

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

James B Edwards Elementary
Charleston
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 619
Principal: Francine B. Mitchell
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

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	Not Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

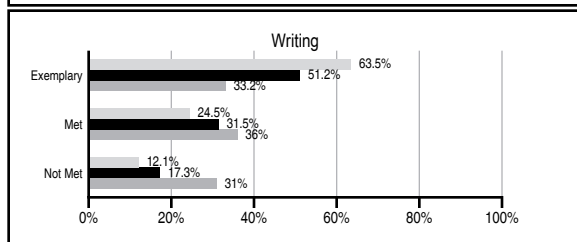
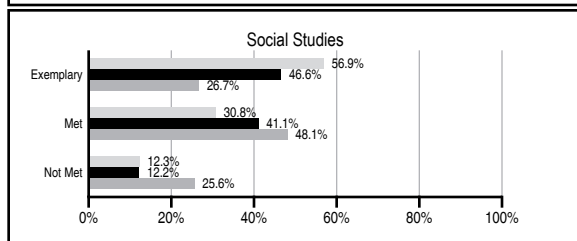
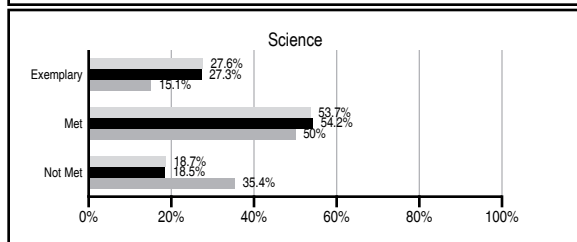
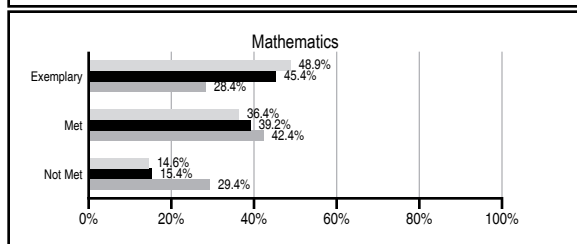
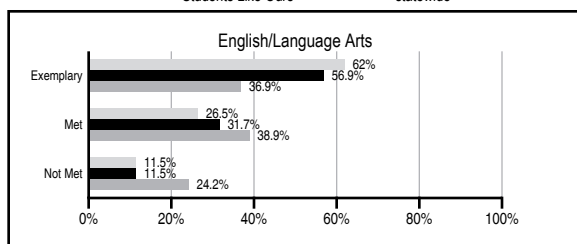
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
23	2	3	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.

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=619)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 2.7%	1.2%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.9%	96.8%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	36.7%	Up from 34.2%	23.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	2.9%	Down from 3.4%	5.8%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	Down from 66.0%	63.5%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	95.5%	Up from 91.5%	82.1%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.9%	Down from 92.0%	87.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,490	Up 3.3%	\$48,233	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Down from 10.0 days	10.5 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	27.0	Up from 26.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 16.7 to 1	19.6 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Up from 90.2%	90.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	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**	\$7,885	Up 18.0%	\$6,912	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.1%	Up from 74.8%	73.0%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.7%	Up from 57.9%	68.7%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 88.2%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	116	69
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.0%	88.7%	95.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	84.5%	98.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%	83.6%	94.2%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

James B. Edwards Elementary School educates students from age 3 through fifth grades. Our 2008-2009 student population of 636 students is expected to grow as we welcome children from new developments in our area. Our faculty, administration and staff have high expectations for all of our students, and we strive to show at least one year's gain for each student during each year of instruction.

Some of our challenges continue to be incorporating a hands-on approach into our science and math curricula, and we use our science lab and math manipulatives to achieve this. We were able to staff our science lab using a teacher assistant who provided the hands on experiments to supplement classroom instruction. Additionally, we are focusing on math instruction as a total school initiative.

Reading and writing go hand in hand as lessons are enriched with a variety of novels, videos, magazines and research materials from our media center. Computer literacy begins in kindergarten and is achieved as all classes attend a weekly computer class in a lab setting. Teachers and students have access to two computer labs equipped with 30 Dell computers each.

The Arts are an integral part of our curriculum at James B. Edwards Elementary School. Art and Music classes correlate lessons to meet the state standards. Chorus and Strings instruction is offered to 4th and 5th grade students. Additionally, our school has sponsored a Science Fair for students in all grades. The science entries are excellent and each entry receives a ribbon for participation as well as first, second and third place winners by grade level. Each year a May Festival is presented in the spring as a celebration of the arts. As part of our Technology plan, we have a keyboard lab that is used with our music program.

Our school has started a foundation that will operate independent of our P.T.A. The foundation's purpose is to help our school meet the academic needs as well as physical needs that we may have in the future.

James B. Edwards Elementary School has a tremendous amount of parental support through P.T.A. membership, fundraisers, and other activities. Parents volunteer throughout our school every day. They can be seen helping students publish their writing, answering phones and helping in many other capacities in the school. Our school supports a team effort-parents and teachers and students working together to achieve the highest possible goals.

Sam Thomas Lee, Principal
Kathye Wilson, School Improvement Council Chairperson