

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BLANEY ELEMENTARY

Kershaw County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 533

Principal: Lisa M. Carter

Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan

Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

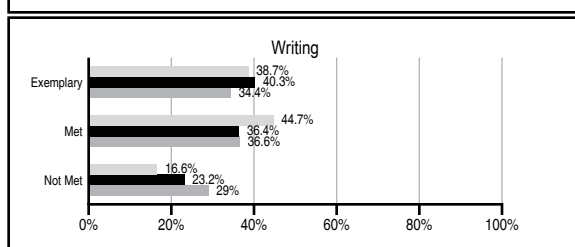
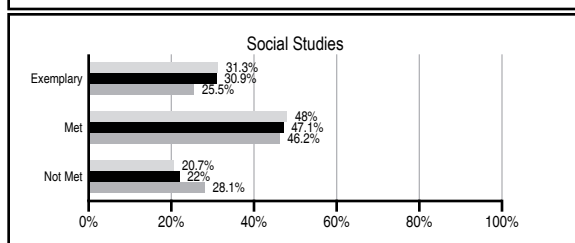
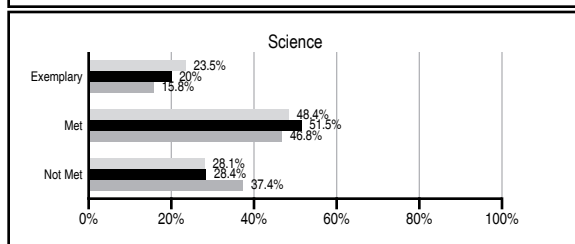
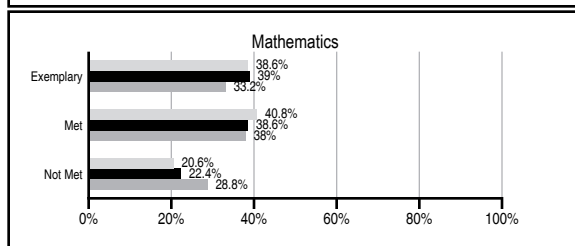
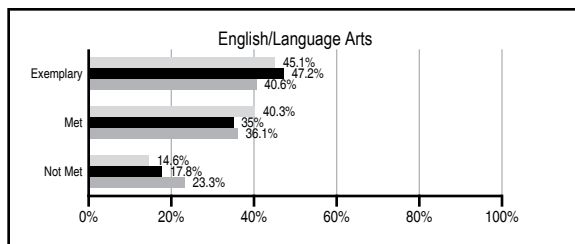
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	38	28	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.

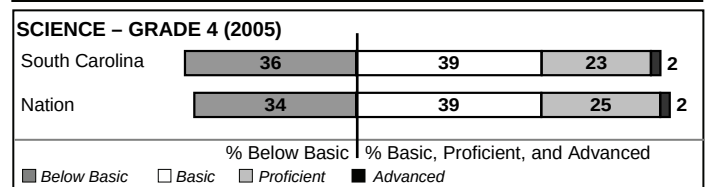
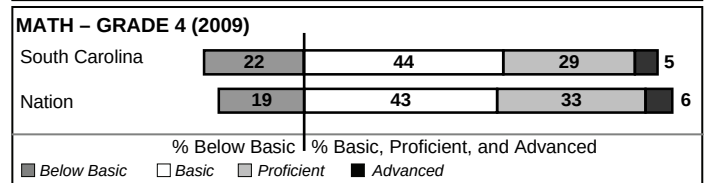
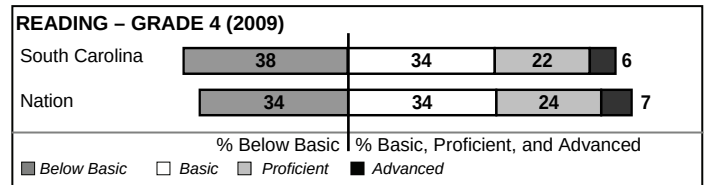
PASS PERFORMANCE

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=533)				
Retention rate	4.3%	Down from 4.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 96.0%	96.2%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	23.5%	Down from 23.6%	15.8%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Up from 7.7%	7.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Up from 1.2%	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	73.5%	Up from 67.6%	61.1%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	97.1%	Up from 94.6%	87.5%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Up from 86.8%	89.0%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.7%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,161	Up 3.0%	\$48,053	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 9.7 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 21.7 to 1	20.3 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 91.1%	90.7%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,857	Up 5.4%	\$7,015	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.9%	Up from 70.1%	69.0%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.9%	Up from 66.2%	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	28	76	62
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.3%	93.3%	90.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.9%	97.4%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.8%	77.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blaney Elementary School's mission to Build and Enhance Success continues to be the focus of the staff, parents, and students. Utilizing a school wide theme, "Driven to Succeed," the staff, parents, and community worked together to offer a variety of programs to the students. In partnership with Target Distribution Center, we were able to create a special place within the media center for students to enjoy reading and that partnership also provided volunteers for numerous activities such as lunch buddies, field day, Archery Team support and a community egg hunt. The Kershaw County Fine Arts Center provided opportunities for artists in residence to share their talents with the students: Upton Trio (musicians integrating curriculum and music), Bond Anderson (musical playground constructor) and Yostie (master puppeteer and dramatist). Our students enjoyed a visit from author Pete Howe, author of Waggit's Tale. The South Carolina State Museum shared the Star Lab with our students. The local astronomy club provided a night under the stars by allowing families to view the evening sky through high power telescopes. Mad Science of Columbia kicked off our year with a general assembly and offered two 6-week afternoon science clubs. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, Blaney Elementary met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the eighth year in a row. We also earned a Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap and were named a Red Carpet School for the third time. We received an "All Clear" from the State Department of Education.

All teaching staff members are "highly qualified," and we have five National Board Certified Teachers. Two staff members were awarded grants: Tonya Jackson received a grant through the Department of Health and Environmental Control (\$1,250) and Toyota Tapestry (\$2,500) and Fran Miller received a Target grant (\$2,000) for a total of \$5,750. Beginning in September 2009, our school began the construction of additions to three wings resulting in six new classrooms to be opened for the 2010-2011 school year. While all of this is exciting, the Blaney staff remains focused on the task of educating the children of the Elgin community. Despite budget cuts, staff members were unwavering in their drive to meet the educational needs of their students. By utilizing leveled and differentiated grouping and a new math program, Every Day Math, along with MAP, A+ Learning, SuccessMaker, ITBS and PASS scores, the teachers were able to identify students' needs, develop a plan of instruction and assess student growth. Data notebooks, common planning and shared lesson plans through eChalk lesson planner provided teachers opportunities to collaborate and become more effective and deliberate in their instruction.

The Blaney PTO voted to become a PTA and with that, added new opportunities to serve the students. Another outstanding year of fund-raising and volunteer support proved to the staff and students that our parents are behind us 100%. The School Improvement Council (SIC) continued to meet on a monthly basis to monitor academic progress, review test data and establish goals. The children and staff of Blaney contributed over \$20,000 to charitable causes: United Way of Kershaw County, Relay for Life, Sexual Abuse Center of Camden (Change makes change), Walter Crowe Animal Shelter, March of Dimes, families in Haiti, Afghanistan and the Ukraine, and Angel Tree for needy families. The community rallied around our Archery team as we raised funds to send the team to Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky, after placing third in the State. Together, the staff, students and parents are Building and Enhancing Success.

Lisa M. Carter, Principal

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