SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Abner Creek Elementary
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 **Enrollment: 321**
Principal: Patricia Paul
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Butch Coan

PERFORMANCE

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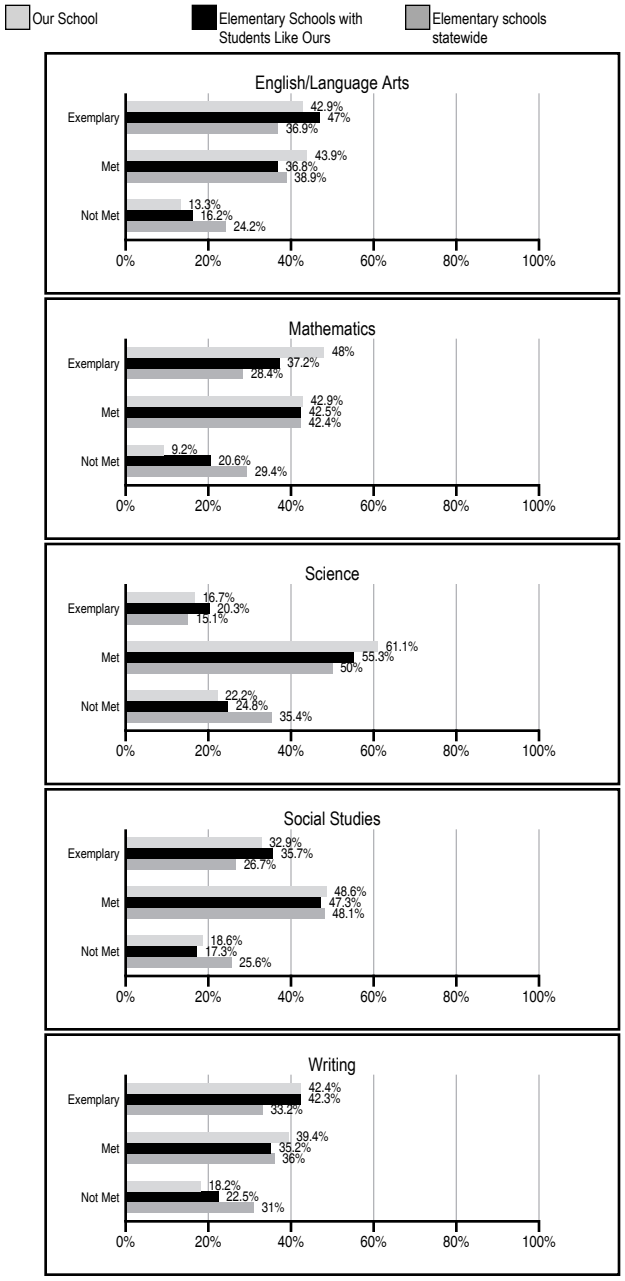
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	38	22	0	0

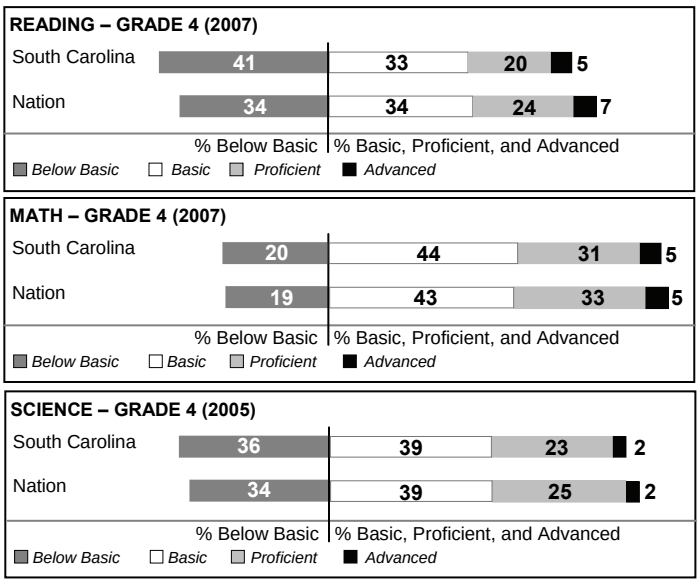
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=321)				
Retention rate	0.3%	N/A	1.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	N/A	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.0%	N/A	15.7%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	N/A	6.7%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	N/A	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	N/R	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.9%	N/A	61.3%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	84.6%	N/A	84.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.5%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	91.2%	N/R	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$47,298	I/S	$48,465	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	N/R	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/R	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	11.7 to 1	N/R	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	N/R	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	N/R	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	N/R	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	$6,985	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	68.8%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	60.8%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		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	49	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.9%	86.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.9%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	93.8%	76.7%

*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

Abner Creek Elementary School, located 2.1 miles off of Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County, opened its doors on August 19 of 2008 and presently serves 331 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of 61 serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility. We are on a journey to excellence and focus on providing a supportive learning environment to the children, their caregivers, and all stakeholders who enter our doors. Our students are told daily that we love them and that we have high expectations for them.

A primary goal this year was to establish shared decision-making opportunities with parents, business partners, and our community. We were able to establish a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), a School Improvement Council (SIC), and partnerships with businesses such as Twin Palmetto Fine Foods, Pizza Inn, Abner Creek Baptist Church, Fulton Presbyterian Church, Fireside Subs, and Food Lion. We also enjoyed our partnership with the Spartanburg Writing Project. We were able to hold Family Write Nights and publish a school anthology. We will continue to seek out and embrace partners in education.

This year, we brought a new faculty and staff together as our district entered the third year of implementation of a Learning-Focused School initiative. This model provides focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. A lot of energy was spent on the implementation of a balanced-literacy approach, which includes guided reading with leveled texts. We also provided training in Thinking Maps for all teachers and began implementing Write…from the Beginning, a developmental program to support school-wide writing success.

The creation of professional learning communities has also been a priority. Teachers were able to select professional books of their choice and collaborate with their colleagues to broaden their understanding of teaching and learning.

Opportunities for students include early intervention programs, a reading intervention program, ESOL (our program for speakers of other languages), REACH (our gifted/talented program), Creations (our gifted art program), and services for special needs.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, the Gator Patrol, and the Morning Show broadcasting crew. Service opportunities were abundant through our participation in Relay for Life, Operation Love-a-Pet, Jump Rope for Heart, collecting for March of Dimes, and Coins-for-Fun for the children at the Spartanburg Children's Shelter.

In our first year of existence, Abner Creek Elementary School has been recognized for winning the Greenville Drive All-Stars Reading Challenge and for winning the Golden Shoe Award for health and safety awareness. We were also honored to have one of our teachers, Wendy Bralley, named as the District Five Teacher of the Year.

Our mission is to ensure that all students experience success by providing a quality education in a safe and loving environment.

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