SC Annual School Report Card Summary

MOSSY OAKS ELEMENTARY
Beaufort County
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 485**
Principal: Donald A. Gruel
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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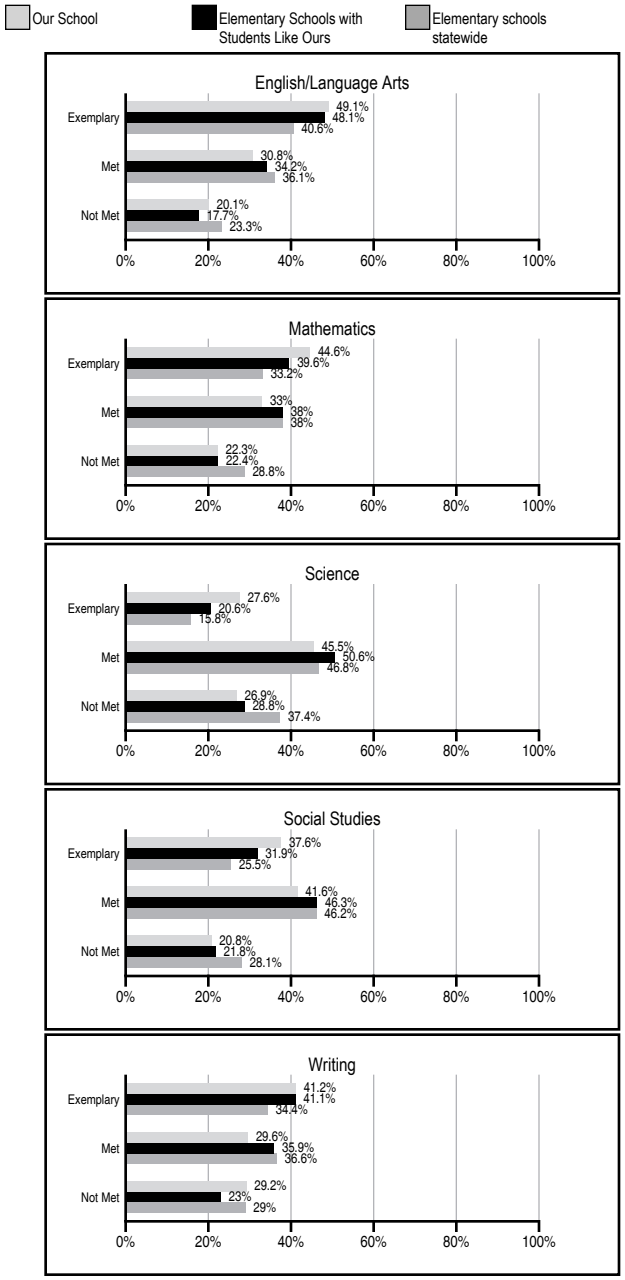
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	38	30	0	0

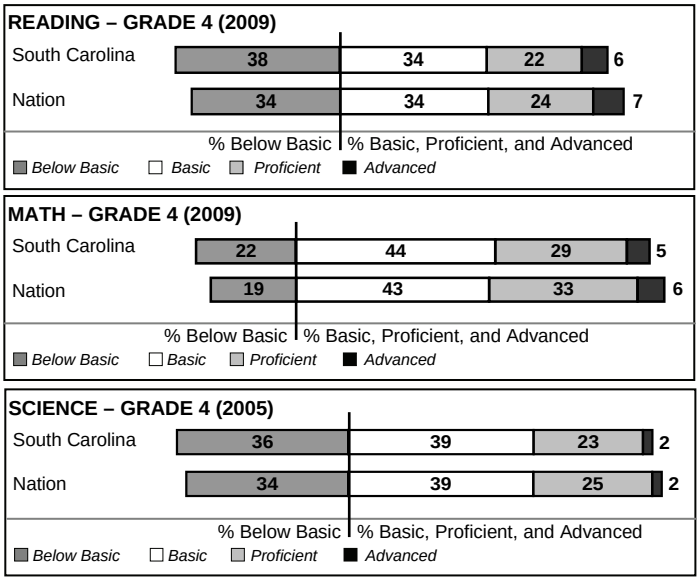
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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=485)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 3.9%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.1%	96.2%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.9%	Down from 21.5%	16.1%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.6%	Down from 7.2%	7.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	No Change	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=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.8%	Down from 67.7%	61.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.3%	Down from 90.3%	86.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.9%	Up from 91.3%	89.1%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.5%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$51,633	Down 3.6%	$48,008	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.5 days	Up from 11.5 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 19.1 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 92.4%	90.8%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,491	Down 0.4%	$7,124	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.7%	Up from 68.5%	69.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.2%	Up from 56.0%	65.8%	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	39	82	69
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	92.7%	94.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.5%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	95.1%	92.5%

*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

The 2009-2010 school year was an exciting time to be at Mossy Oaks Elementary School. We were recognized by the State Board of Education and the South Carolina Department of Education for outstanding student academic performance and were declared a Gold Award Recipient in the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program. We were also recognized with a Palmetto Silver Award for our excellent results in closing the achievement gaps among our students. We made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by No Child Left Behind legislation. The staff continued to spend time analyzing student achievement data and worked closely with our instructional coaches to provide environments within their classroom to promote effective teaching and learning. Through the use of these best practices and effective planning we saw positive gains by our students in their “Celebration of Knowledge” on MAP throughout the school year.

Character education continues to be an important part of the daily school routine as we work to build good citizens who are caring, responsible, and trustworthy. This citizenship and caring attitude was evident as we raised $1,262 in our “Hearts for Haiti” campaign, $4,125 in our “Math-a-Thon for St. Jude’s," $2,003 in our “Pennies for Patients” campaign, and $584 for Relay for Life. Through these efforts and our continued emphasis on character, we are moving forward in our quest to build a responsible citizen who will go out each day and make the right choices.

Mossy Oaks Elementary continues to benefit from a strong base of parental and community support. Our PTO held a successful “Back to School Luau,” coordinated the grand opening of our “Gallery Art Wall,” provided opportunities for students to shop in Candy Cane Lane, and held a successful “Spring Fling.” They provided assistance, when needed, to our students, staff, and parents. Through the efforts of our PTO and School Management Team, we continue to provide opportunities for all to become involved in providing a school environment that will help our students to be successful.

During the 2009-2010 school year, we continued in our mission to promote academic growth and character development that will provide a safe environment where every member is in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing, preparing children for their unique roles in the world. Our students know that each day they can make it a great day or not, the choice is theirs.

Donald Gruel, Principal
Walt Gnann, School Management Team Chair

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