

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Chesnee Elementary  
Spartanburg 2  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 536  
Principal: Robert P. Ledford  
Superintendent: Dr. Scott J. Mercer  
Board Chair: Mr. Danny J. McDowell

## 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         | At-Risk       | N/A                            | Silver          | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Average         | At-Risk       | N/A                            | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |

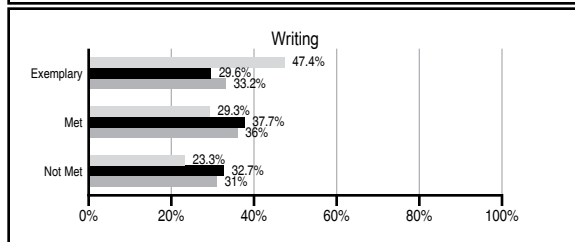
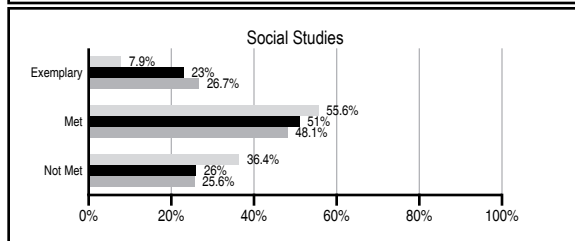
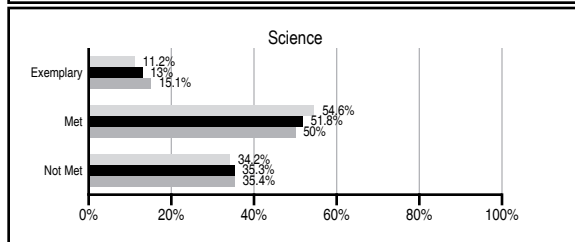
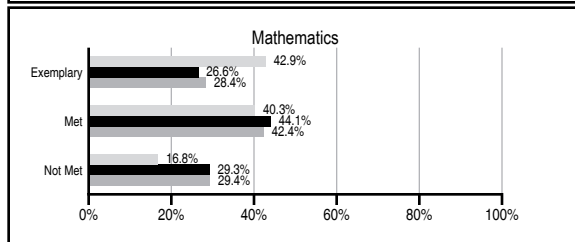
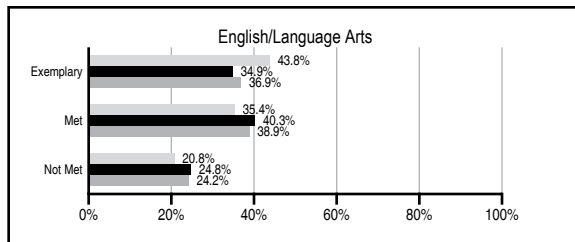
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 1         | 20   | 84      | 8             | 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<br>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<br>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<br>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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# Chesnee Elementary [Spartanburg 2]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|                                                                              | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=536)</b>                                                      |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Retention rate                                                               | 1.2%       | Down from 2.0%        | 2.4%                                       | 1.9%                     |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 96.5%      | No Change             | 96.2%                                      | 96.3%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 12.3%      | Up from 11.5%         | 8.8%                                       | 10.0%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 9.4%       | Down from 11.0%       | 9.3%                                       | 7.7%                     |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.6%                                       | 0.5%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=33)</b>                                                       |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 72.7%      | Up from 67.6%         | 60.5%                                      | 59.4%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 84.8%      | Up from 61.8%         | 82.9%                                      | 80.0%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 90.6%      | Down from 93.0%       | 87.3%                                      | 85.9%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 94.7%      | Up from 94.5%         | 95.1%                                      | 95.1%                    |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$48,903   | Up 6.7%               | \$47,415                                   | \$47,149                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 2.5%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 7.3 days   | Down from 10.5 days   | 11.6 days                                  | 11.1 days                |
| <b>School</b>                                                                |            |                       |                                            |                          |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 5.0        | No Change             | 4.0                                        | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 17.6 to 1  | Down from 19.0 to 1   | 19.0 to 1                                  | 18.8 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 90.2%      | Up from 90.1%         | 90.2%                                      | 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                                                | Average    | Down from Good        | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$8,361    | Up 21.2%              | \$7,360                                    | \$7,458                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 59.5%      | Down from 65.1%       | 67.9%                                      | 68.8%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 53.8%      | Down from 59.3%       | 61.6%                                      | 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                             | 28       | 76        | 60       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 82.7%     | 90.0%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0%   | 89.5%     | 96.6%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 90.8%     | 88.1%    |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

With the completion of our first year in our new, state-of-the-art facility, our faculty members, parents, and students leave with the feeling of success. Being a Title I School, our faculty, staff, and administrators' focus is to provide a positive and nurturing environment to assist in building a strong foundation for future citizens.

In order to help the students with both academic and social needs, the faculty uses a variety of strategies to promote growth and development. To enhance the fine arts program, students participated in the seventh annual drama production as well as an art show. We also have a partnership with the Spartanburg County Arts Foundation to help provide numerous cultural activities for the students through the MUSE Machine Grant. The school has a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Spartanburg to operate a year-round program for students. Children are involved in the research-based 100 Book Challenge Program. The Dolly Parton imagination Library is a program that targets preschool children. Our reading accomplishments with these programs have helped better prepare our students. Reading is Fundamental continues to provide the students with quality children's books. Over the past four years, the students and teachers have worked with instructional coaches to broaden our use of effective techniques in the classrooms and increase student achievement.

The school staff, PTA, and volunteers worked together to promote parental involvement. Six PTA student programs, enhanced by student programs, were conducted throughout the year. Participation in the three family nights, designed to help parents understand how to academically assist their children, exceeded school attendance projections. The increase in parent participation is one contributing factor that has enhanced student performance.

The teachers and staff continue to participate in training to improve their teaching skills and strategies. Our teachers eagerly work with reading consultants and participate in book chats regarding current trends in education. The teachers recognize the importance of professional growth in helping them improve student performance.

As determined by our Title 1 surveys, parents are excited about the various aspects of the school's educational programs. Chesnee Elementary continues to serve the community as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient, a Red Carpet School, and as being recognized by the EOC once again for Closing the Gap with our Title 1 students.

Lynn Hollifield, SIC Chairperson  
Robert P. Ledford, Principal

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