SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HILTON HEAD SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE ARTS
Beaufort County
Grades: 1-5 **Enrollment: 730**
Principal: Gretchen Keefner
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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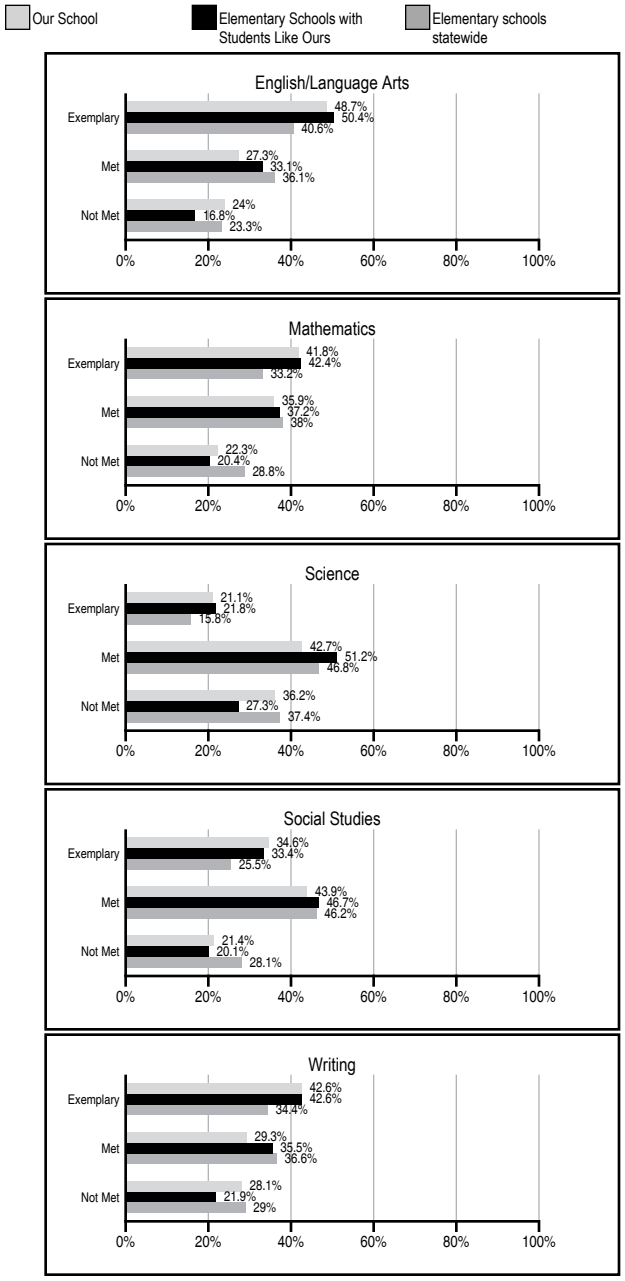
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
30	31	19	0	0

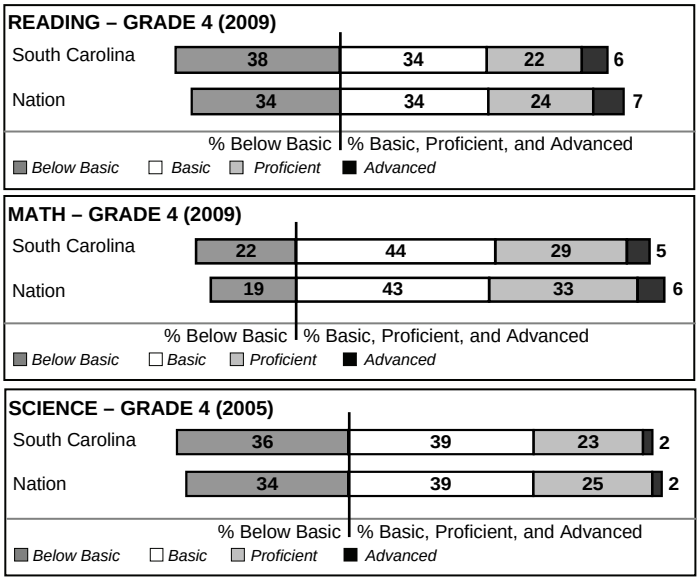
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=730)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.6%	No Change	96.5%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.5%	Up from 13.9%	17.1%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	6.9%	Down from 7.4%	7.0%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	No Change	0.2%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 55.6%	62.7%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	76.8%	Up from 72.2%	86.3%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Down from 89.2%	89.3%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.9%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$48,552	Up 3.2%	$48,747	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	25.0 days	Up from 12.0 days	11.7 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.7%	Down from 89.8%	91.8%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,778	Up 6.2%	$7,202	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	76.0%	Up from 74.3%	69.2%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.6%	Up from 58.5%	66.2%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	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	58	105	110
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.4%	86.4%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.3%	84.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.1%	85.7%	87.0%

*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

Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts (HHISCA) is an arts-focused school of choice. In the fifth year of operation, the school again had an all-time high enrollment of 729 students for the 2009-2010 school year. The school was recognized at the state level this year for its academic achievements and its accomplishments in the arts. Continued parental involvement and support help make our school a leader in the district.

HHISCA again received the Palmetto Silver Award. Our report card rating was average, and we maintained an improvement rating of good. In addition, students performed extremely well on the Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) tests. HHISCA met district expectations in grades one through five in math.

The South Carolina Alliance for Arts Education notified us that HHISCA was again selected to be awarded the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Schools of Excellence in Arts Education Award. This award recognizes schools that have done an outstanding job of making the arts an essential part of the education of students. HHISCA continues to provide arts-education classes to all students in Visual Art, Music, Dance and Theatre. All students work with at least one artist-in-residence each year and attend an arts-related field trip. Grade-level productions in full costume at the high school theatre and art and music exhibitions open to the community give all students excellent opportunities in the arts. For the first time, two HHISCA students placed at the state level in the PTA Reflections art competition.

The 2009-2010 fourth graders were invited to present an encore of “Charleston.” This original production by dance teacher, Patti Maurer, based on the Jenkins Orphanage in Charleston, took our students to perform at the historic Sottile Theatre at the Charleston Jazz Initiative Legends Festival in Charleston. This festival is an annual event of the College of Charleston’s School of the Arts and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

Our Walk One World Walking Club, a before-school program, brought statewide recognition to our district. HHISCA was one of eight schools in South Carolina to earn a $500 grant and, in May, the state gold medal and $5,000.00 from the All-Health Team, a partnership between the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, and WIS-TV, to promote healthy lifestyles.

A supportive PTA and an active School Improvement Council continued work to increase achievement, support the arts and wellness, and review the School Renewal Plan.These efforts support the school and district’s vision and mission statements and the improvement efforts at our school. Both organizations worked with school staff to write and implement over $250,000.00 in grants. We are proud of efforts and remain committed to making our school one of the best in the country.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Keefner, Principal
Kim Molloy, SIC Chair
Charlyn Page and Kathy Hussong, PTA Co-presidents

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