SC Annual School Report Card Summary

OKATIE ELEMENTARY
Beaufort County
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 523**
Principal: Jamie Pinckney
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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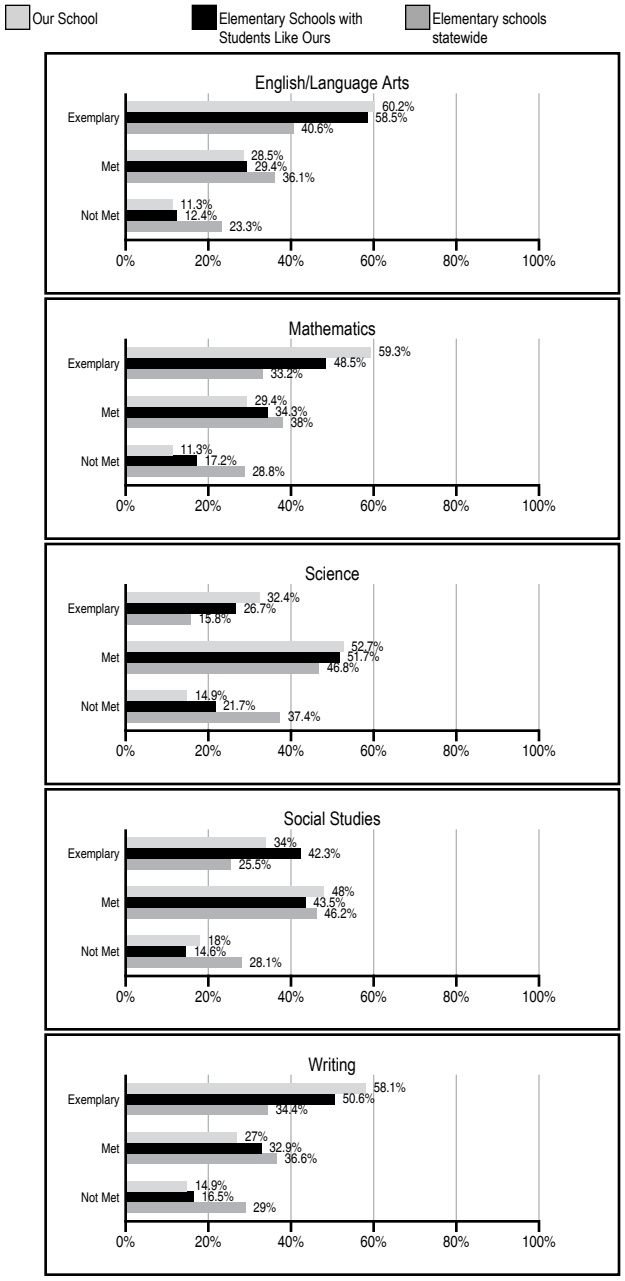
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
26	6	2	1	0

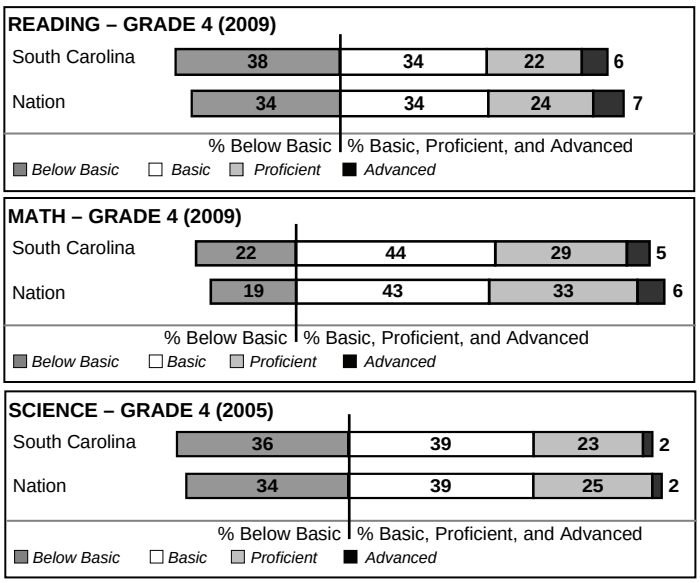
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=523)				
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 1.2%	0.9%	1.2%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.6%	96.4%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.9%	Up from 13.9%	20.8%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	4.1%	Up from 3.9%	6.1%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	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=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.4%	Up from 57.6%	63.6%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	65.9%	Up from 57.6%	89.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.8%	Down from 83.0%	88.7%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	92.3%	Down from 93.4%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$46,223	Up 2.1%	$49,222	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.3 days	Up from 16.2 days	9.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	20.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Down from 87.9%	92.2%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	Up from No	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**	$7,466	Up 3.8%	$7,043	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.7%	Down from 76.6%	70.7%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.0%	Up from 60.3%	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	73	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.4%	97.3%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.2%	94.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.4%	97.3%	92.9%

*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

We were very proud and excited to receive the "Red Carpet Award" for 2009-2010. This is due to the conscious efforts of our staff, parents, and community members working together to provide a comprehensive education for our students. For the first time in five years, all Okatie Owls were taught inside of the building. We welcomed over 100 newly-zoned students from Bluffton and MC Riley Elementary Schools. Our new families have transitioned smoothly, and our current enrollment is 522. At the start of this year, all schools in Beaufort County moved to one traditional calendar. This helped reduce costs for facilities and provided common remediation times at all schools, with the implementation of Extended Learning Time.

Prior to the start of this year, each instructional space was outfitted with an interactive Promethean Board. Okatie students and staff continue to focus their attention on becoming more health conscious this year. We held our 2nd Annual Health Fair, with over 20 community agencies participating. A school-lunch committee was formed to make recommendations for the cafeteria lunch menus. The number of students and staff involved in the Running Club has doubled, and we held the 2nd Annual "Foot Flight" in May of last year, with Congressman Tom Davis attending. Helen Goodman was awarded the Eat Smart grant. Our new homework policy requires all students to include a half hour of daily physical activity to promote lifelong healthy habits. Students are responsible for logging their activity in a journal. We used miles logged at home and school on our way to Disneyland, back home, and then to Vancouver, totaling 5,294 miles for our students!

Laura Phillips, Literacy Coach, was awarded the Sun City Solheim Cup grant again this year so that she can continue adding books to our W.H.O.O.S. Reading library. Dr. Scott and Mrs. Cannon continued to promote and oversee our recycling program. Our paper products are picked up weekly, and we continue to participate in Hargray's telephone-book recycling initiative. Our cardboard and plastics are separated by fourth grade students and taken to the Beaufort County recycling center for disposal while our cans are donated to the South Carolina Burn Foundation. Congratulations to Dr. Jorja Scott for being our teacher of the year and for earning her doctorate degree in leadership this year. Also, congratulations to Jennifer Helms, support staff of the year and first year as our computer instructor. As well as a special thank you to Loretta Tabor, volunteer of the year. She has worked with our students for the past five years.

Okatie students are very busy with a variety of activities before and after school, including baton, band, chorus, strings, cheerleading, morning math, Early Birds, running club, Gifted and Talented Art, Young Astronauts, and our brand new robotics club.

Last year, South Carolina replaced the PACT test given to third through eighth grade students over a two week period in May with the PASS test. PASS was administered to the same group of students over a total of six school days. The written portion of PASS was given to students over two consecutive days in March, while the remaining multiple choice portion of the PASS test was given during four days in May. Based on our PASS scores, Okatie Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the first time in five years! We are very proud of our students' and staff's strong progress, concerted effort, and focus on learning.

Okatie Elementary School owes its success to its staff, students, parents, and community members who volunteer their time so freely. The PTO provides multiple

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