



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY**  
**Oconee**  
**Grades: PK-5**  
**Principal: Geoff Smith**  
**Superintendent: Mike Lucas**  
**Board Chair: Andy Inabinet**

**Enrollment: 627**

## 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	Excellent	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

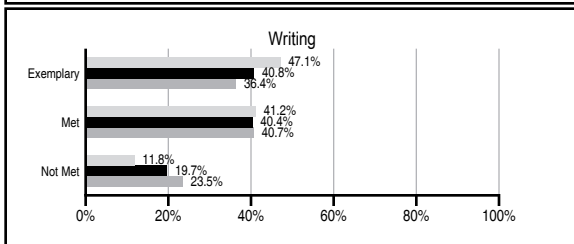
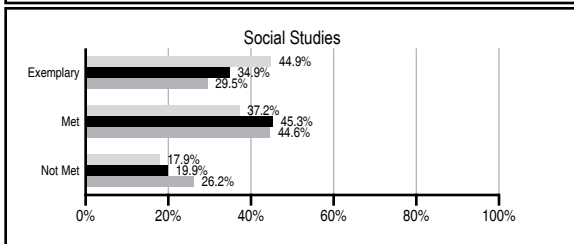
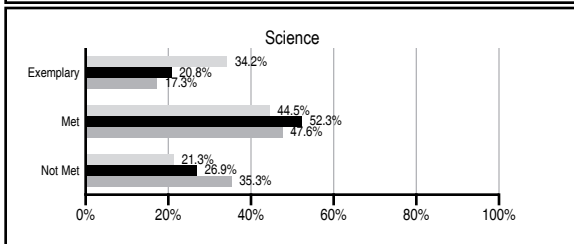
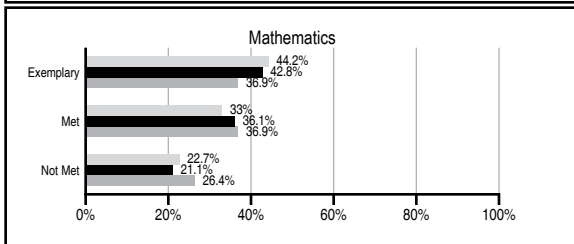
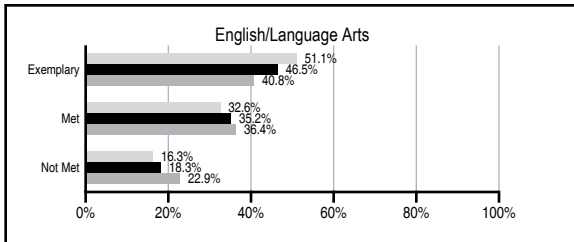
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
31	38	27	0	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.

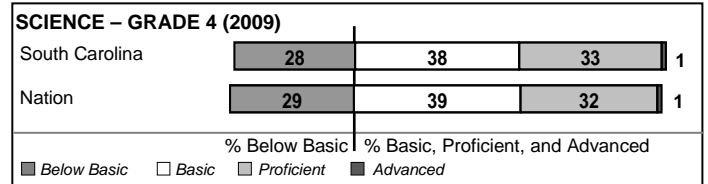
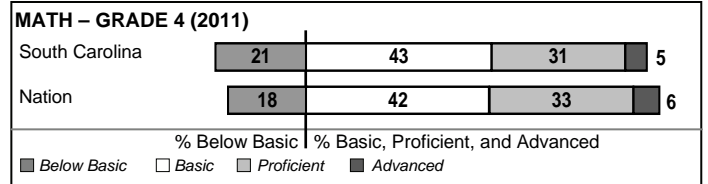
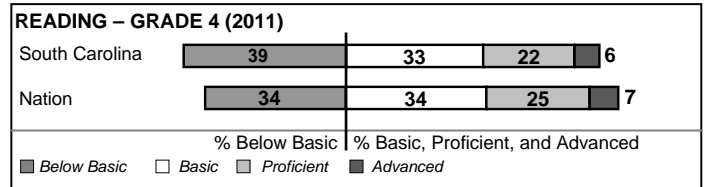
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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
<b>Students (n=627)</b>				
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 1.7%	1.1%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.7%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.5%	Up from 14.5%	18.0%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	3.0%	Down from 7.9%	4.1%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=40)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.0%	Down from 61.1%	62.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.5%	Up from 91.7%	90.3%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.0%	Up from 90.6%	89.4%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 97.1%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,522	Down 6.0%	\$47,894	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Up from 10.0 days	11.3 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.5 to 1	Down from 21.1 to 1	20.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 92.3%	90.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.2%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,581	Down 2.3%	\$6,900	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.4%	Up from 65.1%	68.9%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.0%	Up from 63.0%	66.2%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	88.2%	Down from 100.0%	95.0%	90.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	69	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	92.8%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%	91.3%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.3%	97.0%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Northside Elementary, in partnership with home and the community, is to challenge every child to be a "Learner for Life!" It is this team approach that makes Northside an inviting, warm, safe and nurturing place. As a Red Carpet school, Northside continues to positively serve its students and the school community. It is a school of high expectations that wishes the very best for every child. Northside Elementary is a community of 600+ students in grades prekindergarten through grade five. There is an even split between male and female students, and a variety of cultural backgrounds are represented. Our average class size in grades 1-3 is 21 and in grades 4 and 5, the average class size is 23 students.

Students and staff here at Northside have the privilege of being in a building that is clean and attractive both outside and inside. The space from a recent expansion and renovation provides an open media format and the fine arts program offers many opportunities for our students. Several pieces of student artwork are displayed in the community and around our school. The music program provides many performance opportunities, including a 5th grade chorus. Physical Education continues to teach students about fitness and general well being. Several students participate in a new archery program before school. A program titled Zest Quest has added a part time wellness coach to the school, which integrates health standards into the general curriculum. Speech, Reading Recovery, English as a Second Language, targeted assistance teachers and a resource class all aid in the development of children needing additional assistance. Northside Elementary offers a comprehensive guidance program with a variety of programs to enhance each child's personal well being. A gifted and talented class serves students who score at the state identified level. Instruction is infused with lessons utilizing Smartboards, United Streaming and laptop computers as well as LCD projectors. The staff of Northside also does a terrific job in handling day to day clerical needs, keeping the school looking great, and preparing the breakfast and lunch programs. Support from an active parent group as well as the School Improvement Council provides necessary input for continued growth and school improvement. A 5k/1 mile fun run and a community pumpkin patch was enjoyed by many. Community sponsorships from these events assist the school with supplies and field trip assistance.

It is this well rounded approach and quality daily instruction that has made test scores in MAP and PASS be above state averages. There is a continual analysis of these tests as well as other daily assessments to seek ways to improve upon our daily instruction and support programs. Through the commitment of the Northside staff, it is our goal to meet each child's needs and encourage them to be Learners for Life!

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Melodie Hipskind, SIC Chair

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