



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pickens Elementary
 Pickens
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 538
 Principal: Del H. Freitag, EdD
 Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt
 Board Chair: Jim Shelton

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	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

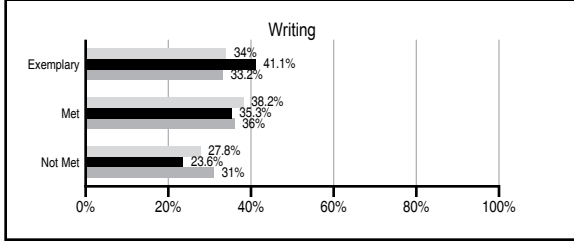
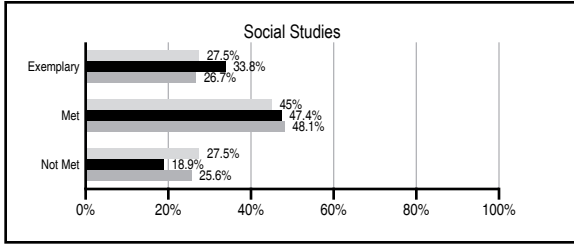
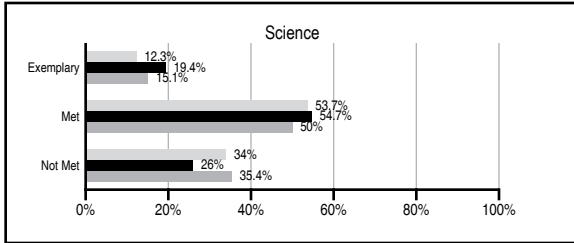
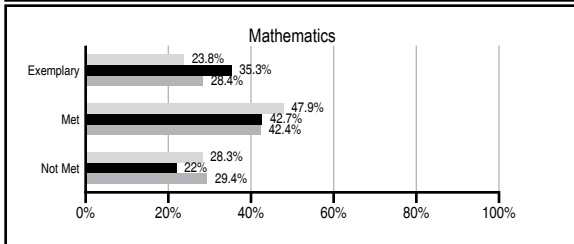
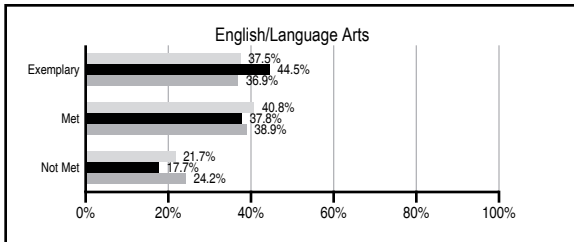
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
20	34	41	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.

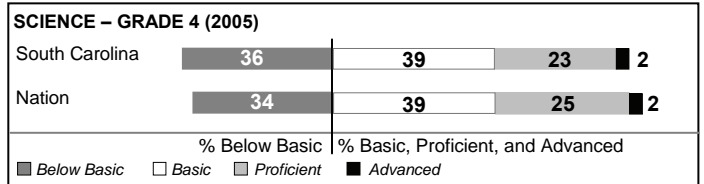
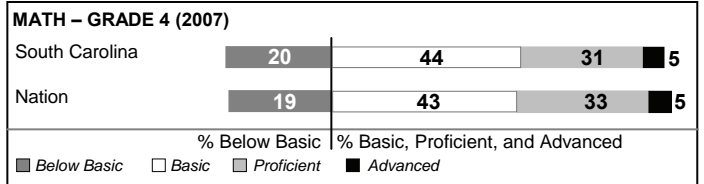
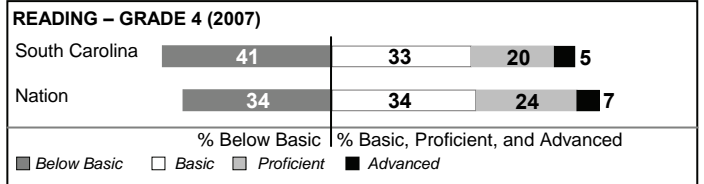
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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Pickens Elementary [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=538)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 3.2%	1.7%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.3%	Down from 17.6%	15.0%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.6%	No Change	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Down from 0.9%	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.9%	Down from 65.7%	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	91.7%	Up from 91.4%	83.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Down from 89.6%	88.8%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,494	Down 1.7%	\$48,133	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Up from 9.5 days	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	No Change	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 89.9%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,870	Up 3.4%	\$6,975	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.2%	Down from 66.1%	69.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.8%	Down from 61.7%	62.3%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 84.6%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	89	81
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.0%	92.1%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	86.5%	85.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pickens Elementary School is a Palmetto Silver Award and Red Carpet Award winning community school that has been at the heart of Pickens County. The present building has served elementary school children for more than 40 years. We are the home of the "sparklers," where all our learners "sparkle." Our school has a population of over 525 students served by 75 teachers and staff members. Classes range from four-year-old kindergarten to fifth-grade. The majority of these students spend all of their elementary years at Pickens Elementary.

The school is home for two of the district's self-contained special education classrooms. "Smart Start" is a pre-school special needs program designed to serve three, four, and five-year old students. We also have a K-grade 5 Educable Mentally Disabled self-contained classroom. Teachers and students at all levels work closely together and enjoy learning together as a family.

Pickens Elementary has four National Board Certified teachers. Students participate in student council, choral festivals, school safety patrols, artist in residence week, character education program, food drives, charity drives, science fair, spelling bee contest, after school care activities, Good News self-esteem program, scout programs, recycling programs, Hope club gardening activities, community art displays, essay writing, poster contests, school wide discipline program, attendance and reading incentives, MAP testing incentives, and many other initiatives. All members of our school family realize and value the worth of each other and work together to make our school an outstanding place to learn.

Many awards and accomplishments result from work and dedication. From SACS CASI accreditation for our school to SC Dept. of Ed. Red Carpet winner to essay contest winners to spelling bee champions to science fair award winners, Pickens Elementary is an annual recipient of many awards. Teachers, staff, and parents log many hours at our school because we are dedicated to caring for our students and believe in what we do for children. Pickens Elementary maintains a focused vision, can-do attitude, and a strong commitment to make a difference in the lives of our students. Working together we can achieve every educational and developmental goal, helping our children truly "sparkle."

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