

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

GOUCHER ELEMENTARY

Cherokee

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 288

Principal: Mrs. Janice M. Keller

Superintendent: Dr. Edgar C. Taylor

Board Chair: Mr. Donnie Smith

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 | | |
| 2011 | Average | Good | TBD | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2010 | Average | Good | Silver | N/A | Met | N/A |
| 2009 | Average | Average | N/A | N/A | Met | N/A |

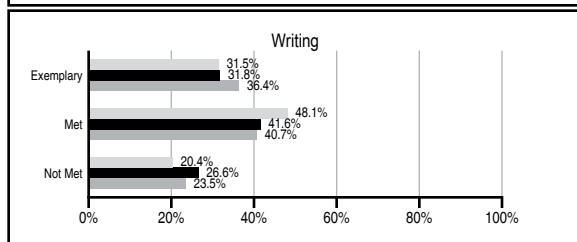
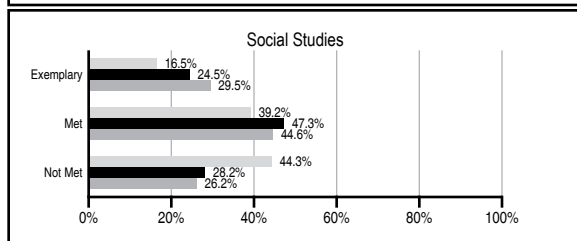
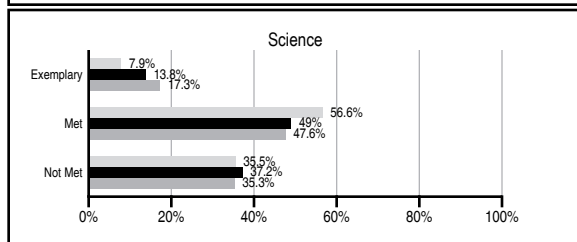
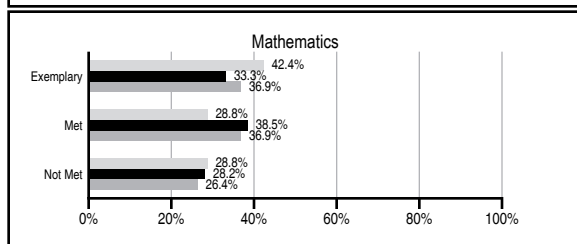
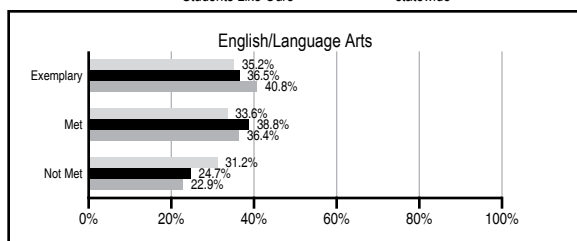
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 7 | 23 | 85 | 9 | 0 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

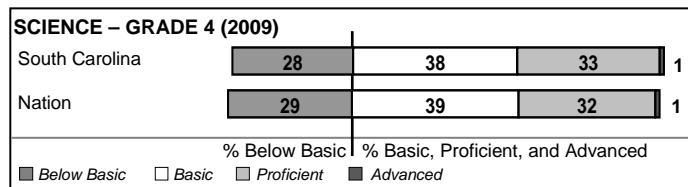
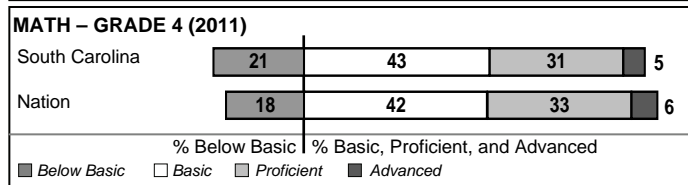
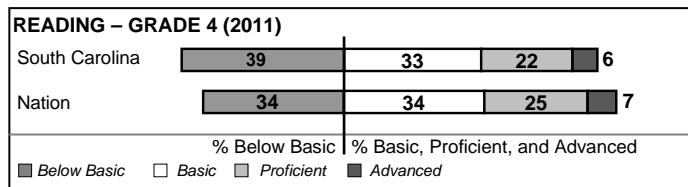
PASS PERFORMANCE

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 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=288) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 0.0% | Down from 1.1% | 1.4% | 1.1% |
| Attendance rate | 96.6% | No Change | 96.0% | 96.2% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 19.8% | Down from 20.1% | 11.6% | 13.4% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 3.6% | Down from 6.1% | 5.0% | 4.1% |
| Older than usual for grade | 0.0% | No Change | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=15) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 60.0% | Down from 64.7% | 60.3% | 62.5% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 100.0% | Up from 88.2% | 90.0% | 88.2% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 92.8% | Up from 92.3% | 87.8% | 87.8% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 94.1% | Down from 94.3% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$46,323 | Down 5.2% | \$46,605 | \$46,773 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 5.8 days | Down from 12.4 days | 11.3 days | 10.5 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 17.6 to 1 | Down from 21.0 to 1 | 19.6 to 1 | 19.9 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.4% | Up from 90.0% | 90.1% | 90.4% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0% | Up from 99.2% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Character development program | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$7,056 | Up 1.2% | \$7,471 | \$7,447 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 68.0% | Up from 65.2% | 67.4% | 68.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 61.1% | Up from 56.5% | 64.7% | 65.8% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 84.6% | Down from 100.0% | 89.6% | 90.5% |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 23 | 54 | 44 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0% | 83.3% | 90.7% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0% | 90.7% | 86.0% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 91.3% | 92.6% | 88.4% |

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Goucher Gorillas began the year with a new emphasis on behavior and academics focusing on positive expectations and positive outcomes. The staff received training on PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and was able to implement the first year of this program. The program provided the framework for the school to recognize students for making appropriate choices concerning their behavior and their academics. Students had opportunities to participate in several incentive programs such as the Banana Buggy school store, which allowed the students to trade incentive "bucks" they had received for various items, and also the Banana Bash parties which were held at the end of each nine weeks for students meeting their "bucks" goal for the nine weeks.

Our school is fortunate to receive money from the Federal Title One Program that can be used in classrooms for materials, supplies, and technology. This year these funds helped offset the cost for parents by providing back-to-school supplies such as binders, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, and many other needed items for students. Five classrooms were upgraded with amplifier systems which enhanced the learning environment for the students. Books were purchased for distribution to the students for incentives and to help build at-home library collections. Lastly, funds were used to provide information to our parents through the school-wide newsletters, parenting workshops, and special programs.

Many of our Goucher students took part in enrichment opportunities offered. Those included Honors Choir, Student Council, Beta Club, Recycling Club, Junior Readers' Guild, Chess Club, Beautification Team, and Veteran's Day Celebration. Students showed support for their community through helping raise funds for Relay for Life and Jump Rope for Heart. Can food drives were held for Peach Center Ministries and items were collected and sent to our military.

The support of our PTO continues to be a source of pride. Students enjoyed programs and field trip opportunities, incentives for students and teachers, Too Good for Drugs t-shirts for our fifth grade, a special lunch for our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and installed window tint for the gym.

In celebration of our staff, we honored Julie Wood as 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year, Kristen Patton was selected the Distinguished Teacher of Reading, and Linda Duncan was recognized for 34 years of service in education on her retirement. Our school was also honored as a Palmetto Silver School.

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