

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WELLFORD ELEMENTARY
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 **Enrollment: 438**
Principal: Angie Showalter
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Steve Brockman

PERFORMANCE

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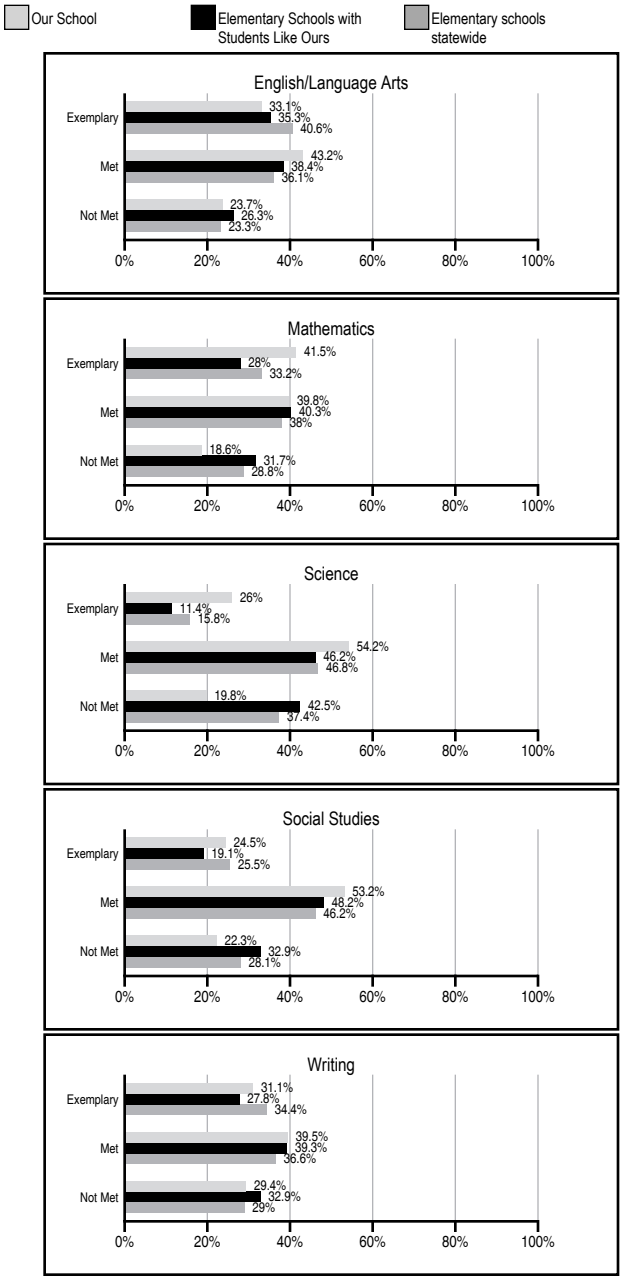
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	13	101	12	1

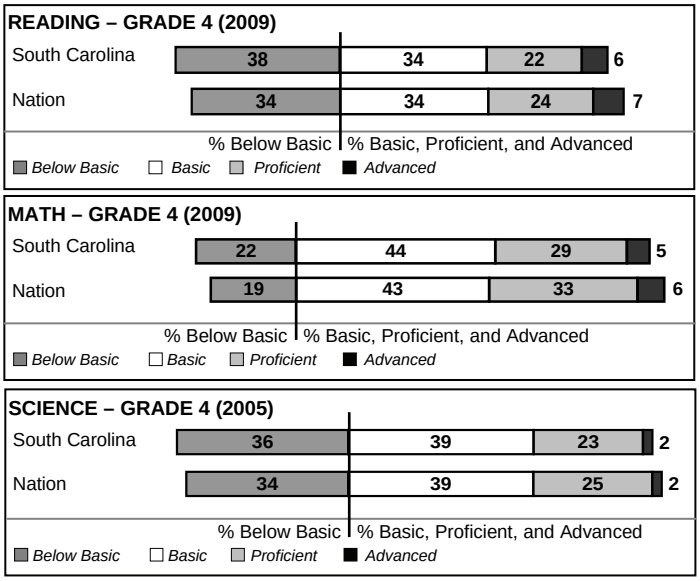
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=438)				
Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 1.9%	1.6%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.2%	95.7%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.7%	Up from 5.5%	9.4%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	8.0%	Up from 6.9%	9.1%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	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=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 70.7%	59.8%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	77.5%	Up from 73.2%	85.0%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.1%	Up from 74.9%	87.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.8%	94.8%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	$47,796	Up 2.5%	$46,627	$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Down from 11.6 days	11.1 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.4 to 1	Down from 16.8 to 1	19.3 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Down from 92.4%	89.7%	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	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,828	Up 31.3%	$7,554	$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.8%	Down from 74.7%	67.8%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.1%	Down from 71.4%	64.6%	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	38	72	39
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	87.5%	86.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.3%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.2%	88.9%	91.9%

*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

Wellford Elementary is a community school located near Highway 29 in Western Spartanburg County. For the 2009/2010 school year, the school housed 423 students. Preschool Child Development classes, as well as a full day 4 year old Kindergarten program were offered, in addition to 22 classes of 5 year old Kindergarten through Fourth grade.

Our theme this school year was “Together We Grow." This theme was appropriate because we began the journey of growing as learners, as we researched and transitioned into becoming a magnet school for the 2010/2011 school year. With this initiative, plans were developed to offer our core curriculum, while exposing children to lessons and careers that focus on Science and Technology, in order to better prepare them for a bright future.

Our instructional priority this year was to implement a common writing curriculum in all grades. Teachers and administrators received intensive training in “Write From The Beginning.” Lessons were conducted in all classrooms to help children improve their writing skills. Furthermore, our school continued to implement strategies from “Learning Focused,” such as using essential questions, learning maps, and graphic organizers to help students grasp important concepts in all subjects.

This year, we were also honored for our hard work by receiving the state’s Palmetto Silver Award for the third year in a row. This award is given to schools that show improvement and high achievement in areas on the state’s standardized tests.

Many community events were also hosted by our active Parent/Teacher Organization. We continued our Fall Festival, S.C.A.L.E.-A-Bration, Reading and Math Night, chorus concerts, Spring Art Show, Veteran’s Day Celebration, Walk To School Day activities, and parent breakfasts. In addition, we added an evening with Santa and two parent workshops. All parents were invited to study the book, "Discipline with Love and Logic," with a guest speaker, and parents of first graders receiving intervention services were invited to come and learn more about how to help their children over the summer.

As our mission states, “Children are our most important resource” at Wellford Elementary School. We invite and encourage parents and community members to take an active role in the educational experiences of our students.

Thank you for all you do to make our school an amazing institution, and we look forward to working with you in the future!

Angie Showalter; Principal

Carolyn Brooks; S.I.C. Chairperson

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