

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Houston Elementary
Spartanburg 7
Grades: PK-6 **Enrollment: 375**
Principal: Thomas Stokes
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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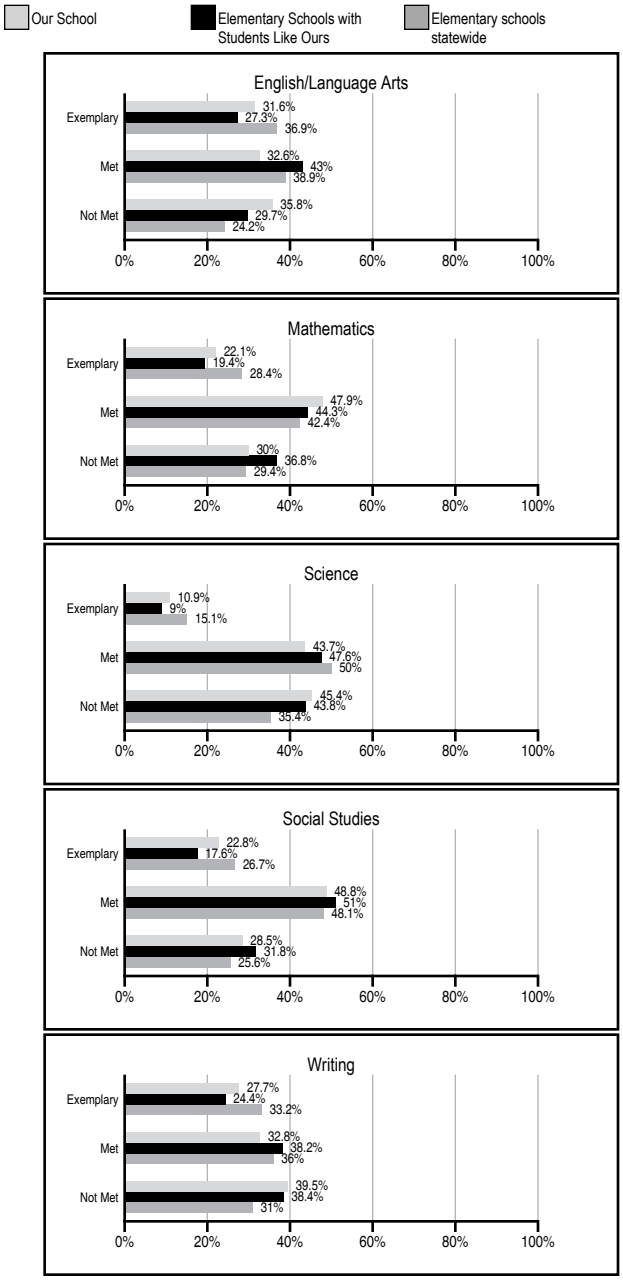
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	5	85	30	5

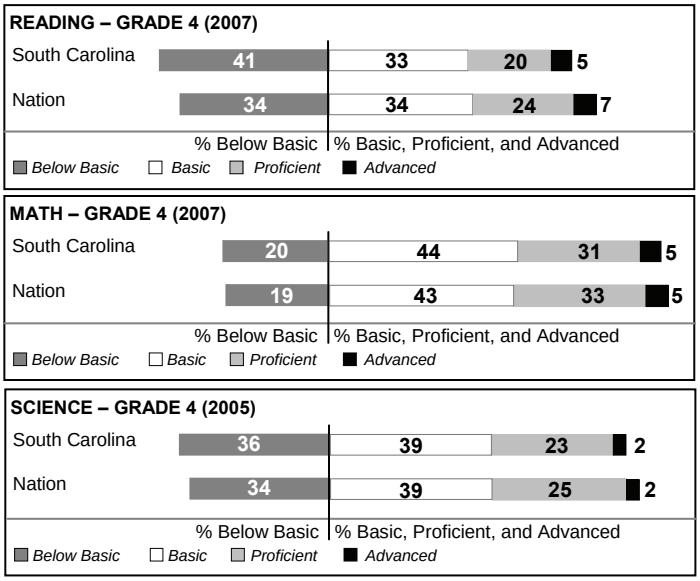
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=375)				
Retention rate	3.0%	Up from 2.5%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.1%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.2%	Up from 13.3%	6.1%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	10.8%	Up from 9.0%	9.0%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Up from 0.4%	0.8%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.7%	Up from 64.3%	57.0%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Up from 78.6%	76.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	71.5%	Up from 71.2%	84.9%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 93.1%	95.0%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$49,384	Up 2.2%	$46,058	$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.3 days	Down from 16.7 days	11.7 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.1 to 1	Up from 15.2 to 1	17.9 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 88.0%	89.9%	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	Below Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$10,458	Up 8.2%	$7,756	$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Down from 65.9%	68.1%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Down from 63.9%	62.1%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 94.1%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	32	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	67.7%	80.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%	69.0%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.4%	84.4%	85.7%

*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

Houston Elementary students strive to achieve excellence on a daily basis. Our well-trained and dedicated staff works diligently to provide each of our students with an enriched educational experience. For the second consecutive year, Houston received an “average” absolute rating on the state report card, and our improvement rating was the second highest in the district. As a result of our improved PACT (now called PASS) scores, Houston received the Palmetto Silver Award. Houston is currently in the second year of the South Carolina Teacher Advancement Program (SC TAP). Houston Elementary is proud of the success of our teachers and students. A third grade teacher was our Teacher of the Year. A fifth grade teacher received a Junior League Mini Grant, four teachers have obtained National Board Certification, and 100% of our faculty is highly qualified.

Our students distinguished themselves in numerous academic and related areas. Thirty-three students participated in our district Gifted and Talented program, six students received various art awards, and fifteen students participated in our Honors Band and Stings programs. Other individual honors included the State Honor Chorus, the Piedmont Regional Science Fair, the Regional Spelling Bee, the State Superintendent Writing Award, and the Kiwanis Club Terrific Kid.

To promote wellness and a commitment to the total growth of the child, our students had opportunities to participate in numerous extracurricular activities. Students participated in our Walk Your Child to School Day and participated in our Bike to School Day. Students also participated in our “Girls on the Run” club, Houston Running Club, Creative Expression Dance Club, Good News Club, and Junior Naturalist Club.

We are here to serve your children and encourage each of you to continue to take an active role in the educational process of your children. Remember, “Together We Can.”

Thomas Stokes, Principal
Anna Fleetwood, SIC Chairperson

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