SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community School (Elementary)
Newberry
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 269**
Principal: Joey L. Haney
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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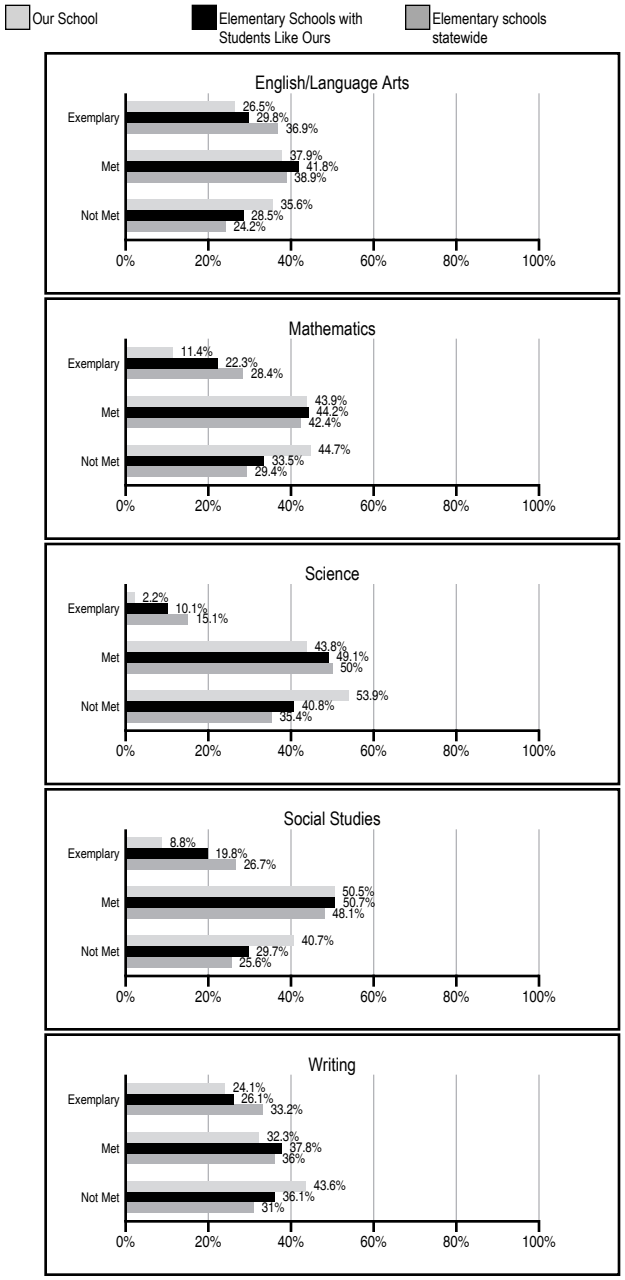
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	95	18	1

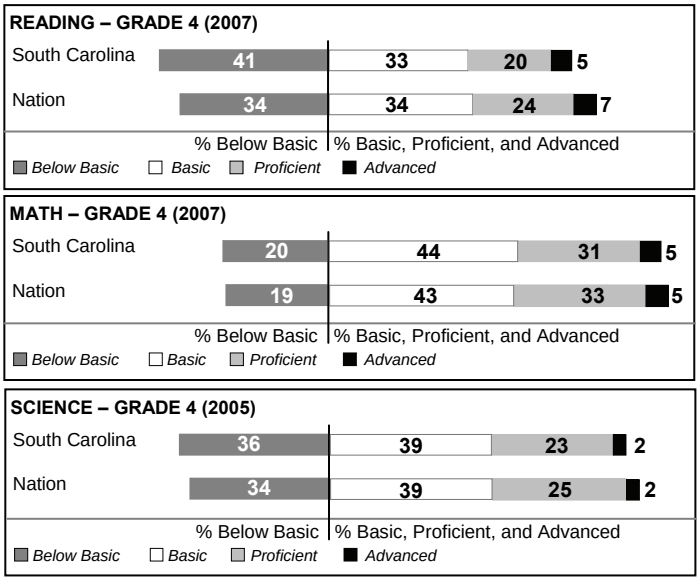
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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=269)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.1%	2.4%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	96.1%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.4%	Up from 0.0%	7.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	3.6%	Down from 5.7%	9.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Down from 2.0%	0.7%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	44.4%	Down from 48.1%	57.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	74.1%	Up from 63.0%	81.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.5%	Up from 70.7%	85.8%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	89.1%	Down from 95.8%	95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$42,554	Up 1.4%	$46,512	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.7 days	Up from 13.5 days	12.0 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	17.7 to 1	Down from 18.6 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	80.2%	Down from 91.3%	90.0%	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**	$8,807	Up 7.9%	$7,586	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.2%	Down from 59.4%	68.5%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.9%	Up from 52.2%	62.1%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 80.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	11	53	39
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	81.1%	84.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.1%	82.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	86.8%	74.4%

*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

Whitmire Community School is a PreK-12 facility located in northern Newberry County. The school has been referred to as the hidden secret of the Sumter National Forest. WCS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a South Carolina Reading First School, and an SREB/SDE High Schools That Work site. The Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards Program recognized the elementary school (2006-2007) and the high school (2005-2008)

Our classroom instruction is based on South Carolina curriculum standards with our focal point being reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all content areas and the responsibility is equally shared by all of our teachers, students, parents, and the community. Teachers across all content areas recognize “Writers of the Month” each quarter at the success assemblies. Family message journals, the Wee Deliver Postal System, author visits, Family Read-in Night, Reading with the Wolverines, and Read Across America Week provide authentic writing and reading opportunities throughout our school and community.

We continued a Measure of Academic Progress assessment program for grades 2 through 10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics, and Science to identify each student’s strengths and weaknesses. Our Data Analysis Team will examine MAP results along with student performance on PACT, HSAP, Odyssey, A+ Software, Dominie, and classroom assessment to establish goals and objectives for ongoing school improvement. A daily enrichment/remediation period was scheduled for grades 3-8.

In the Spring of 2008, the school and community was excited to witness the completion of an $8.7 million building project. The plan included a new PK-12 Media Center, high school classrooms, 6-12 Art Room, band room and gymnasium. There will be no classrooms housed in portables when the 2008-2009 school year opens. WCS also received major technology upgrades with phones and Smartboards in every classroom.

We will continue to promote our unique PK-12 setting and work toward our mission of providing a safe, nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, to prepare all of our students for success.

Joey L. Haney, Principal
Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman

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