

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PICKENS ELEMENTARY

Pickens

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 517

Principal: Del H. Freitag, EdD

Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt

Board Chair: Jim Shelton

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	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

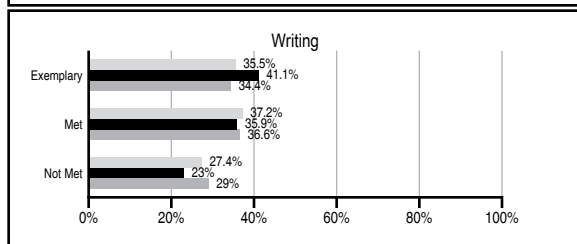
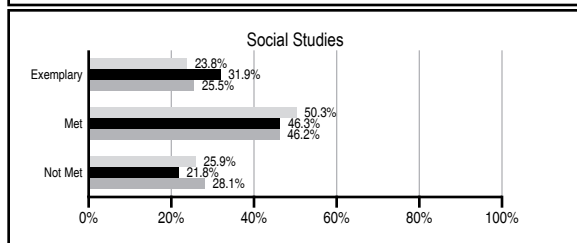
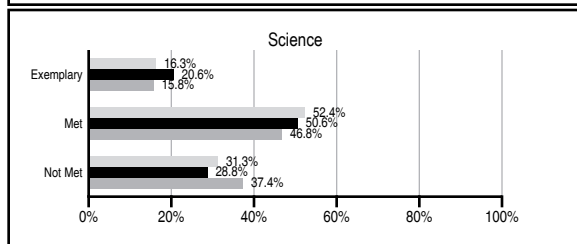
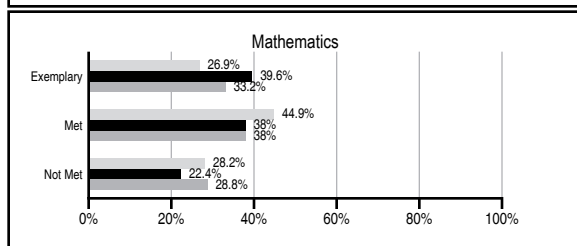
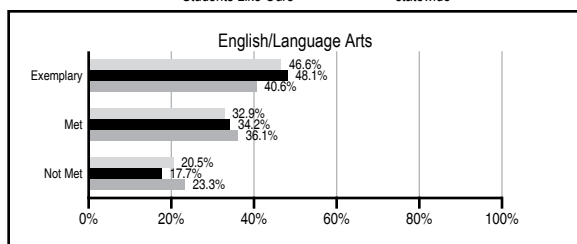
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	38	30	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.

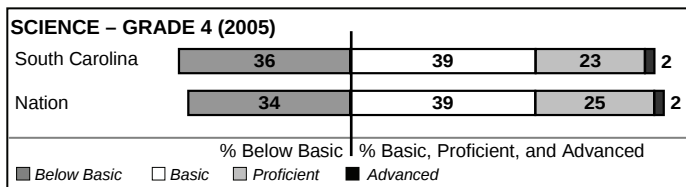
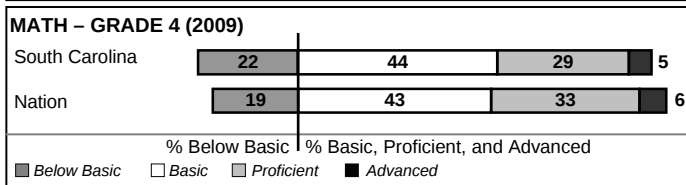
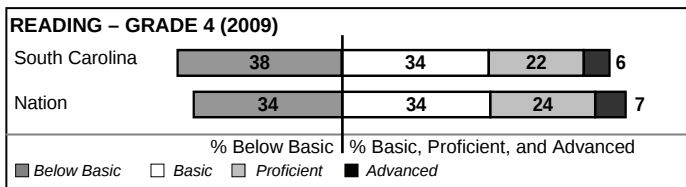
PASS PERFORMANCE

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=517)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 3.6%	1.2%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.4%	96.2%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.3%	Up from 16.3%	16.1%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 7.6%	7.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Up from 0.7%	0.3%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.6%	Down from 63.9%	61.3%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.9%	Down from 91.7%	86.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.6%	Up from 88.3%	89.1%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 94.4%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,096	Up 3.4%	\$48,008	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Up from 10.4 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	Down from 19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.5%	Up from 89.6%	90.8%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,481	Down 4.9%	\$7,124	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.2%	Down from 64.2%	69.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.2%	Up from 58.8%	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	26	76	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	100.0%	90.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	90.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%	100.0%	69.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pickens Elementary School is a Palmetto Silver Award and Red Carpet Award winning community school that has been at the heart of Pickens County. The present building has served elementary school children for more than 40 years. We are the home of the “sparklers,” where all our learners “sparkle.” Our school has a population of over 525 students served by 75 teachers and staff members. Classes range from four-year-old kindergarten to fifth grade. The majority of these students spend all of their elementary years at Pickens Elementary.

The school is home to two of the school district’s self-contained special education classrooms. “Smart Start” is a pre-school special needs program designed to serve three, four, and five-year old students. We also have a K-5 Educable Mentally Disabled self-contained classroom. Teachers and students at all levels work closely together to enjoy learning together as a family.

Pickens Elementary has four National Board Certified teachers. At our school students participate in student council, choral festivals, school safety patrols, artist in residence week, character education program, food drives and charity drives, science fair, spelling bee contest, after school care activities, Good News self esteem program, scout programs, recycling programs, Hope club gardening activities, community art displays, essay writing and poster contests, school wide “THINK” discipline program, attendance and reading incentives, MAP testing incentives, and many others. All members of our school family realize and value the worth of each other and work together to make our school an outstanding place to learn.

Many awards and accomplishments have resulted from our work and dedication. From SACS CASI accreditation for our school to essay contest winners to spelling bee champions to science fair award winners, Pickens Elementary is an annual recipient to many awards. Teachers, staff, and parents log many hours at our school because we are dedicated to caring for our students and believe in what we do for children. Pickens Elementary maintains a focused vision, a can-do attitude, and a strong commitment to make a difference in the lives of our students. Working together we can achieve every educational and developmental goal, helping our children truly “sparkle”.

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