

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Newberry Elementary
Newberry
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 442**
Principal: Leila M. Caldwell
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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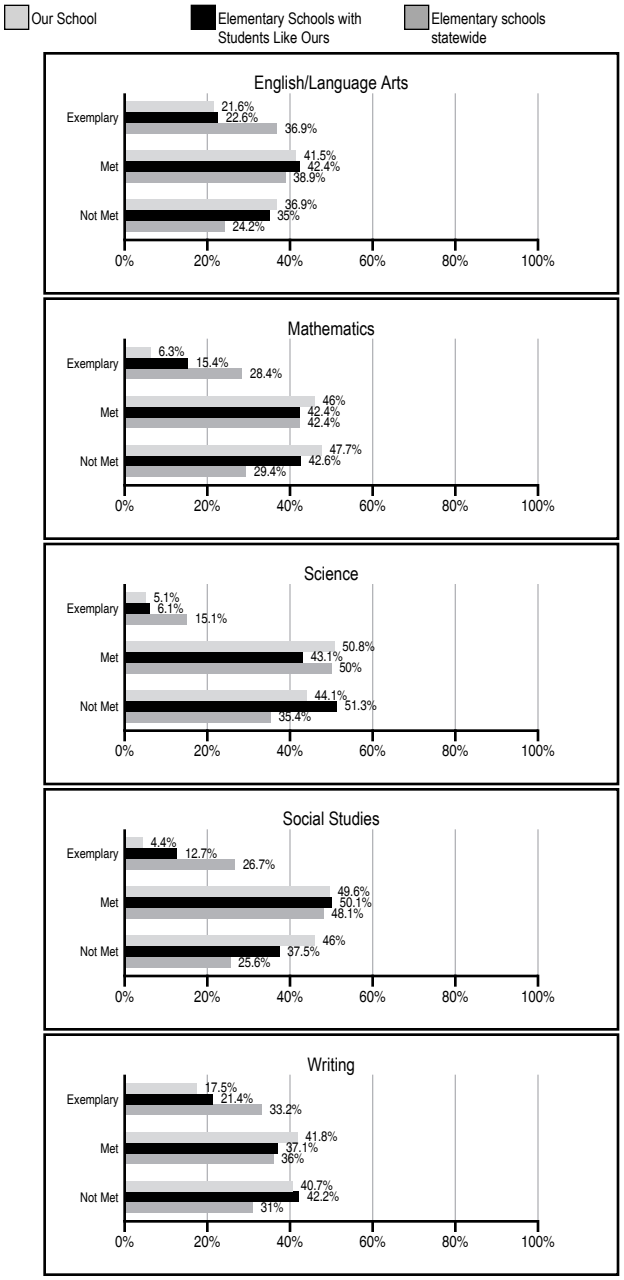
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	CSI
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	3	81	65	32

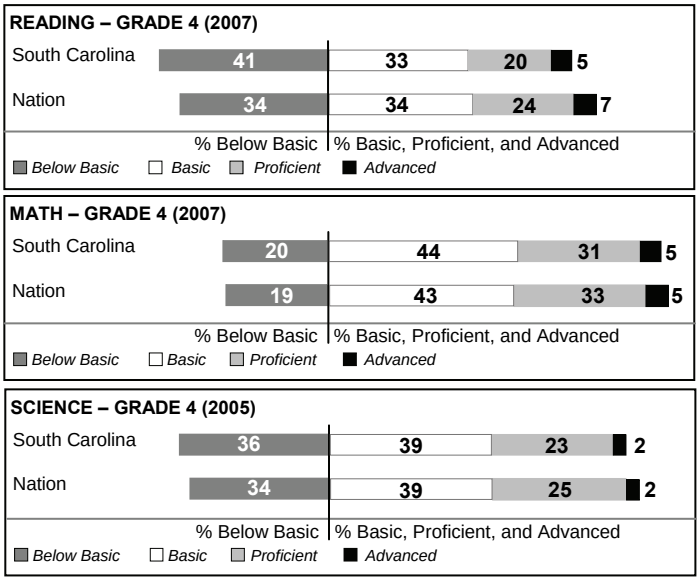
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=442)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 6.7%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.1%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.2%	Up from 3.4%	3.6%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Down from 6.8%	7.7%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	Up from 0.9%	1.1%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.9%	Up from 50.0%	57.4%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.5%	Up from 71.9%	72.1%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 83.6%	82.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.9%	Down from 94.2%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$43,185	Up 3.4%	$45,725	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 3.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	19.2 days	Up from 14.7 days	10.8 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	16.7 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.6%	Down from 90.0%	90.1%	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	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,257	Up 2.8%	$8,556	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.3%	Down from 74.3%	68.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.6%	Down from 68.0%	61.9%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	Up from 53.8%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	57	33
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	80.4%	78.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.7%	71.9%	65.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.9%	89.5%	75.8%

*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

Newberry Elementary School is located in the city of Newberry. Our total enrollment of 420 students during the 2008-2009 school year consisted of 64% African American, 21% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic students; of these students, 91% qualified for the free or reduced lunch program.

Newberry Elementary School is in its sixth year of being a South Carolina Reading First School. Teachers are implementing a variety of scientifically based reading research strategies that support best practices in reading instruction. They are actively engaged in professional studies, on-going collaboration, and sharing strategies that work within the classroom. Teachers continue to broaden their knowledge base as they attend conferences, workshops, seminars, and conduct peer observations.

For the 2008-2009 school year, Newberry Elementary was able to employ a full time Parenting Coordinator. With the implementation of this position, the school experienced a vast amount of increased parental involvement. The Parenting Coordinator provided and arranged parenting workshops, literacy programs, and solicited volunteers from the community to assist in a variety of areas that provided support to the students and teachers.

Data collected from MAP, DOMINIE, and Stanford will be used to guide our instruction to meet the needs of all students. We have placed a heavy focus on small group instruction. We have made great strides and our students are the beneficiaries, but there is always room for growth.

Leila M. Caldwell, Principal
Marcia Berry, SIC Chair

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