



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lake Carolina Elementary
Richland 2
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 871
Principal: Dr. James Ann Lynch
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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

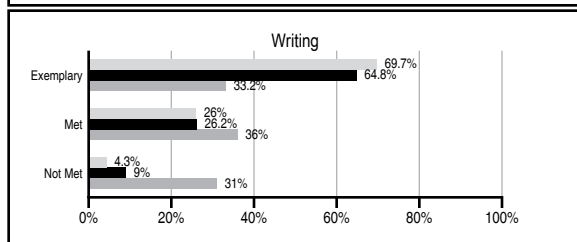
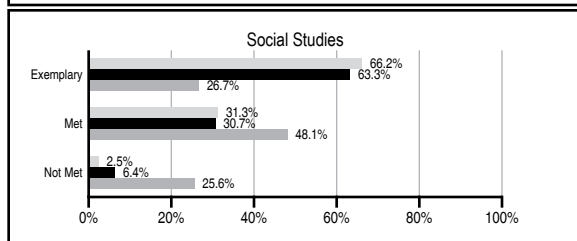
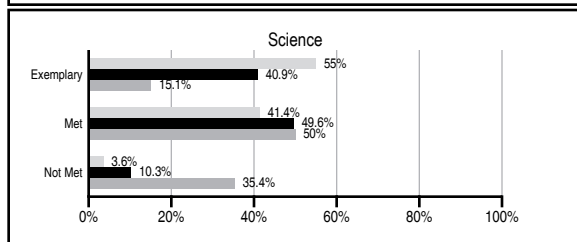
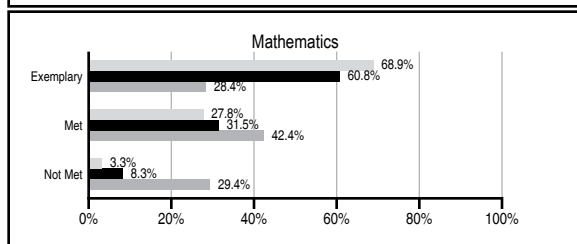
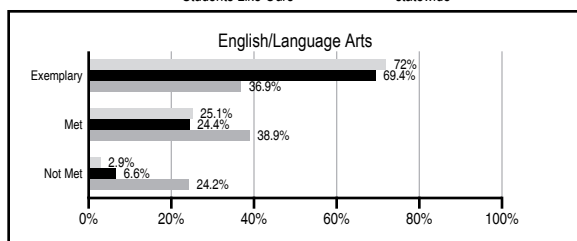
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	0	0	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.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=871)				
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	97.2%	No Change	96.9%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	26.3%	Up from 21.5%	30.8%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	4.0%	Up from 2.4%	4.3%	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=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.2%	Up from 66.7%	67.5%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	84.2%	Up from 69.7%	84.7%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.4%	Down from 83.3%	84.7%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Up from 93.5%	95.7%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,065	Up 12.8%	\$50,622	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Down from 17.7 days	9.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	20.4 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 89.2%	91.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,415	Up 4.8%	\$6,502	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.5%	Down from 73.4%	68.0%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.6%	Down from 70.5%	64.9%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	141	110
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	98.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.6%	98.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	97.9%	94.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our seventh year was a huge gator success! Lake Carolina was recognized for the sixth year for closing the Achievement Gap for historically underperforming students. In addition, we achieved Adequate Yearly Progress in all 17 of our 17 descriptors, and Lake Carolina was selected as Team of the Year for Richland District Two. Again our school earned the Palmetto Gold distinction, which is the highest academic honor recognized by the State Department of Education. We were also awarded the highest national recognition, as Lake Carolina was nominated and earned the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence by the US Department of Education.

Lake Carolina has 23 National Board Certified teachers and one of our teachers was selected as a Milken Award Winner. In addition, LCE 's partnership with the University of South Carolina as a Professional Development School brought 13 interns and student teachers into our school during the course of the year. One hundred percent of our faculty and staff have been trained in brain compatibility, and in the summer of 2008 we began our work with Curriculum Mapping and Personal Responsibility through collaboration. We celebrate our children's growth through Honor Roll recognitions and celebrations, 5th Grade Leadership Meetings, Reading Counts Celebrations, and Peace Flag Celebrations. After-school clubs for 4th and 5th grades, as well as Mad Science, karate, dance, aerobics, and gymnastics, offered additional enrichment opportunities for our students. In addition, qualifying 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had the opportunity to participate in Wilson Tier Two and PASS Blitz. The LCE Leadership Academy continued to focus on opportunities for 4th- and 5th-grade boys to learn and build competency skills in leadership, and 150 of our children participated in a Boys and Girls Club program. Our 891 students read 113,118 books and earned 235,168 Reading Counts Points. Each day we averaged 593 books checked out in our Media Center. Two "Literacy at the Lake" books helped to frame our focus of 18 LIFESKILLS and 5 Lifelong Guidelines.

Based on the feedback from our Health Advisory and School Improvement Council surveys, strategies which included Exercise Counts were implemented to increase our focus on Heart Healthy Living. Our School Improvement Council sponsored an extremely successful uniform sale and was co-host in sponsoring Dr. Hefner's Accountability session for our community. Service learning projects selected and supported by our SIC were as follows: Harvest Hope Canned Food Drive, Seeing Eye Guide Dog Project, Jump Rope for Heart, and Empty Bowls Project. Our PTO's tremendous efforts enabled us to purchase 9 smart boards and projectors, an additional Lobby Guard system, and a new series of Student Media Testing. Our Board also sponsored Family Fun Nights, Gator Fest, and our Father/Daughter Dance.

Due to the dedication and commitment of TEAM LCE and the support and pride of our parents and community, our accolades are many. However, what we truly cherish is our sense of community where TOGETHER we will continue to "sail beyond excellence" for ALL children at Lake Carolina Elementary School.

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Mark Curfman, SIC Chairperson

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