



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken Elementary
Aiken

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 882

Principal: Sharon Foret Cagle

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

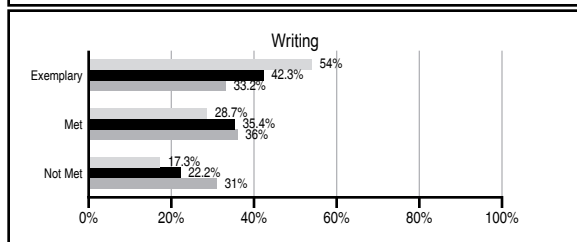
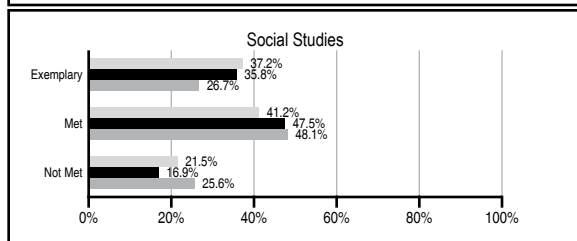
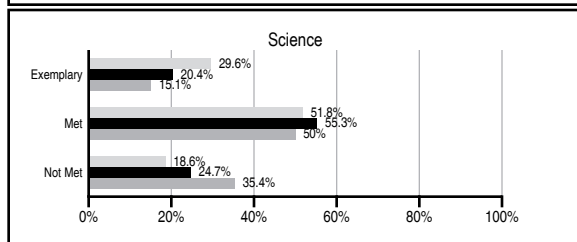
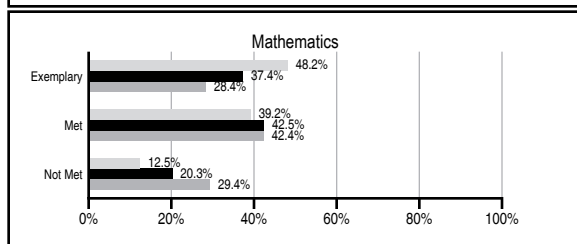
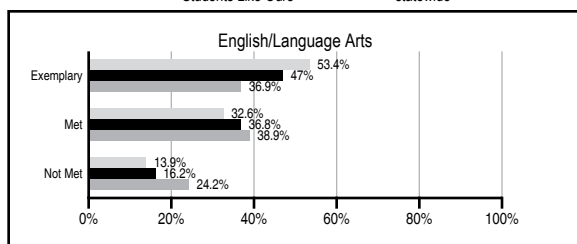
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
18	32	20	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS 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.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)			
South Carolina	41	33	20
Nation	34	34	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)			
South Carolina	20	44	31
Nation	19	43	33
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)			
South Carolina	36	39	23
Nation	34	39	25
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

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 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=882)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 3.0%	1.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	No Change	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.2%	Down from 22.5%	15.8%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	6.7%	Up from 4.7%	7.1%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Up from 0.9%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.5%	Up from 54.4%	61.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 73.7%	83.5%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.9%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Up from 87.9%	86.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 98.4%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,235	Up 4.2%	\$48,430	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Down from 13.5 days	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	19.4 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Down from 95.3%	90.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,669	Up 10.5%	\$6,812	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.7%	Up from 74.7%	69.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.1%	Down from 69.7%	62.0%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	129	81
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.0%	86.6%	88.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.2%	82.2%	87.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.5%	89.8%	78.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken Elementary is a school of national (Blue Ribbon School) and state (Carolina First Palmetto's Finest) distinction that fosters a positive learning environment for all students.

Our students again exceeded the District and State 2008 PACT results for all areas tested and met the National NCLB standards for AYP (annual yearly progress). Our Report Card absolute rating remained at good having dropped from excellent in 2006.

Our number one goal is to ensure that each child is prepared academically for the 21st Century. We strive to move each and every student to higher levels of learning. With the use of the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing program, we studied the strengths and weaknesses of each child. Teachers used the data to form targeted teaching groups within their classrooms. Use of this data driven decision making played a role in teacher curriculum planning. Our emphasis for 2009-2010 will be to seek ways to close achievement differences between the varieties of student groups.

Our faculty, PTA Board and School Improvement Council (SIC) worked diligently on our new five year strategic plan making sure it was aligned with district goals and focused on the goals needed for our school/students.

A few highlights of our year are as follows:

Ms. Sheldon, preschool teacher, received the Bravo award from the SC Autism Society Parent-School Partnership. Mrs. Nelson, media specialist, received the "Ivy Inspiration" award. Mrs. Eberhard, 4th grade teacher, was selected to attend the Science P.L.U.S. Institute. Knowledge Masters Team scored 2nd in the state. In the CSRA Science & Engineering Fair, a 4th grade student received 3rd place for Best in Show; a 3rd grader received 3rd place in chemistry division. A 5th grade student was a regional winner in the MESAS statewide contest. The 3rd-5th grade was awarded the 2008 Safety Poster Contest's most participation award. Aiken Elementary received an award for most participation in the Kids Love Art Show sponsored by Aiken County Helpline. A kindergarten student won first place and a 1st grade student won 2nd place. Our landscaping project was completed thanks to a donation by Wal-Mart and various community business and volunteers. Twenty-nine teachers received SRNS grants totaling \$15,500. Other grants received totaled \$3,950.

The commitment of all stakeholders in the Aiken Elementary community has assisted in our student achievement being considerably higher than district and state averages. Aiken Elementary will continue to deliver award-winning programs and a world class curriculum that allows all students to build the foundation needed to enable them to become successful life long achievers. Thank you for your support and sharing the responsibility of the success of our students, school and community.

Sharon Foret Cagle, Principal
Kathy Samaha, SIC Chair Person

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