



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CHESTER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Chester
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 616**
Principal: Anne Stone
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Graves
Board Chair: Dr. Richard Hughes

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

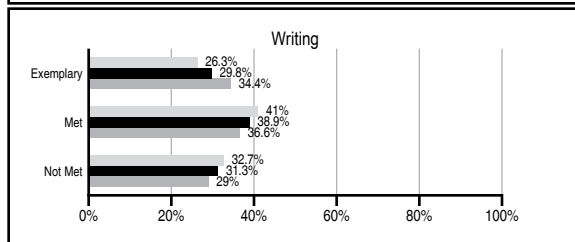
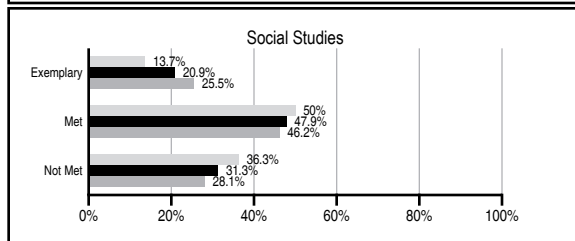
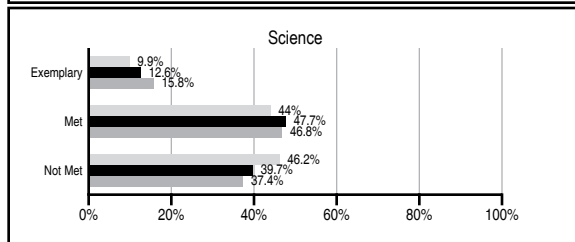
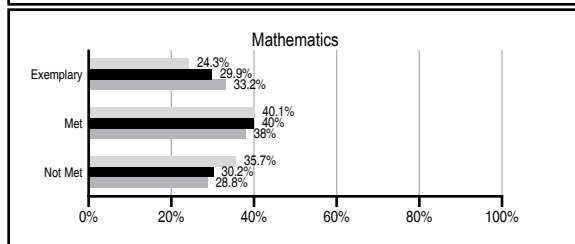
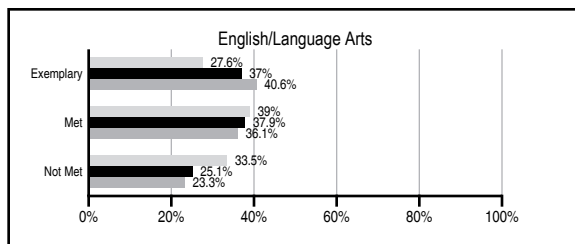
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	19	97	9	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.

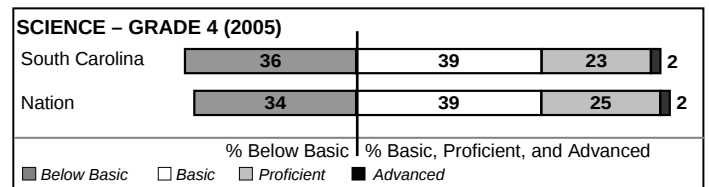
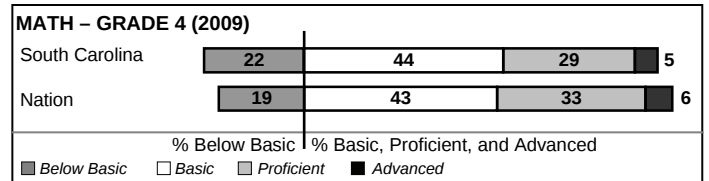
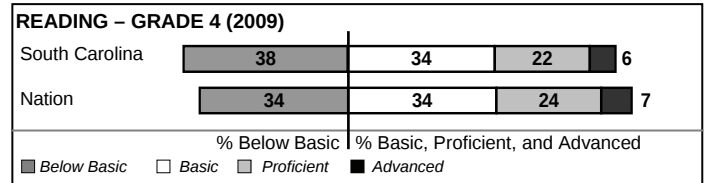
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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CHESTER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=616)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 5.7%	1.4%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.5%	Up from 8.4%	10.3%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	7.3%	Up from 0.3%	8.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 2.0%	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=42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 53.3%	60.7%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	97.6%	Up from 84.4%	85.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4%	Up from 90.4%	87.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.4%	94.9%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,240	Up 3.5%	\$47,079	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.1 days	Down from 6.5 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Up from 18.9 to 1	19.2 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.1%	89.7%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.1%	Down from 99.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,806	Up 3.5%	\$7,524	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	83.3%	Up from 83.1%	67.4%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	81.1%	Up from 78.2%	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	46	81	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.8%	92.6%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	85.2%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.5%	93.8%	83.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Chester Park Complex serves 1600 students divided into three schools of choice. As part of the larger complex, Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts serves approximately 620 students in PK-5th grade who have chosen to participate in arts-integrated learning.

The mission of Chester Park School of the Arts is to engage every child in active individual and collaborative team learning experiences in the context of a comprehensive, standards-based arts integrated curriculum. In order to accomplish this mission, teachers infuse the South Carolina Fine Arts Curriculum Standards into all curricular areas. Fine Arts teachers, in turn, bring core curriculum standards into their classrooms.

The belief at the School of the Arts is that arts integration builds character, cooperation, responsibility, and respect. The Arts engage students in active learning of material and help them to be exposed to content in myriad ways. Arts integration identifies and nurtures each individual student's talents and creativity. It unites students, parents, faculty, and community members. It allows students to make real-world connections of the learning taking place.

The School of the Arts has been awarded over \$75,000.00 in grants for the funding of arts integration, staff development, and artist-in-residence. The school has been awarded a YouthNet grant in the amount of \$25,000 grant for before and after-school dance clubs this year. We believe these funds will increase student achievement, self esteem, and attendance.

In addition to the integration of the arts, Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts offers students opportunities to incorporate technology into learning through the use of computer labs. They are given time to have individualized instruction based on MAP scores. Many classrooms are equipped with Promethean Boards, providing a new medium for teaching and learning. Teachers have been and continue to be trained in the use of these boards for improved delivery of content.

Students at Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts are given special opportunities to be involved in Artist-in-Residence programs featuring: multi-cultural enrichment, mural painting, poetry, puppetry, music, dance, and theater. These opportunities have provided students in all grade levels with a variety of reinforcements as they relate to the core subject area curricula of South Carolina. The school celebrates its students talents through gallery walks, live performances (both in the school and the community), and achievement awards. The school offers before and after-school clubs, such as art club, chorus, strings, dance, and mime club.

Thank you for your involvement in our school!

Sincerely,

Anne Stone, Principal
Bobby Bass, SIC Chairperson

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