

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Cannons Elementary
Spartanburg 3
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 289
Principal: Karen Grimm
Superintendent: James O. Ray
Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury

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

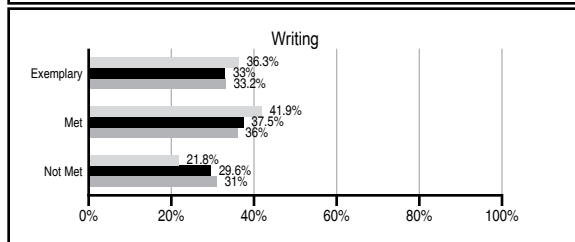
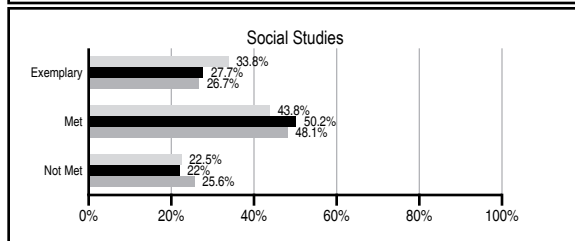
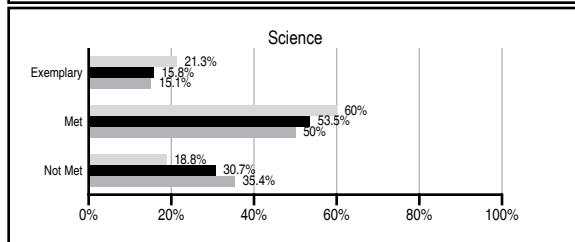
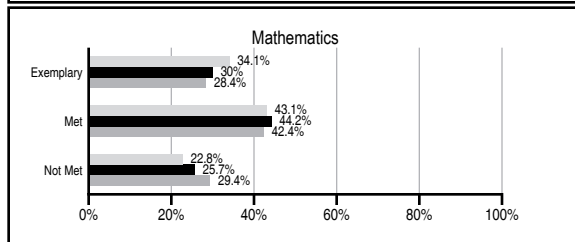
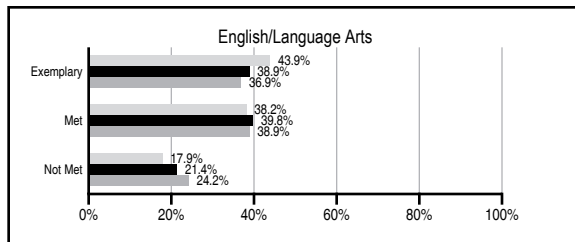
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	29	71	2	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=289)				
Retention rate	1.5%	Up from 0.7%	2.0%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.1%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.1%	Up from 12.3%	11.0%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	16.0%	Up from 15.8%	8.9%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.0%	Down from 76.9%	59.0%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Up from 69.2%	83.3%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0%	Up from 87.8%	86.2%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,958	Up 3.4%	\$47,306	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.9 days	Down from 15.1 days	11.9 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.6 to 1	Down from 18.0 to 1	19.2 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.1%	Up from 90.9%	90.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,354	Up 0.5%	\$7,279	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.0%	Down from 64.5%	68.2%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.4%	Down from 62.0%	63.5%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 92.3%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	40	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.3%	92.5%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.7%	92.5%	86.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	97.5%	83.3%

*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 theme for this year at Cannons Elementary School was "A School so Fine in 08-09"! We did indeed have a fine year of rich learning experiences and involvement with our community. The entire school community celebrated winning the Red Carpet Award and the Healthy Schools Award in 2008-2009. This was accomplished as a result of the collaborative effort between the school and our community. We strive to build on this relationship to continue enhancing the achievement and success of our students. The faculty, staff, students, parents, and community worked together to focus on literacy, assessment, technology, student-centered instruction, positive school citizenship, making healthy choices for living, and experiencing the arts.

Instruction was planned by frequently analyzing test data provided by MAP—Measures of Academic Progress. This allowed us to provide individualized teaching for all students. Combining a variety of assessment tools such as MAP, portfolio assessment, the Developmental Reading Assessment, and teacher-created formative assessment made it possible to review each student's strengths and plan challenging and differentiated instruction.

This year, the Cannons Character Club recognized students, staff, and volunteers who modeled excellent school citizenship. Students, staff, and volunteers were "caught being good" by the guidance counselor. These individuals received school-wide recognition, which encouraged others to exhibit positive school citizenship. The Cannons Character Club received the Golden Achievement Award from the South Carolina National Public Relations Association. We strive to inspire a sense of belonging and build on the strengths of each student through our character program.

In partnership with the Spartanburg Arts Council, a different local artist was featured in our community art gallery each month. Local musicians entertained us before and during events. This partnership allows us to continue providing a rich curriculum and community involvement. Events included art, music, and dramatic performances, in addition to wonderful student presentations and performances.

Intramurals, Running Club, and Walking Club were offered each morning before school. Students, teachers, and parents practiced making healthy choices for living. The partnership with Zest Quest continued to strengthen our school emphasis on making healthy choices and greatly contributed to winning the Healthy Schools Award. We hosted a Health and Safety night with support from our PTO, business partners, and many service organizations in the community.

Students enjoyed the many benefits as volunteers came to read, provide incentives, and join us in recognizing student achievement in academics, physical fitness, character development, and the arts. The School Improvement Council, PTO, parents, and community continued to enhance learning at Cannons Elementary through their involvement and support. Each student benefited from being a member of a community that cares and values education.

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