

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Irmo Elementary
Lexington/Richland 5
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 505**
Principal: Shannon McAlister
Superintendent: Dr. Herbert M. Berg
Board Chair: Robert Gantt

PERFORMANCE

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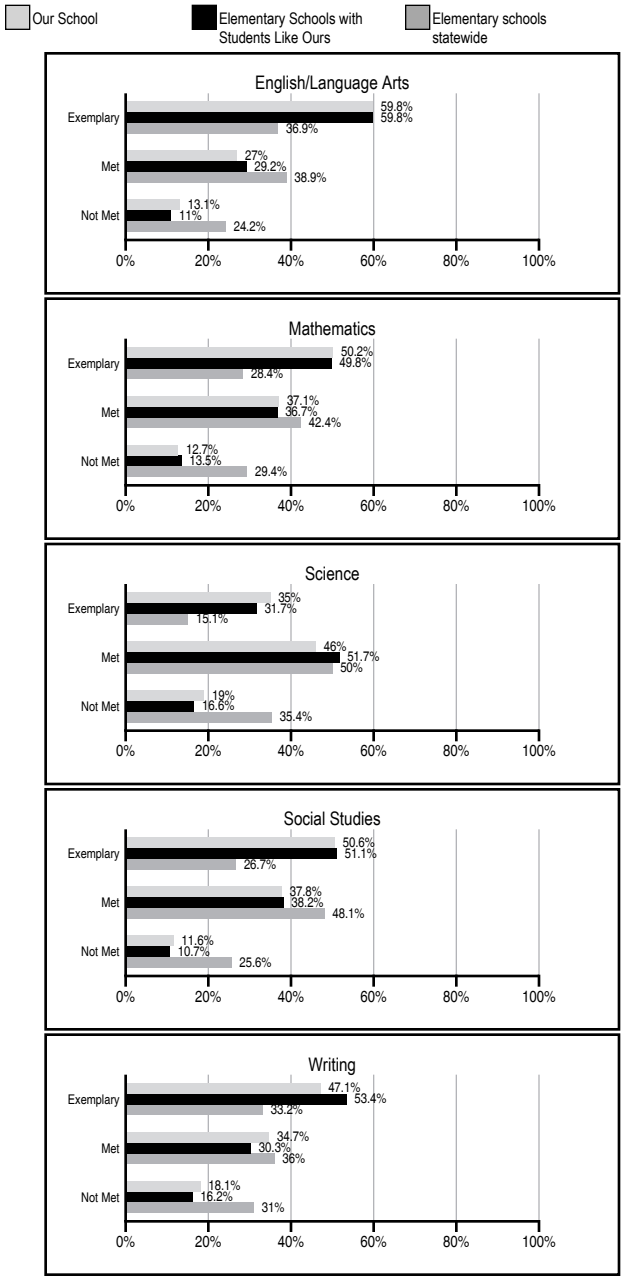
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	0	2	0	0

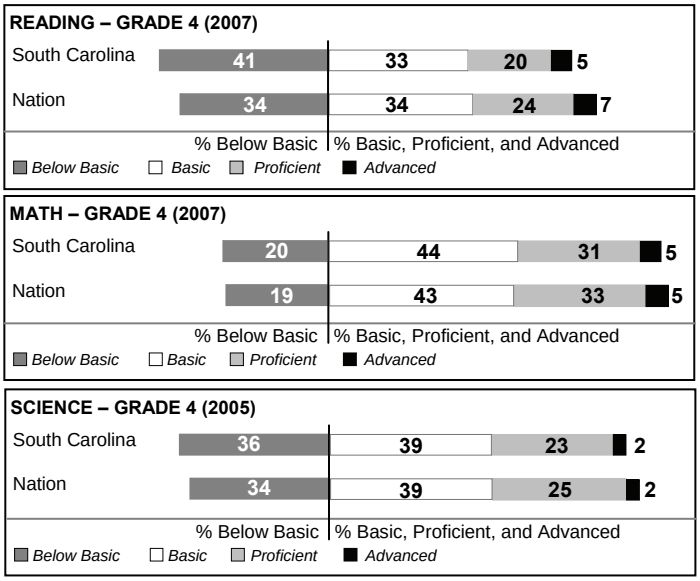
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=505)				
Retention rate	1.0%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.0%	96.8%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	32.1%	Down from 33.0%	27.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Up from 6.4%	6.4%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.5%	Up from 69.0%	66.7%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	95.0%	Up from 83.3%	84.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.5%	Down from 86.6%	87.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.2%	Up from 93.1%	94.9%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$52,024	Up 4.0%	$48,221	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Up from 3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Down from 14.5 days	10.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	Up from 18.2 to 1	20.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 89.3%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,702	Up 11.4%	$6,979	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Up from 60.5%	74.0%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.5%	Up from 59.1%	67.7%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 89.5%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	91	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	76.9%	94.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6%	83.5%	94.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	84.6%	83.3%

*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

The mission of Irmo Elementary is to nurture and prepare every child with the knowledge and problem-solving skills to succeed in an increasingly global community. By offering programs that are data driven, we foster superior achievement, responsible citizenship, and a foundation for lifelong learning. Irmo Elementary School has a proud history of excellence. Among our accomplishments are: Exemplary Writing School; South Carolina Department of Education Red Carpet School; Palmetto's Finest; National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; University of South Carolina Professional Development School; Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School; Intel/Scholastic 21st Century School of Distinction; and Palmetto Gold.

Mrs. Laura Adair, media specialist, and Mr. Keith Goodman, custodian were Irmo Elementary's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year, respectively. Our business partner of the year was Kroger. Our school enjoys strong relationships with the Irmo community and is extremely thankful for the support of our area businesses.

Our Honey Bunch After-School Program offers site-based afternoon care during the school year. Students in this program take part in a wide variety of exploratory camps and experiences featuring athletics, academics, and the arts.

Irmo Elementary students learn the keys to good citizenship by serving our school and community. Service opportunities include the "Wee Deliver" School Postal System, "Green Thumb" Gardening Club, as well as, student council, safety patrol, recycling club, and our morning television show, WBEE. Our students have opportunities to hone their artistic talents through art club, orchestra, chorus, and the Super Star Singers.

Irmo Elementary is very fortunate to have parents and community members actively involved as volunteers in our classrooms. Volunteers also serve our school in Baxter Court, our outdoor classroom; IES Publishing Company; and curriculum based Family Nights. Students get excited about the PTA-sponsored reading celebrations which allow each student to choose a book to add to his/her personal library. Fundraising efforts support literacy and ongoing technology implementation throughout our building.

Irmo Elementary is proud of the excellent education program offered to our students and is committed to having all children reach their greatest potential. Our students and teachers are supported academically by a sight-based Literacy Coach, Reading Interventionist, and Reading Recovery teachers. The instructional climate is one in which all stakeholders revere the value of a comprehensive instructional program, and the development of effective instructional practice is ongoing. Through our Professional Development School collaboration with the University of South Carolina we benefit from the expertise of the professors and researchers who frequent our campus.

Shannon McAlister, Principal

Karen Williams, SIC Chair

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