SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Duncan Elementary
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 **Enrollment: 651**
Principal: Susan B. Hill
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Butch Coan

PERFORMANCE

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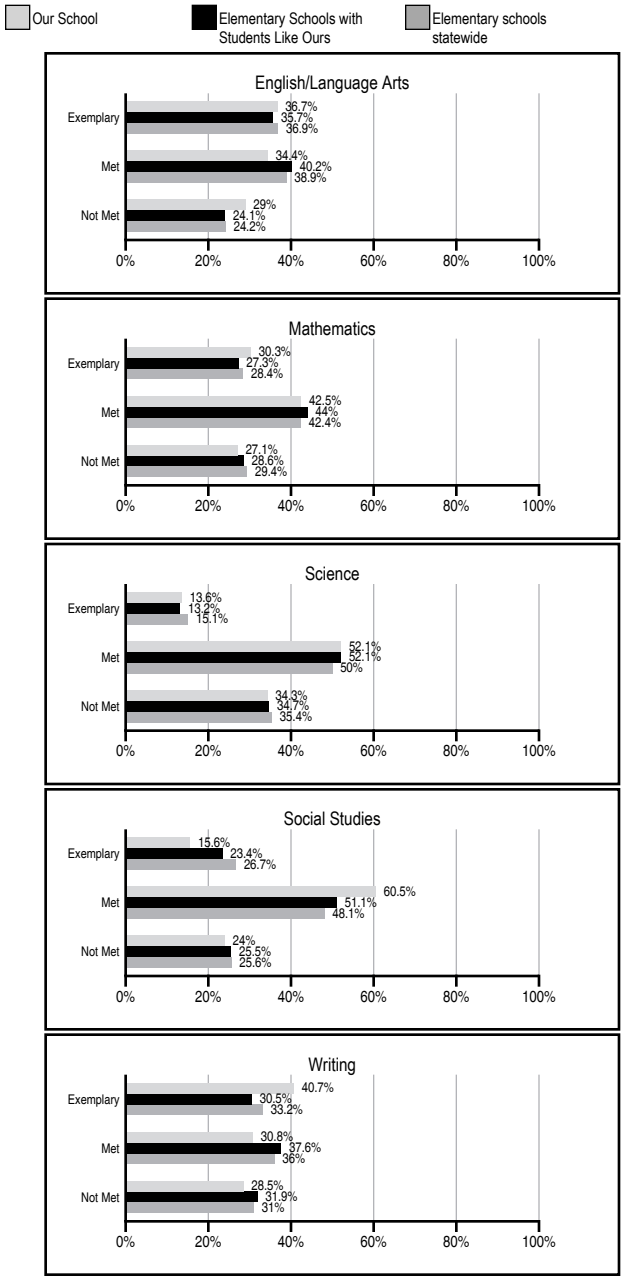
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	Silver	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	20	82	7	0

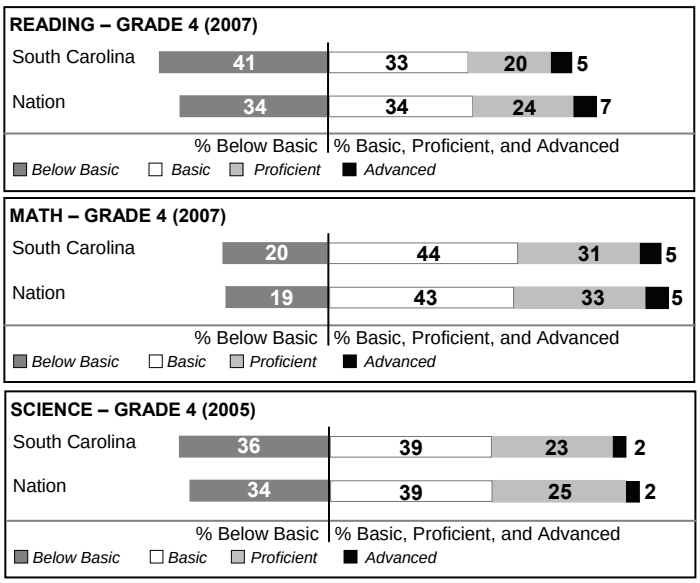
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=651)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Up from 3.8%	2.2%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.2%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.1%	Down from 16.4%	9.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.3%	Down from 9.8%	9.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.0%	Down from 66.0%	60.2%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Down from 91.5%	83.2%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Down from 89.5%	88.1%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$47,647	Up 0.7%	$47,415	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Down from 12.9 days	11.6 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	Up from 16.5 to 1	19.0 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.9%	Up from 90.5%	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	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,122	Up 1.0%	$7,360	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.5%	Up from 71.5%	67.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.5%	Up from 68.8%	61.5%	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	25	113	58
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.0%	90.3%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.5%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.2%	90.2%	93.1%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Greetings from Duncan Elementary School!

This year's motto, "Duncan Wildcats…Learning Together!," is so appropriate. Our community of continuous learners was thrilled when we became the recipients of two prestigious state awards. Duncan Elementary School was recognized as a "Palmetto Silver Award" Winner for General Performance/Improved Academic Achievement and for Closing the Achievement Gap in the area of mathematics for 2008-2009.

Our instructional priorities this year included providing explicit strategy instruction in the area of reading, explicit instruction in mathematics at the conceptual level, and assisting our children to become productive citizens. In addition, our grade organization changed this year as fourth grade students returned to the elementary schools in our district.

Our children have done an outstanding job as learners and as citizens! They have made many strides in their academic growth as measured by ongoing assessments like Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and running records. Teachers used the data to plan instruction and to recognize students for achieving their goals. Ice cream socials, class games, cheers, and other fun activities were used to celebrate success!

Our school participated in "Relay for Life" this year. Our first-year team inspired our school family to raise over $12,000 for the American Cancer Society. This concerted effort exemplifies the "heart and soul" that our children possess!

During the course of the year, we were able to equip our kindergarten and first grade classrooms with projectors and Interwrite boards. Projectors and Interwrite pads were provided to all second through fourth grade classrooms. The instructional support provided by this added technology was greeted with enthusiasm throughout our building!

Our teachers are continuously striving to improve the quality of teaching and learning that occurs at Duncan. As part of this endeavor, all staff members have participated in intense, specific, and ongoing training to acquire and refine the skills necessary to implement the Learning Focused teaching/learning model. We are also proud that seven of our teachers are recognized as holding National Board Certifications.

Along with students and staff, parents are an integral part of the Duncan Elementary Family, and their support is invaluable. We enjoy having them attend various functions during and after the school day. Parent involvement continued to increase during 2008-2009. We are so appreciative of the support provided to our staff and students.

Duncan Elementary School is a very, very special place to learn and grow. We are so thankful for the wonderful students that we have the privilege to work with every day. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us.

Susan Hill, Principal
Shirley Hames, SIC/Title I Chair

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