

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwest Elementary
Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 505

Principal: Cathy Curry-Bloise

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

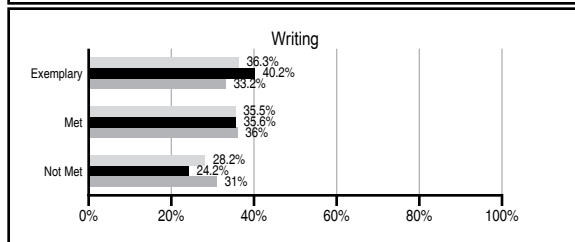
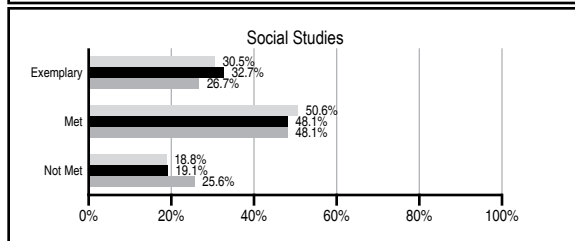
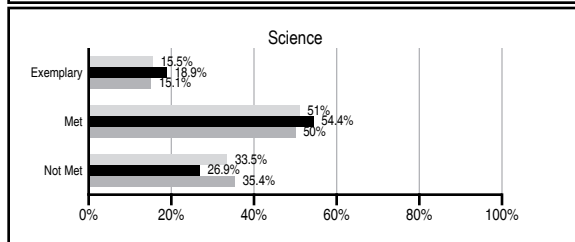
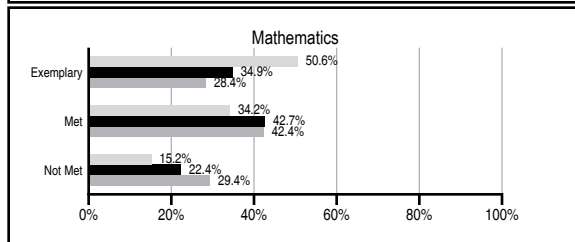
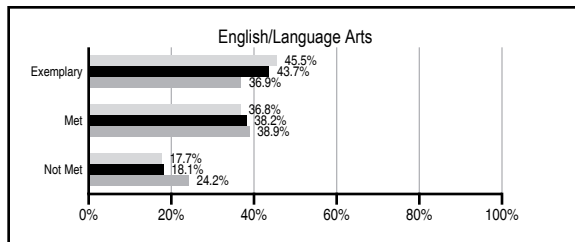
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	30	41	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=505)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.6%	1.8%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.1%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.0%	Down from 12.9%	14.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.0%	Down from 7.6%	7.3%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	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=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.6%	Up from 55.6%	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	94.3%	Up from 86.1%	81.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Down from 88.6%	88.4%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.7%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,816	Up 6.9%	\$47,426	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.0 days	No Change	11.6 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Down from 20.5 to 1	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 90.6%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	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**	\$5,234	Down 8.8%	\$6,977	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.9%	Up from 72.6%	69.0%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.0%	Down from 71.2%	62.7%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 86.7%	100.0%	100.0%

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	80	64
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.9%	95.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.0%	92.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	98.8%	90.5%

*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 mission of Northwest Elementary School, in conjunction with family and community, is to ensure all students gain skills necessary to achieve personal excellence and to become responsible citizens in a global society by providing challenging educational programs and experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our school family believes in the POWER of Learning. We envision a school which has: PRIDE in accomplishments; OPPORTUNITIES for challenges and success in learning; WORLD-CLASS resources; EXPECTATIONS for a safe, nurturing environment; and RESPONSIBILITY, RESOURCEFULNESS, and RESPECT as goals.

This year our school family raised over \$5,600 for charitable organizations, such as Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Jump Rope for Heart, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and the Senior Center. This year 1,800 cans of food were collected for the Peachtree Ministries.

Northwest Elementary had three winners at the Spartanburg Regional Science Fair. We had three winners at the Cherokee County Young Writers' Gala and a third grade winner at the Cherokee County School District Free Throw Contest.

Our faculty and staff along with parents and community leaders continue to strive for excellence for all children through many programs, such as Lunch Buddy Program, Friendly Helpers, Family Academic Night Activities, Character Education, BETA Club, Student Council, Growl Newsletter, Student Recognition, Young Writers' Tea, Science Fair, and many more.

The Northwest Elementary School Improvement Council would like to thank everyone for their continued dedication and support.

Ms. Kathy Mulwee, School Improvement Council, Chairperson
Mrs. Cathy Curry Bloise, Principal

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