SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PALMETTO YOUTH ACADEMY
Florence 1
Grades: 3-6 **Enrollment: 58**
Principal: Yvonne Brown-Burgess
Superintendent: Dr. Allie E. Brooks
Board Chair: Porter Stewart

PERFORMANCE

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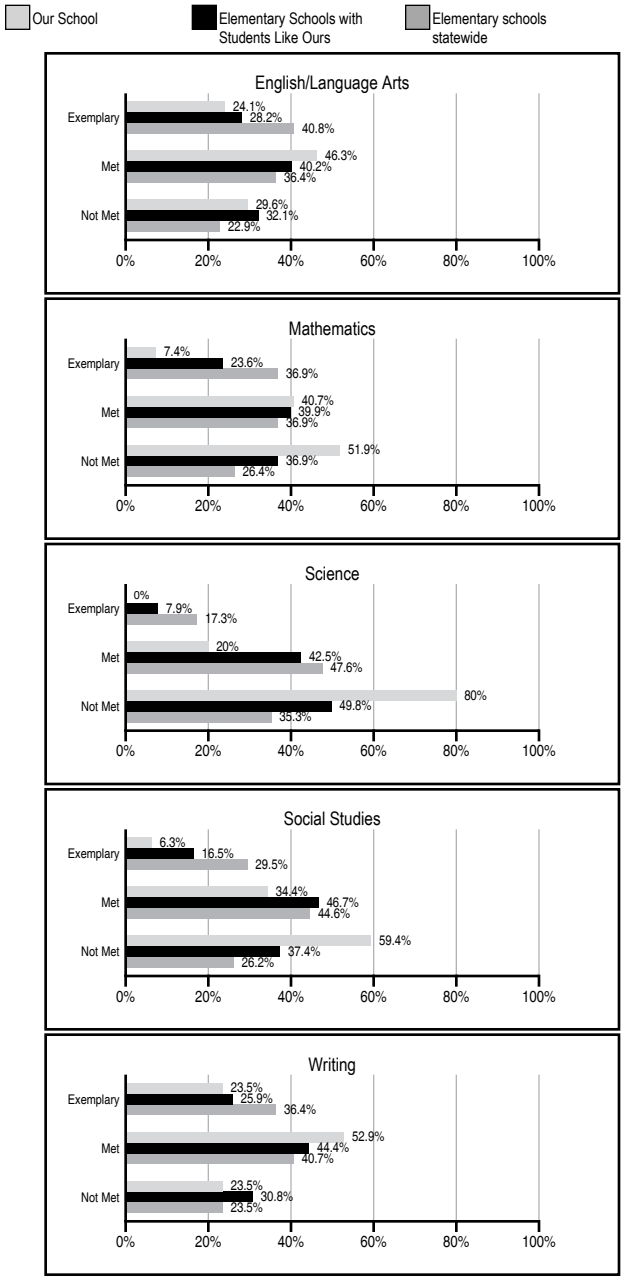
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Below Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	NI-DELAY
2010	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2009	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	7	109	47	16

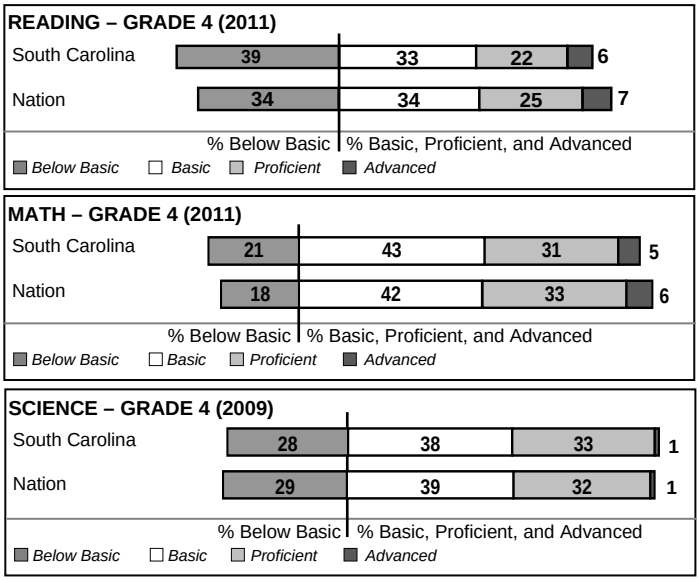
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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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PALMETTO YOUTH ACADEMY [Florence 1]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=58)				
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	1.1%
Attendance rate	99.9%	Up from 98.9%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.7%	Up from 0.0%	6.3%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.6%	Down from 7.5%	4.4%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	Up from 1.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=3)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	N/A	N/A	61.5%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	N/A	N/A	83.3%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	85.3%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	I/S	I/S	$45,373	$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	37.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.0 days	Down from 22.0 days	10.1 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.6 to 1	Down from 25.0 to 1	18.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	90.0%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	$8,109	$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	67.9%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	64.2%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 76.9%	76.9%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	2	15	15
Percent satisfied with learning environment	I/S	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	I/S	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	I/S	100.0%	100.0%

*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

Palmetto Youth Academy, PYA, is a public charter school in Florence School District One. The mission of PYA is to provide an opportunity for all students, regardless of income or ability, to reach their full potential (academically, socially, and behaviorally).

To carry out this mission, PYA provides an individualized, innovative program that embraces diversity and is governed by parents and educators. Our school offers grades 3 through 6 with a maximum enrollment of 75 students. We operate on a year-round schedule with a 2-week break after each 9- week period. Student enrichment and remediation is provided during fall break and spring break. PYA also provides an academic- based afterschool program to assist with homework.

Because transportation is not available to PYA students, parents transport their children to and from school daily. In addition, all students must be signed out by a parent or designee before leaving school each day. While a major sacrifice for most parents, this allows daily face to face communication between home and school, which results in 100 % parent participation.

In addition to program innovation and parent participation, PYA believes staff development, is also essential to student success.. PYA provides ongoing training and staff development on various topics throughout the year. All teachers and staff are highly qualified, as defined by No Child Left Behind. They are dedicated to the progress of each student and they are committed as a team to the overall success of the school.

Each year of the schools 6 years in operation, PYA students have made significant progress. PYA will continue all efforts to supplement and enhance the programs currently available in traditional public schools. Through parent choice and accountability, PYA will assist the district and state in attaining the long term goals outlined for the 2020 SC Performance Vision.

Yvonne Brown-Burgess
Executive Director
Shalonda Johnson
School Improvement Council

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