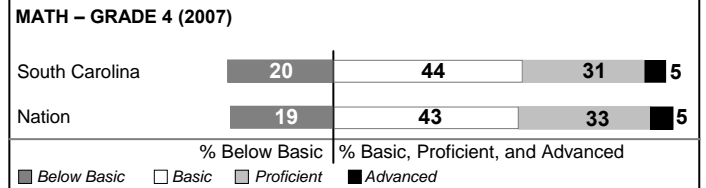
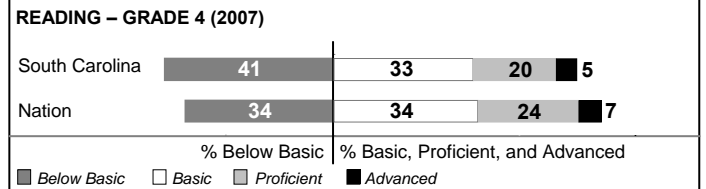
PACT PERFORMANCE

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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Sunset Park Elementary [York 3]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=268)				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 1.6%	2.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.6%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.8%	Up from 2.1%	9.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.1%	Down from 11.1%	8.6%	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	48.1%	Up from 42.9%	58.0%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Up from 72.4%	80.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.3%	Up from 75.0%	86.9%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.8%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,161	Up 3.6%	\$45,332	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.6 to 1	Up from 15.4 to 1	18.4 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 91.5%	89.5%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,457	Up 10.3%	\$6,887	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.6%	Down from 70.1%	68.4%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.7%	Down from 67.3%	64.7%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	93.3%		88.2%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	40	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	70.0%	74.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	77.5%	77.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2007-2008 school year, Sunset Park Elementary School entered its fourth year of operating under the 45/15 day modified calendar model. We continued this year with our intersession offerings in connection with our modified school calendar in the areas of academic enrichment and remediation. Our staff participated in an Elementary Mapping Project, which, in turn, led into a District Curriculum Mapping Project. Ultimately, a representative from each grade level participated in this project with great results that will guide instruction for the upcoming school year. School safety was addressed with the addition of two new initiatives aimed at consistently upgrading our efforts to maintain student and school safety. Sunset Park added a Visitor Management System that screens all visitors who sign in the office. This system runs a background check against both state and national criminal records and notifies administrators in the event that any unauthorized person tries to sign into the school. Sunset Park and all other Rock Hill schools began requiring that all volunteers be approved prior to working with our children at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

With the continued assistance of Title I funding, Sunset Park was able to employ two full-time Reading Recovery teachers as well as two additional academic assistants to work with students at all grade levels. We were also able to use this funding to enhance teacher classroom libraries with the addition of more nonfiction resources. Technical Assistance Funding allowed us to hire one additional resource teacher, which made it possible to fully implement our Inclusion Model for special education. This particular funding also allowed us to add to our collection of mathematics manipulatives and science resources. We employed a full time math and science coach this year who worked extensively with all grade level teachers weekly for the planning and integration of math and science. Our teachers also worked closely with two Rock Hill School District Literacy Coaches weekly during grade level planning sessions. Sunset Park began offering German through the KITE-LL Early Language program this year. We are the only Rock Hill school to offer German and the only school to have a kindergarten through second grade foreign language program in our district. It has been met with much success!

After much research and information gathering, Sunset Park will be returning to a traditional school calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. As part of our district planning process, a committee was created and began researching and developing a plan to become a Gifted and Talented magnet school. While this program will not be fully implemented until the 2009-2010 school year, many aspects of this program will begin to take shape in the upcoming school year. Sunset Park will continue to strengthen its partnership with Winthrop University's College of Education. Sunset Park has created its very first Data Team, which consists of a variety of teachers. Through this team, we will continue to review all data in order to make decisions that will positively impact student achievement at Sunset Park.

Tammy T. White, Principal
Clark Hale, SIC Chair

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