

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Williams Memorial Elementary
Dorchester 4
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 655**
Principal: Jeffrey Beckwith
Superintendent: Jerry Montjoy
Board Chair: Kenneth Jenkins, Ed.D

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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	CA-DELAY

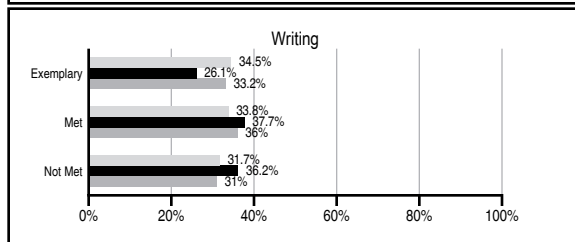
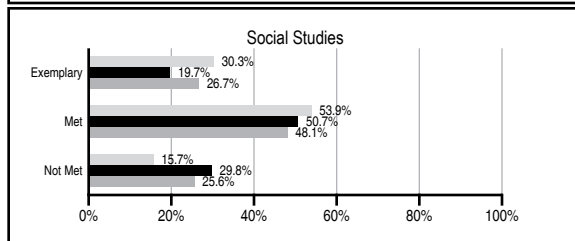
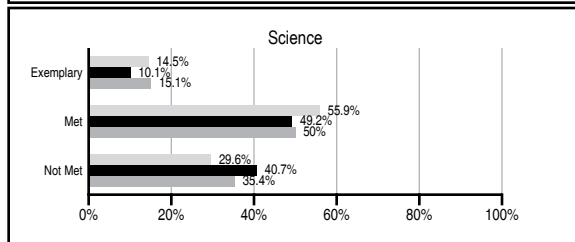
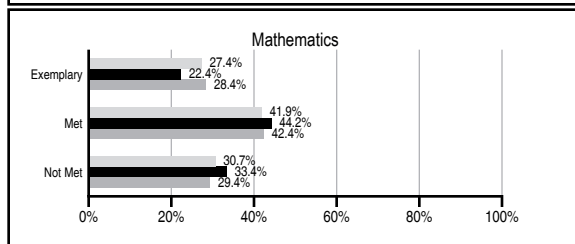
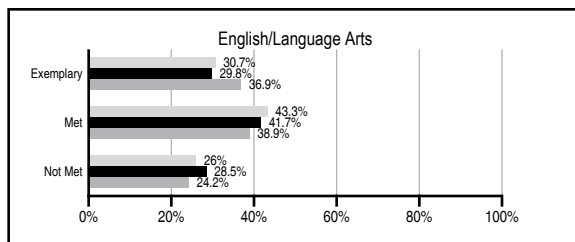
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	94	19	1

* 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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Williams Memorial Elementary [Dorchester 4]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=655)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Up from 1.9%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	96.1%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 4.9%	7.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Up from 4.9%	9.1%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	78.7%	Down from 79.2%	57.7%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.1%	Down from 87.5%	81.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.8%	Down from 95.2%	85.9%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Up from 93.1%	95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,000	Up 4.2%	\$46,512	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	4.3 days	Down from 18.0 days	11.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.1 to 1	Down from 16.0 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Up from 87.1%	90.0%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.3%	Up from 17.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,328	Up 1.9%	\$7,600	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.5%	Up from 66.9%	68.3%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.5%	Up from 63.8%	61.7%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 76.5%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	47	90	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.9%	94.3%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.6%	92.0%	87.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.5%	85.4%	77.0%

*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 at Williams Memorial Elementary was filled with accomplishments, accolades, and recognitions for our students, teachers, and school. We tripled the number of state-identified Gifted and Talented students at WMES, had two students place in the top 5% for their grade level at a state Math competition, and we had weekly winners for the school-wide Math Idol, which focuses on problem solving and higher level thinking. Our teachers received a number of recognitions this year, including the addition of five new National Board Certified teachers at our school, increasing our total to twelve. We also saw our Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the Year earn District honors for their amazing efforts and accomplishments in their classrooms and in their school.

Learning continues to excel in the classrooms with the addition of SMARTboards and the use of manipulatives. To reinforce learning, students have been able to make connections to real world experiences by taking field trips to different South Carolina locations, including the S.C. Aquarium, U.S.S. Yorktown, Riverbanks Zoo, Old Provost Dungeon, Historic Charleston, and Beidler Forest.

With the addition of several new clubs and extra-curricular activities, over 400 students participated in academic and athletic clubs before, during, and after school. Students from Kindergarten to the fifth grade participated in such programs as the TNT News Crew, Recycling Troopers, Chess Club, Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Technology Club, Chorus, Book Club, Math Club, and the Art Club.

We also feel that service learning and service to our community are important aspects of our school. Through our many programs and activities our students have had the opportunity to learn good citizenship and compassion for others. Among our many efforts are gathering food for our Thanksgiving basket giveaways, collecting gifts to send to our troops overseas, and Relay for Life. To bring the community into the school, the PTA sponsors an annual Fall Carnival and Academic Nights for students and parents.

Our challenges for the future are maintaining our high expectations while meeting the individual needs of our diverse population. With the help of our students, teachers, staff, administration, and families, Williams Memorial Elementary will continue to be "PAWS"-itively the Best.

Jeffrey Beckwith, Principal
Marquita Deas, SIC Chairperson

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