SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CONGAREE ELEMENTARY
Lexington 2
Grades: 2-5 **Enrollment: 409**
Principal: Jeff Becker
Superintendent: Venus J. Holland, Ed. D.
Board Chair: Rick Shull

PERFORMANCE

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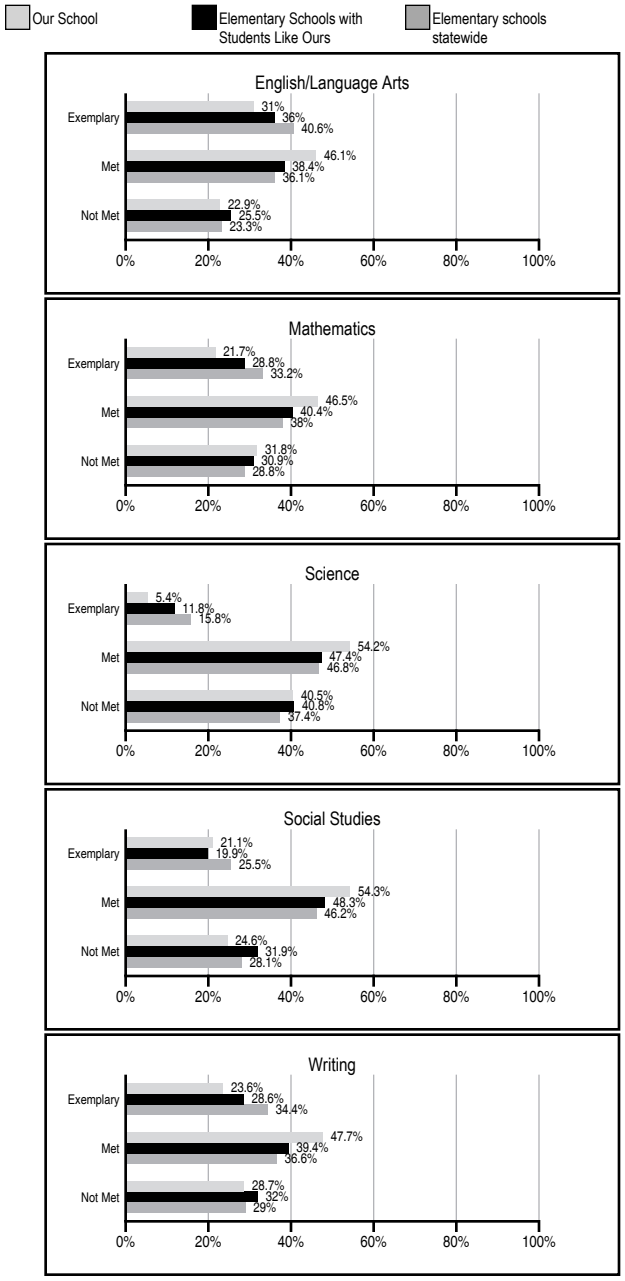
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	CA-DELAY
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CSI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	15	99	11	0

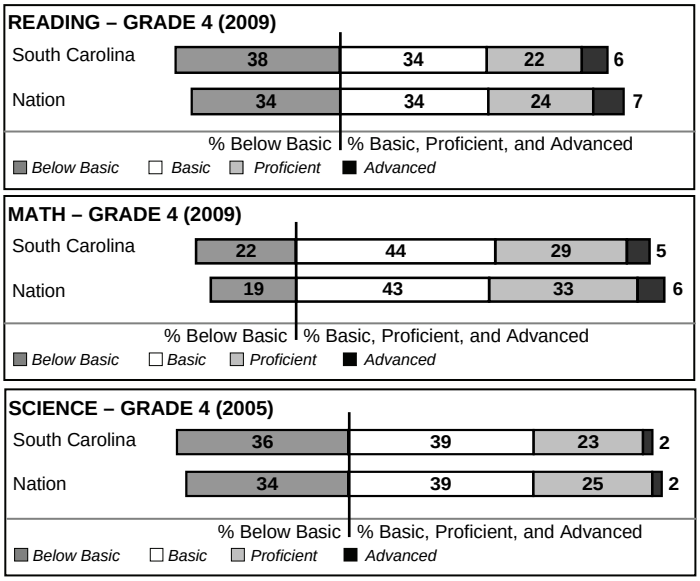
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=409)				
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	1.5%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.2%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.3%	No Change	10.2%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	10.8%	Down from 14.7%	9.0%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	Up from 0.7%	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=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.4%	Up from 70.0%	59.4%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.9%	Up from 90.0%	85.4%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.1%	Up from 86.4%	87.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.6%	94.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$48,350	Up 0.9%	$46,876	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.4 days	Down from 16.7 days	11.0 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	20.8 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	19.4 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 87.1%	89.6%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.1%	Up from 97.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,742	Up 5.6%	$7,575	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.8%	Up from 70.9%	68.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.7%	Up from 67.4%	64.6%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 85.7%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	100	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.0%	93.9%	86.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	88.0%	85.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.0%	88.0%	83.8%

*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

Congaree Elementary School is a public, rural elementary school located southwest of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Congaree, a community of approximately 2,500 residents. First opened in 1959, Congaree Elementary serves just over 400 students in the 2nd – 5th grades. Congaree Elementary School has been fully accredited through SACS since 1971. The mission of Congaree Elementary School is “Creating Excellence Through Effort!” Our school motto shares the feeling one gets upon entering the building: “At Congaree, our character always counts!”

New initiatives this school year include purchasing over 2000 new books for the Media Center, expanding our literature library, adding to classroom libraries, and completing the purchase of LCD projectors and document cameras for every classroom. Students regularly work on reading and math skills through Compass Learning, both in the classroom and the computer lab. Our Professional Learning Communities emphasized “kid-watching,” Morning Meeting, and writing instruction. Title I tutors and our READ 120 staff provided small group instruction for every student 4 days per week resulting in an increased interest in reading among students.

Our School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Organization actively support the teaching and learning at Congaree Elementary school through various projects. PTO contributed toward the purchase of new playground equipment, including several pieces for our special needs students. PTO also purchased new pencil sharpeners for all the classes and sponsored a Family Fun Night, roller skating night, and spring dance. Our school raised funds for the American Cancer Society, the Ronald McDonald House, and $2000 for Jump Rope for Heart. Our school also sponsored food drives for Harvest Hope food bank and God’s Helping Hands food pantry. To encourage parent participation and involvement we hosted a Family Literacy Night, Family Math & Science Night, several book fairs, parenting classes, a Veteran’s Day celebration, Grandparents’ Week, and Author’s Tea. Quarterly Awards Assemblies were held such as, Rewarding Outstanding Pupil Efforts Success Program (R.O.P.E.S), Bringing up a grade (B.U.G), and monthly awards such as Congaree Chieftain. Yearly awards ceremonies are held at the end of the school year. Students participated in character education, Congaree Careers, after school drama club, after school Chorus, after school writing club, before school Compass Club, Pass test Pep rally, special needs awareness classes, and a before school walking club. In the fall and spring, students engaged in literary conversations following, “One School, Two Books, and Three Weeks.” The school recently received the Kohl’s Grant for the beautification of the outdoor classroom and other improvements to the school grounds.

We thank our parents and community volunteers for their support and time spent investing in the education of the children at Congaree Elementary School. We look forward to continued improvements in teaching and learning in the year to come.

Jeff Becker, Principal
Teresa Satterfield, SIC Chair

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