

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

J D LEVER ELEMENTARY

Aiken

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 563

Principal: Renee Mack

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	Average	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

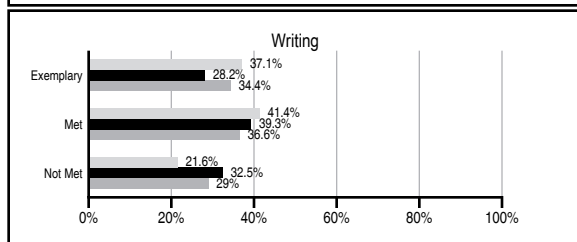
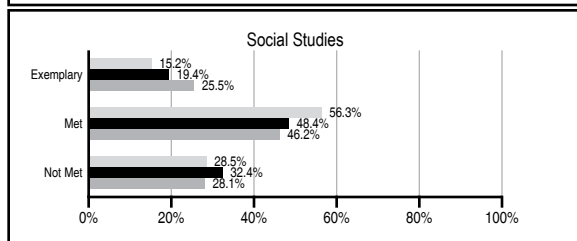
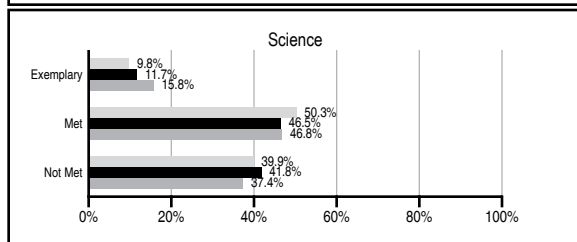
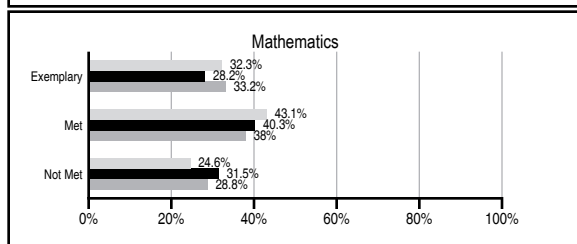
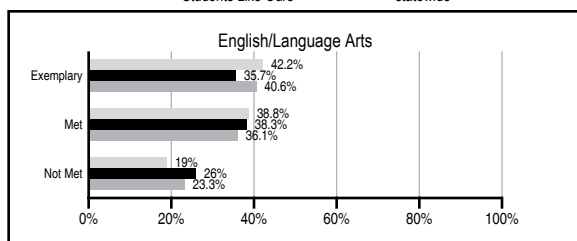
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	13	98	11	1

* 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.

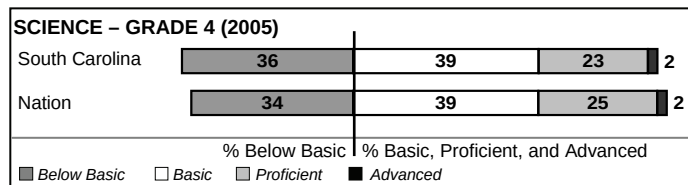
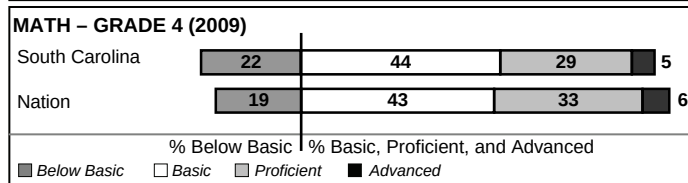
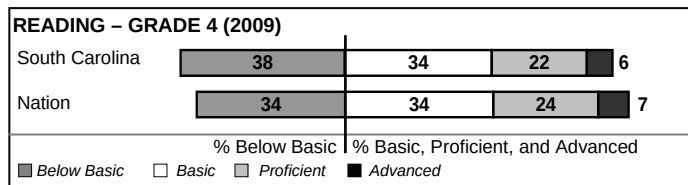
PASS PERFORMANCE

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=563)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Up from 1.4%	1.5%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.3%	Up from 6.3%	9.7%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	8.7%	Up from 6.2%	8.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.5%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%	No Change	59.8%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	95.1%	Up from 82.9%	85.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Down from 91.7%	87.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 95.8%	94.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,826	Down 2.1%	\$46,781	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Up from 6.9 days	11.1 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 18.5 to 1	19.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 91.1%	89.6%	90.8%
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**	\$6,520	Down 1.5%	\$7,637	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.1%	Down from 71.3%	67.4%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.4%	Up from 54.9%	64.4%	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	43	80	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.7%	97.5%	87.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7%	94.9%	96.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.1%	89.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

J. D. Lever Elementary is a family-friendly community school that involves all stakeholders in the education of children. Our main goals continue to be student achievement, closing the achievement gap, and social and character development. We are very proud of the accomplishments made during the 2009-2010 school year.

J. D. Lever School, in conjunction with the Golden Harvest Food Bank, implemented "The Backpack Program." This program provides healthy, nonperishable weekend snacks for at-risk students. We also participated in the USDA National Breakfast Program which provides free breakfast to all students regardless of income.

Our business partnership with Shaw Industries continues to provide incentives for our students, faculty, and staff. Shaw employees are actively involved in the mentoring program which assists low-performing students with academic support and social interaction skills.

Our collaboration with USC-Aiken continues to flourish with programs such as our on-site Professional Development School (PDS). The PDS program provides college students with "real life" experiences in working with elementary students in classroom settings.

The use of technology, including Smartboards, laptop computers, Airliners, and Senteos Response Systems (SRS), assists students in being more prepared for the future.

Various evening workshops, including Internet Safety and Make-a-Book programs, allowed parents to become actively involved in their child's learning.

Students are rewarded for displaying positive character traits through the "Caught Being Good" and "Terrific Kids" programs.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) worked closely with the Title I Committee in developing goals that assist in providing a positive and safe learning environment.

Mrs. Carolyn Williams, a Reading Interventionist, earned National Board Certification. Mrs. Dawn Bryant and Mrs. Margaret Green both earned their Master's Degree.

Teachers were awarded more than \$3,000.00 in grants.

The administration, faculty, and staff at J. D. Lever look forward to another year of collaborative teaching and learning. We anticipate the challenges of the upcoming school year and embrace each day as an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. We are thankful for the support of the parents, volunteers, and community partners. By working together, we can be successful in educating our leaders of tomorrow.

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