

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PALMETTO ELEMENTARY
Anderson 1
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 694**
Principal: Amy Cothran
Superintendent: Dr. R. Wayne Fowler
Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

PERFORMANCE

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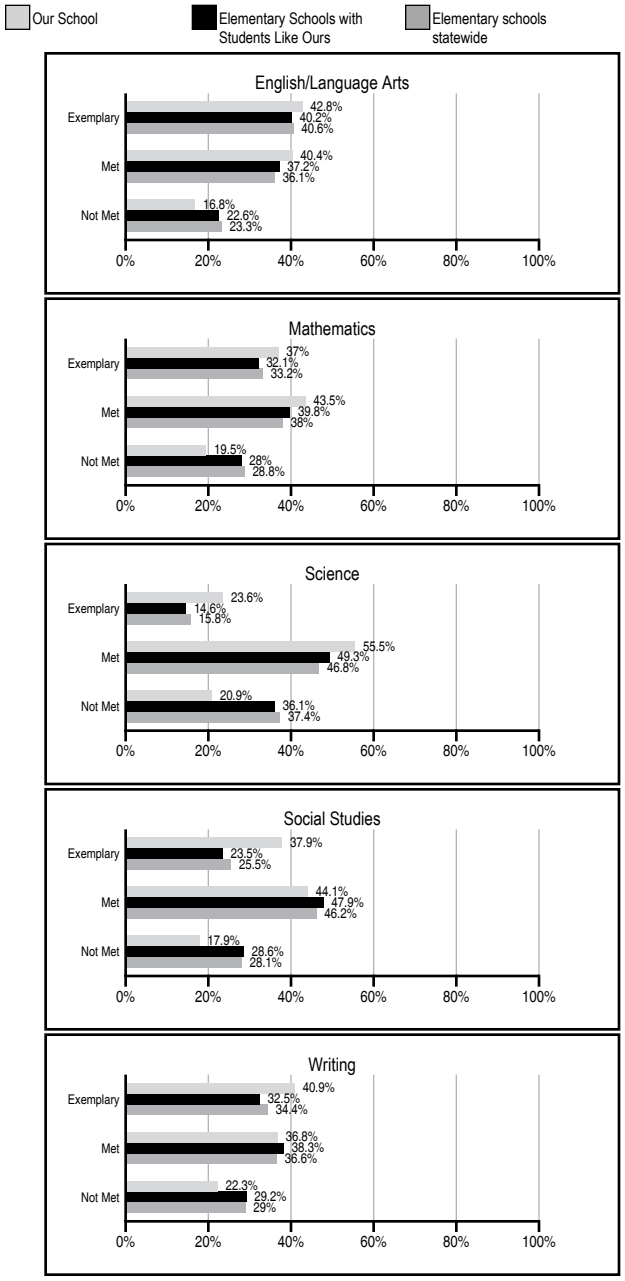
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	25	88	2	0

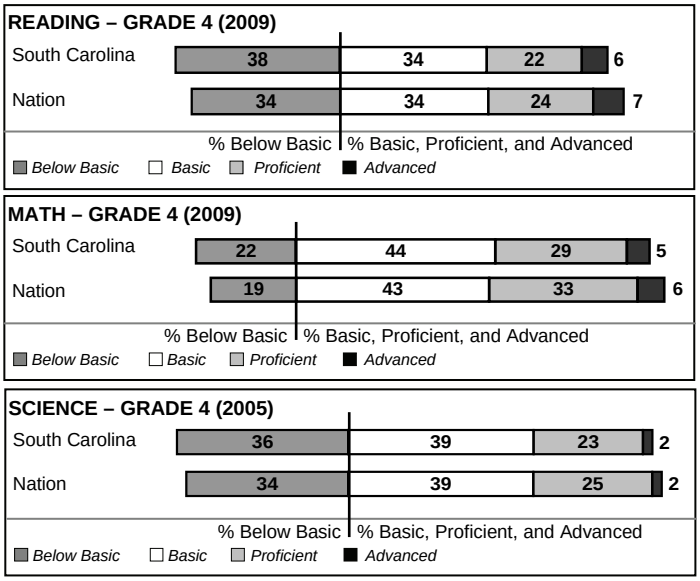
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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=694)				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.7%	95.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.0%	Up from 7.2%	11.8%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	9.1%	Up from 7.2%	8.5%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	No Change	0.4%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.0%	Down from 66.0%	59.8%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	82.6%	Down from 83.0%	86.5%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.5%	Down from 93.1%	88.9%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	92.4%	Down from 93.6%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$46,248	Up 1.5%	$47,211	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.8 days	Down from 13.0 days	10.2 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.6 to 1	Up from 15.0 to 1	19.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Down from 89.6%	90.6%	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 95.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,269	Up 1.0%	$7,479	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.7%	Up from 72.5%	67.4%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.7%	Up from 67.1%	63.8%	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	46	95	63
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.1%	84.2%	87.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	75.5%	85.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.7%	83.9%	85.5%

*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

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool had a wonderful year focusing on providing a positive learning environment for all students. The mission of Palmetto Elementary is to develop well-rounded students by providing diverse and challenging educational experiences which utilize business partners, community, faculty, parents, and students to nurture student differences while promoting a lifelong love of learning. Palmetto Elementary faculty and staff have consistently maintained high standards for all students throughout the years. Improving student success is our number one goal. Our school has a transient population, which is a challenge we face each year. Palmetto Elementary faculty and staff do a great job of welcoming new and returning students in order to quickly determine their needs for learning and to provide enrichment opportunities to promote a lifelong love of learning. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most diverse student body in Anderson School District One.

This year our incredible PTO worked very diligently to provide an activity each month for students and parents to enjoy together. The goal of our PTO was to promote and encourage involvement in Palmetto Elementary. The activities included open house, skating nights, movie nights, Fall Carnival, Spring Fling, Cookies with Santa, and two clean-up days. Each event was very well supported and appreciated by our students, parents, and faculty. The funds collected this year through our fundraisers and Box Tops for Education have been used for classroom instructional supplies and school beautification. The PTO's efforts are tireless and a wonderful model for our students.

Our students and staff continued their emphasis on reading by promoting the Accelerated Reader program and implementing guided reading in kindergarten through second grade. Students at Palmetto Elementary take great pride in receiving a trophy for gaining 100 or more points each year. An Accelerated Reader celebration was held each quarter to highlight the accomplishments of students. The implementation of guided reading is also proving to be successful according to MAP data results.

Palmetto Elementary has had many accomplishments including: The 2009 PASS scores showed that we met AYP in 21 of 21 areas, provided ELA night and math night for parents, Family Reading nights two days each week, conferences were held with 100% of all parents, Clemson University provided student tutors, the afterschool program tutored and provided enrichment for 45 students, students and staff participate in the community recycling program, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, Schoolwide Pony Express mail system, Beta Club, Student Council, Drama Club, Palmetto singers, safety patrols, and Recorder Choir, and numerous volunteers spent countless hours serving our school.

Amy W. Cothran, Principal
Lana Pack, SIC Chair

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