

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Merriwether Elementary
Edgefield
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 743
Principal: Wayne Marchant
Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw
Board Chair: Sallie B. Cooks

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	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	NI
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

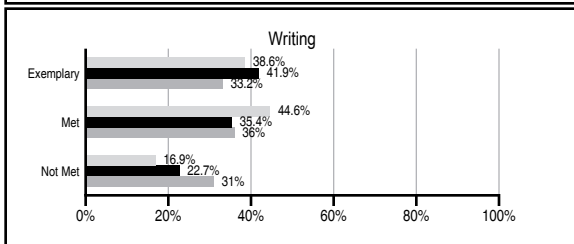
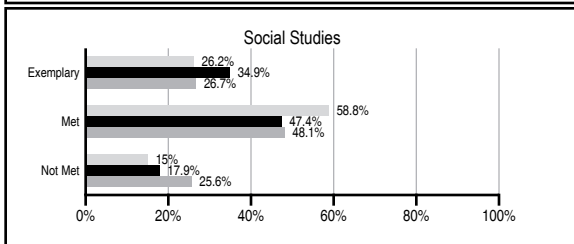
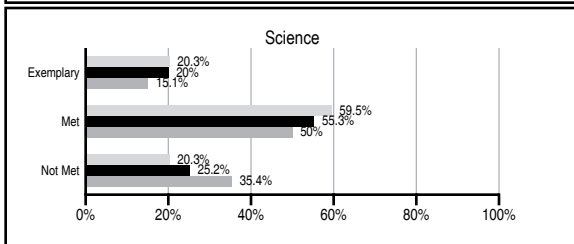
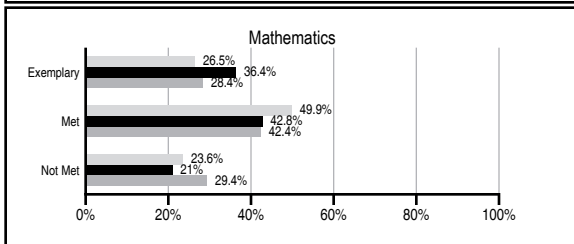
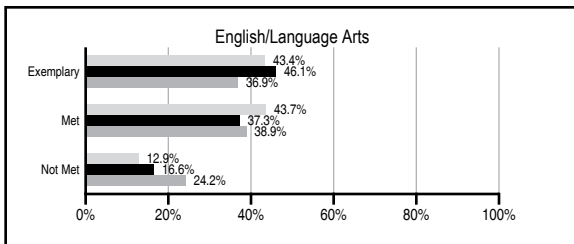
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
20	37	29	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.

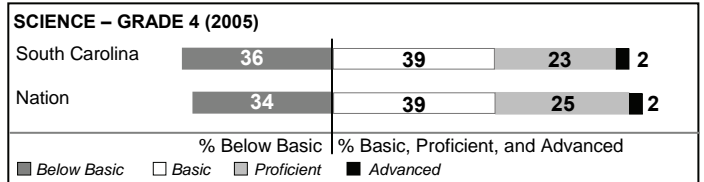
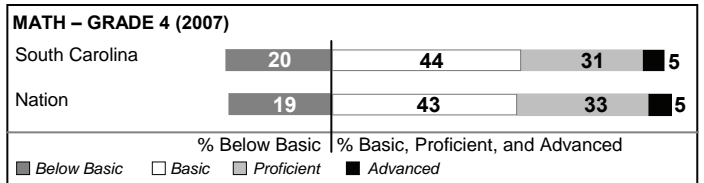
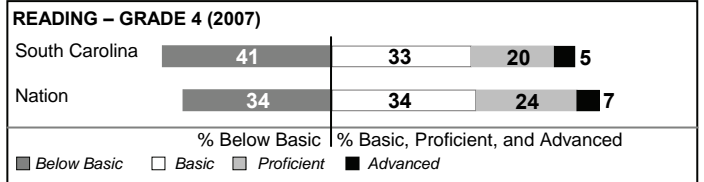
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



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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Merriwether Elementary [Edgefield]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=743)				
Retention rate	3.0%	Down from 3.6%	1.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.2%	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.5%	Down from 13.0%	15.7%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.0%	Up from 6.9%	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.7%	Down from 2.4%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	Up from 62.7%	61.8%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	96.1%	Up from 88.2%	83.8%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.9%	Up from 93.2%	88.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,669	Up 4.7%	\$48,186	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.4 days	Up from 10.9 days	11.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.3 to 1	No Change	19.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.5%	Up from 90.7%	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**	\$6,092	Up 9.2%	\$6,983	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.2%	Down from 75.0%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	72.9%	Down from 73.4%	60.3%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	Up from 94.1%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	92	48
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	92.4%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.8%	92.4%	91.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.0%	89.0%	91.3%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Merriwether Elementary is challenged daily with an enrollment of approximately 750 students. Our goal is to make a difference in the lives of our students through meeting the needs of the total child. We continually focus on the academic challenges as well as the social, emotional, physical, and developmental issues confronting elementary-aged students. Through active Character Education and career awareness programs, our students learn beneficial life skills necessary to function in society.

We are a standards-based school that believes in Saxon Math and Phonics programs that have continually proven to meet the fundamental needs of our students. Our fifth year with MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing has been beneficial to teachers, parents, and students. This is the second year we have tested both kindergarten and first grade students. Our implementation of focus groups (MAP Clubs) in grades 2-5 based on diagnostic information provided more specific individualized instructional opportunities for teachers. Hopefully this correlates with students successfully mastering the South Carolina education standards, preparing them for their next challenge.

In conclusion, our educational focus and goals have remained constant. Our dedicated faculty and staff, actively supported by our parents, grandparents, and community, continue to allow us to fulfill our school motto of "Making a Difference." Thanks for the memories.

Gene Huiet, Principal
Chuck Fletcher, SIC Chair

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