

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Rice Creek Elementary  
Richland 2  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 778  
Principal: Janet M. Fickling  
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner  
Board Chair: Melinda Anderson

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

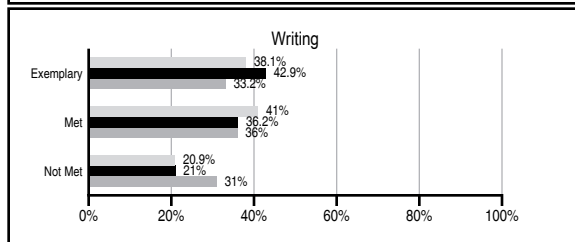
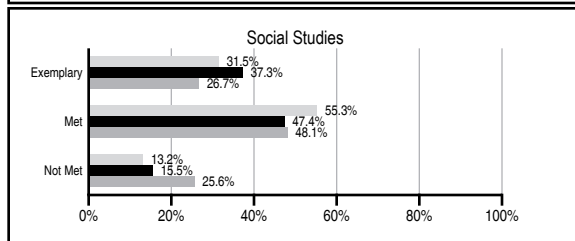
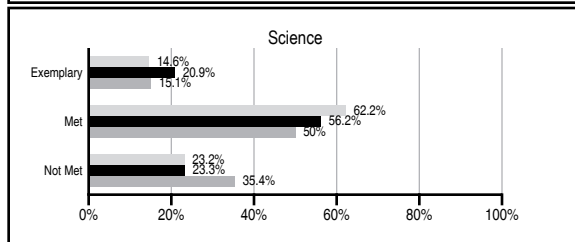
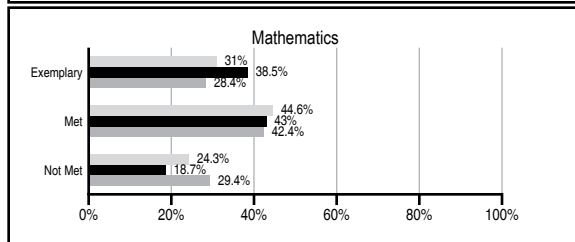
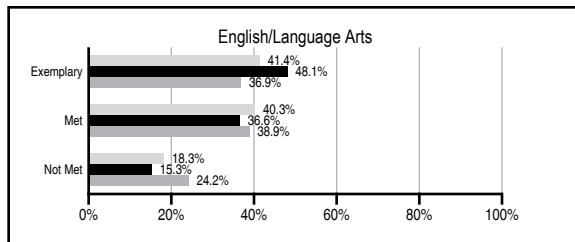
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 20        | 30   | 14      | 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.

### READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

|                                                 |    |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina                                  | 41 | 33 | 20 | 5 |
| Nation                                          | 34 | 34 | 24 | 7 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced |    |    |    |   |
| Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced           |    |    |    |   |

### MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

|                                                 |    |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina                                  | 20 | 44 | 31 | 5 |
| Nation                                          | 19 | 43 | 33 | 5 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced |    |    |    |   |
| Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced           |    |    |    |   |

### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

|                                                 |    |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina                                  | 36 | 39 | 23 | 2 |
| Nation                                          | 34 | 39 | 25 | 2 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced |    |    |    |   |
| Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced           |    |    |    |   |

## 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.

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Rice Creek Elementary [Richland 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

|                                                                              | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Students (n=778)                                                             |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Retention rate                                                               | 0.4%       | Down from 0.7%        | 1.3%                                       | 1.9%                     |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 96.9%      | Down from 97.0%       | 96.6%                                      | 96.3%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 9.5%       | Down from 11.6%       | 17.0%                                      | 10.0%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 7.0%       | Up from 6.3%          | 7.1%                                       | 7.7%                     |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 0.0%       | Down from 0.1%        | 0.2%                                       | 0.5%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.9%       | Up from 0.9%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers (n=59)                                                              |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 79.7%      | Up from 78.3%         | 61.1%                                      | 59.4%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 66.1%      | Down from 71.7%       | 84.3%                                      | 80.0%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 71.6%      | Down from 76.7%       | 86.1%                                      | 85.9%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 93.3%      | Down from 94.5%       | 95.1%                                      | 95.1%                    |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$48,686   | Up 5.8%               | \$48,726                                   | \$47,149                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | Down from 1.1%        | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 10.2 days  | Up from 8.6 days      | 10.2 days                                  | 11.1 days                |
| School                                                                       |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 4.0        | Up from 2.5           | 4.0                                        | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 18.3 to 1  | Down from 21.0 to 1   | 19.8 to 1                                  | 18.8 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 89.3%      | Down from 90.4%       | 90.8%                                      | 90.4%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation                                                           | Yes        | No Change             | Yes                                        | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 99.3%      | Down from 100.0%      | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program                                                | Good       | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$6,643    | Down 0.5%             | \$6,612                                    | \$7,458                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 71.5%      | Up from 71.2%         | 70.6%                                      | 68.8%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 68.3%      | Down from 68.8%       | 64.8%                                      | 63.2%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 100.0%     | Up from 95.2%         | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 56       | 103       | 61       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 94.6%    | 80.6%     | 90.2%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 98.2%    | 84.3%     | 96.7%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 92.9%    | 92.2%     | 88.3%    |

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Rice Creek Learning Community has enjoyed sixteen wonderful years of teaching and learning. Those years have brought much success and excitement into our classrooms and hallways. Awards have been received at the local, state, and national levels, and we are proud of all that our faculty, staff, and students have accomplished. Rice Creek is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, National Blue Ribbon Special Emphasis Award winner for Technology, Exemplary Writing Award winner and Hall of Fame member, two-time Red Carpet Award winner, and a Flagship School of Promise. We have also been recognized by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee as a school who is “Closing the Gap” for historically underachieving student groups. These awards and honors are directly related to the hard work and dedication of our students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members. Our goal at Rice Creek is to provide each student with a safe, inviting, and supportive environment that will empower them to achieve success both academically and throughout life.

Our teachers have continued to build their capacity through staff development, seminars, national board certification, and advanced degrees. More teachers than ever attended educational seminars and workshops this year! Through the introduction of Learning Centered Schools and continuous staff development, our teachers are reaching more and more students’ needs within our classrooms. Our dedication to differentiated instruction and hands-on activities has our students excited about learning each day.

This year our school has also continued to fulfill our goal of building positive school and community relations by forming new partnerships with families, community members, and local businesses. We have seen a record rate of parent participation and volunteerism, which has allowed us to offer great activities and experiences for our students.

We are also very excited about the addition of our new magnet program, eFIT. The Environmental Fitness Academy will begin during the upcoming school year and will continue our goal of having our students live their educational experiences and not to just read about them. It is a program that will be infused within all of our school programs and will get our students up and moving each day. From hands-on learning activities to physically challenging field studies, our students will experience learning in a way that will get everyone excited about coming to school each day!

We are extremely proud of our accomplishments over the past school year and hope that you will share in our pride. Thank you for your support this year, and I know, that with the continued support of our community and parents, that Rice Creek will continue to grow its culture of excellence.

Christopher L. Seay, Principal  
Barbara Turner, SIC Chairperson

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