SC Annual School Report Card Summary

AMBLER ELEMENTARY
Pickens
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 259**
Principal: Carlton Lewis
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

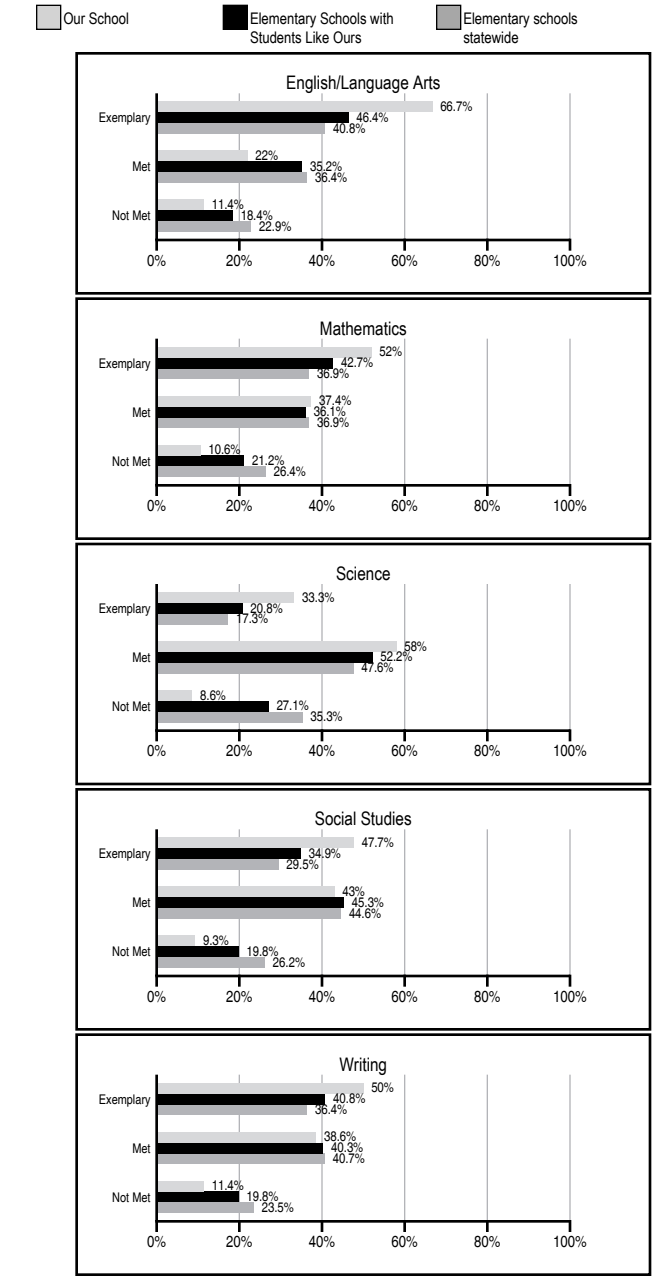
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
30	38	27	0	0

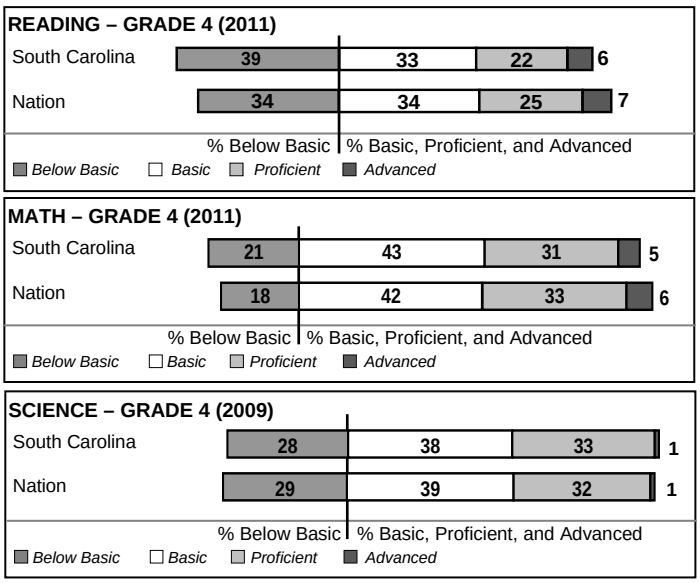
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

PASS PERFORMANCE



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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable **N/AV** Not Available **N/C** Not Collected **N/R** Not Reported **I/S** Insufficient Sample **TBD** To be determined
NI Newly Identified **CSI** Continuing School Improvement **CA** Corrective Action **RP** Plan to Restructure **R** Restructure **DELAY** School Improvement Status **HOLD** School Improvement Status

AMBLER ELEMENTARY [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=259)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Up from 0.4%	1.1%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.4%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.9%	Up from 22.6%	17.9%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.8%	Down from 6.2%	4.1%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.1%	Up from 33.3%	62.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	Up from 66.7%	90.3%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.7%	Down from 81.9%	89.3%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$47,825	Up 3.1%	$47,826	$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Up from 7.6 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Up from 21.1 to 1	20.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 90.5%	90.4%	90.4%
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	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,120	Down 6.1%	$6,913	$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.4%	Down from 58.5%	68.8%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.5%	Up from 54.7%	66.1%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	95.2%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	44	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.5%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	95.5%	100.0%

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

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on **www.ed.sc.gov** and **www.eoc.sc.gov** as well as school and school district websites.

Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ambler is a K4 through Grade 5 school, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We served 260 students in the 2010-2011 year. The school mission statement summarizes our commitment to our students: "Ambler Elementary School, committed to academic excellence, will provide a strong foundation for all students by ensuring a safe, nurturing environment where staff, family, and community work together to emphasize relevant and challenging learning experiences." This has been another great year at Ambler. Our students performed well academically and were engaged in several service learning projects in the community to help improve the citizenship of our students. We believe Ambleer is the best kept secret in our district.

We continued our K4 afternoon program to help serve 17 children and prepare them for K5. We also provided a KinderCare Program in the mornings for those parents of K4 children that were interested. We continued our Wildcat Den AfterSchool Program from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. We continued our Wildcat Citizen Recycling Program through the leadership of Tina Kelly, our guidance counselor. Tina Kelly received the SC Heart Award given to only one elementary counselor by the State Department and Higher Education Commission for exemplary service and dedication. We continued the use of Incentive Tags to help praise and encourage our students. Ambler received the Palmetto Gold Award for academic excellence on the Absolute Rating and a Palmetto Gold Award for an Excellent Growth Rating. Tina Kelly was selected Teacher of the Year. Peggy Thompson was selected Support Staff Person of the Year. Deborah Perry was selected as Volunteer of the Year.
Danielle Young, SIC Chair
Carlton Lewis, Principal

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable **N/AV** Not Available **N/C** Not Collected **N/R** Not Reported **I/S** Insufficient Sample **TBD** To be determined
NI Newly Identified **CSI** Continuing School Improvement **CA** Corrective Action **RP** Plan to Restructure **R** Restructure **DELAY** School Improvement Status **HOLD** School Improvement Status