

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Bluffton Elementary
Beaufort County
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 1,096
Principal: Ms. Christine Wright
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

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	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

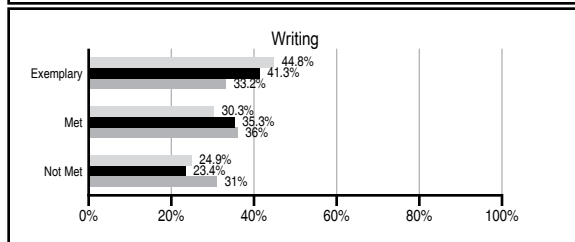
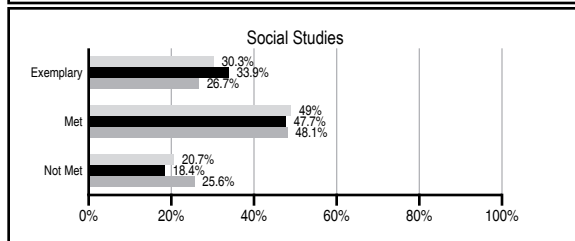
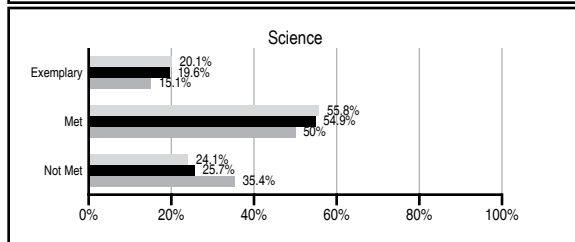
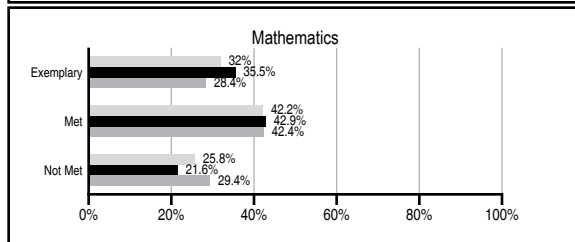
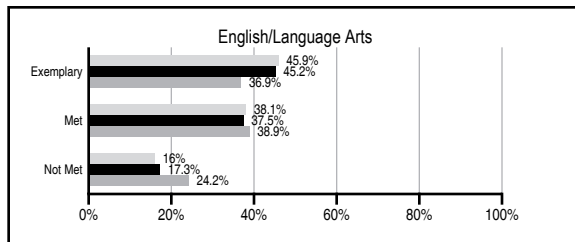
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	36	35	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	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

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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Bluffton Elementary [Beaufort County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=1,096)				
Retention rate	1.9%	Up from 1.8%	1.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.7%	No Change	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.9%	Up from 18.3%	15.1%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	4.0%	Down from 4.1%	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	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=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	39.2%	Down from 48.1%	61.5%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	57.0%	Up from 56.8%	84.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Up from 86.6%	88.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.3%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,858	Up 3.4%	\$48,408	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.5%	Down from 14.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.9 days	Up from 11.7 days	11.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 0.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.7 to 1	Down from 19.8 to 1	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.1%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,257	Up 8.1%	\$6,983	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	76.5%	Up from 74.1%	68.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.8%	Down from 70.9%	61.2%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	96.6%	Up from 79.3%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	69	146	121
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	87.6%	84.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7%	83.3%	90.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.3%	88.4%	77.5%

*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 2008-2009 school year proved to be an exciting one. We received our test scores in the fall and did extremely well. Bluffton Elementary earned the Palmetto Silver Award for both academics and for "Closing the Gap." The MAP data throughout the year is encouraging for this year's PASS results. The MAP data shows that our students have had impressive growth from the fall scores to the winter scores, suggesting that this year's PASS results will be encouraging.

Many other wonderful things have been happening at Bluffton Elementary. We are awaiting the opening of a new Early Childhood Center that should be ready during the 2009-2010 school year. The building will house our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first grade students. This new building means that we will be able to move our students from portables.

Bluffton Elementary (with mentor support from SCAD) has been approved to start next year with an animation program to help our struggling writers. This program will provide our students with the capability to illustrate their stories. For some students that find getting their thoughts on paper difficult, they will be able to draw them first, and then write what they see. In addition, animation expands our arts-infused status, by adding visual arts in with our performing arts program. The students who may not be performers will now have the opportunity to show their talents through animation.

And finally, because our attendance zone has been redrawn with the opening of another elementary school, we have reduced our student numbers for the upcoming school year.

We are excited about these and other improvements which will make 2009-2010 another great year.

Christine Brown (Wright), Principal
Missy Vogt, Assistant Principal

Phil Essman, SIC Chair
Brandi Lowe/Tonia Voegele, 2009/10 Co-Chairs

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