SC Annual School Report Card Summary

River Ridge Elementary
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 **Enrollment: 727**
Principal: Glenda Bigby
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Butch Coan

PERFORMANCE

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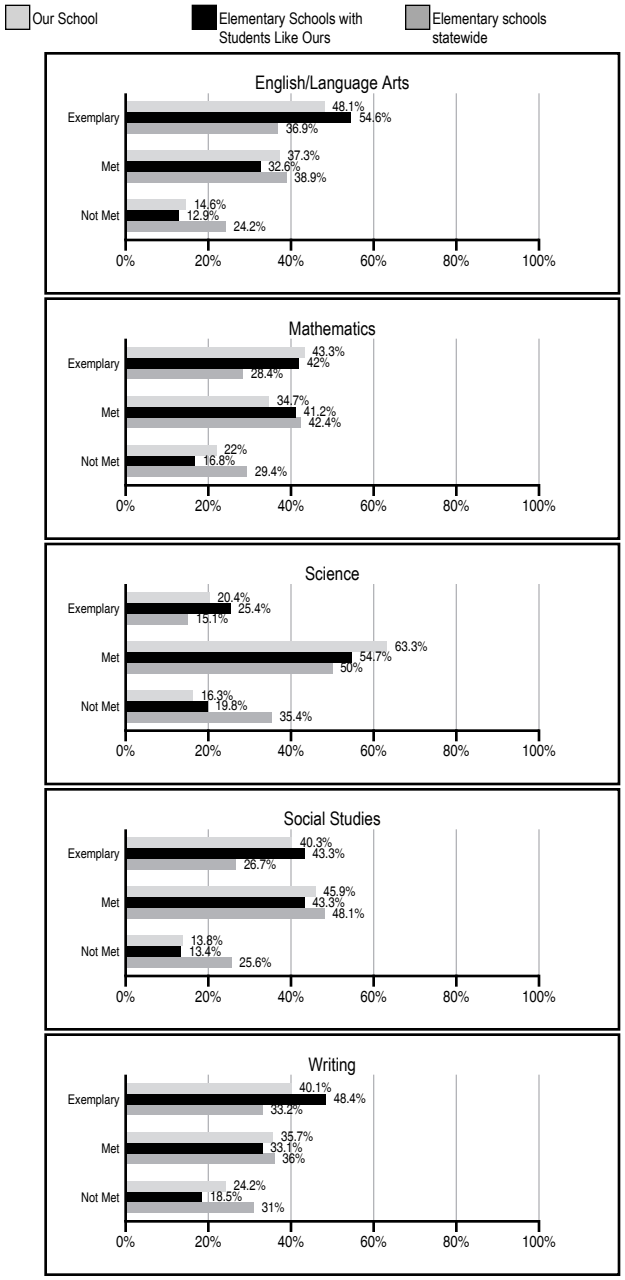
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
23	5	3	0	0

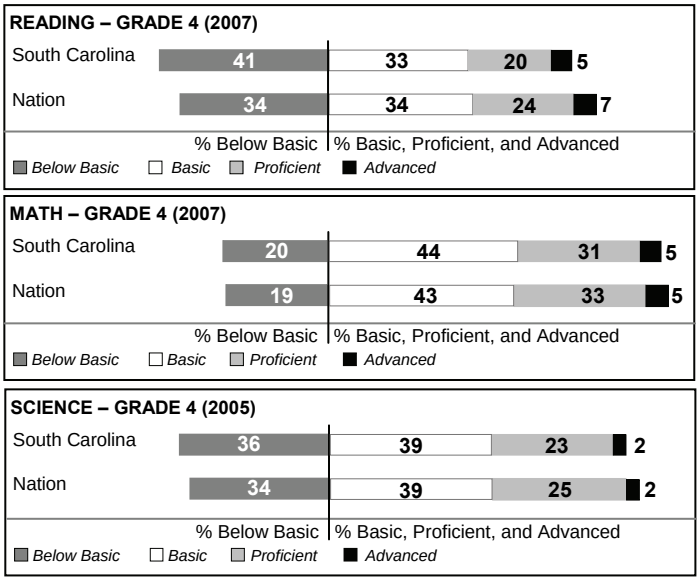
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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=727)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Up from 1.7%	1.3%	1.9%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.7%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.9%	Up from 18.8%	19.3%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.1%	Down from 5.5%	5.5%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.5%	Down from 56.8%	61.4%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Up from 77.3%	81.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.4%	Down from 82.4%	87.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 92.8%	95.6%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$48,430	Up 4.8%	$48,653	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Up from 15.1 days	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 7.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	19.8 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 88.4%	91.5%	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**	$6,633	Down 12.2%	$6,783	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.7%	Down from 73.3%	70.6%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.7%	Down from 71.2%	64.1%	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	34	129	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	86.8%	84.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.8%	90.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.1%	90.6%	88.7%

*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

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 750 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students.

This year, our school implemented year three of the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the use of the Rigby Literacy. We continue to integrate the Everyday Math Program in our math instruction. Science standards are addressed through exciting hands-on activities involving the use of grade-level science tubs during classroom instruction.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our Preschool Program involves three-, four-, and five-year-old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL Reading Intervention, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), PALS (Our Character Education Program), PTO Book Celebrations, Reading Renaissance, and various clubs. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms, as well as the use of digital cameras, video cameras, laser disks, scanners, and SMART boards.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, WEE Deliver, Panda Patrol, School Store workers, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: BASF Corporation, PEP (Publix Educational Partnership), Jocassee Designs, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects such as Project HOPE, Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for the Heart, Zig the Pig for cancer research, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenda Bigby, Principal
Terry Shaw, SIC Chair

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