

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

AIKEN ELEMENTARY

Aiken

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 883

Principal: Sharon Foret Cagle

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

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		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

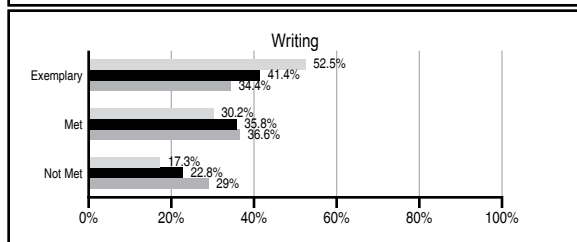
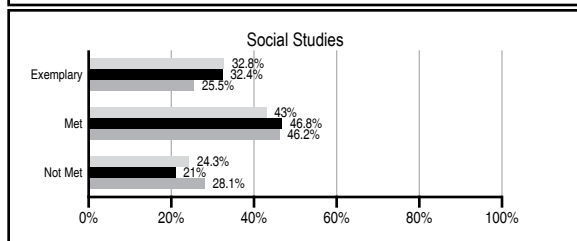
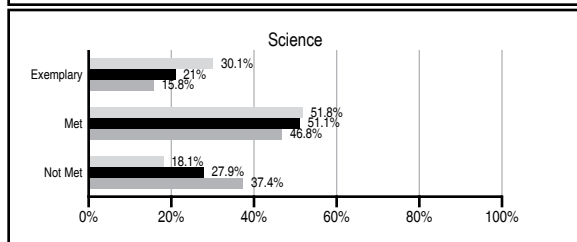
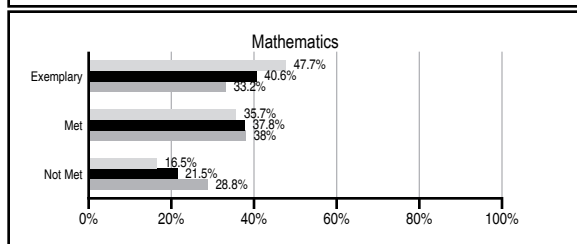
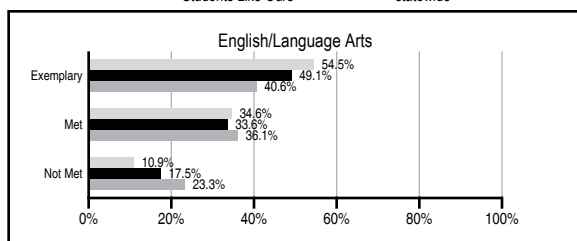
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
31	32	28	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

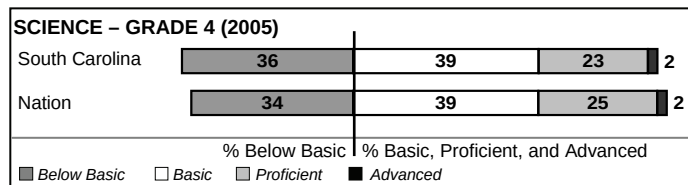
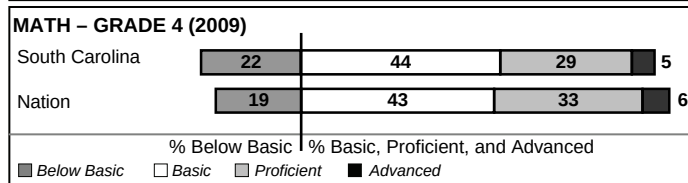
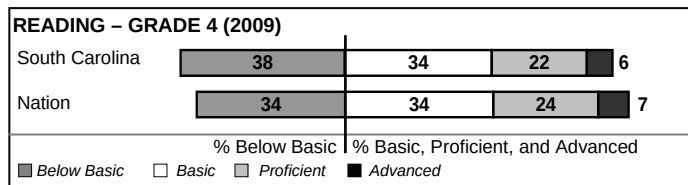
PASS PERFORMANCE

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.



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=883)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 2.0%	1.1%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.8%	96.4%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.9%	Down from 21.2%	17.2%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.6%	Down from 6.7%	7.2%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Down from 1.1%	0.3%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.9%	Up from 54.5%	62.5%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	96.1%	Up from 83.6%	86.8%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	Up from 1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Up from 88.3%	90.3%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 96.4%	95.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,722	Down 3.3%	\$48,424	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.5 days	Up from 12.8 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Up from 19.8 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 93.1%	91.8%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,582	Down 1.5%	\$7,159	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.2%	Down from 75.7%	69.2%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.6%	Up from 58.1%	66.2%	65.1%
% 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	52	124	89
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.2%	87.9%	87.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	79.8%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.2%	82.8%	89.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken Elementary experienced an outstanding and challenging 2009-2010 school year! During these challenging financial times, adjustments had to be made by all stakeholders. Our faculty and staff stayed focused on our mission of providing high quality teaching every day and surrounded all students with supportive relationships. Aiken Elementary school received an absolute rating of Excellent and a growth rating of Good on the South Carolina School Report Card, thereby qualifying for the Palmetto Gold Award for academic excellence. Aiken Elementary has been awarded the Palmetto Gold Award seven out of the nine years it has been presented. Our school received a flag and certificate for this award. In addition, we were recognized for closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming students, winning a Silver Award.

Our students exceeded the District and State 2009 PASS results for all areas tested and met the National NCLB standard for AYP (annual yearly progress).

Aiken Elementary provides a rigorous standards-based curriculum, innovative teaching methodologies, and makes informed data-based instructional decisions for each student. Our goal is to prepare each child for the 21st century.

Due to the dedication and commitment of our PTA, SIC, teachers, and staff, and from the support and pride of our parents and community, our accolades are numerous: National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; Palmetto's Finest School; South Carolina Department of Education Red Carpet School; Palmetto Gold Awards!

A few highlights of our year are as follows: Sixteen Aiken Elementary teachers received SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants totaling \$8,000; Marianne Swearingen, G/T teacher, won a Kroger Earnings Plus Learning Grant award for \$1,000; other grants received by teachers totaled \$1,623. Ms. Kristy Sirmans received the SIC Torchbearer Award; Mrs. Beth Eberhard was selected as Aiken Elementary's Teacher of the Year and received the Spirit of Ruth Patrick Award from USC-A. The Jump Rope for Heart Program raised \$4,473; PTA sponsored "Change for Change" raising \$1,942 for disadvantaged students at Aiken Elementary; Aiken Elementary was the winner of the 2009 SRNS Safety Art contest "most participation" award for the 3rd-5th grade age category; a first and third grade student were awarded prizes at Help Line's Aiken County art show for their art work and money to help the school's art program; 8 students were selected to participate in a writers workshop at the Aiken County Historical Museum.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Aiken Elementary will continue to work toward fostering strong partnerships with parents and maintaining a collaborative, positive, and supportive school climate for all that enter our school. Aiken Elementary is proud of the excellent education program offered to our students and is committed to having all students reach their potential.

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Marianne Swearingen, SIC Chairperson

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