SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HOLLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
Pickens
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 218**
Principal: Donna Harden
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

PERFORMANCE

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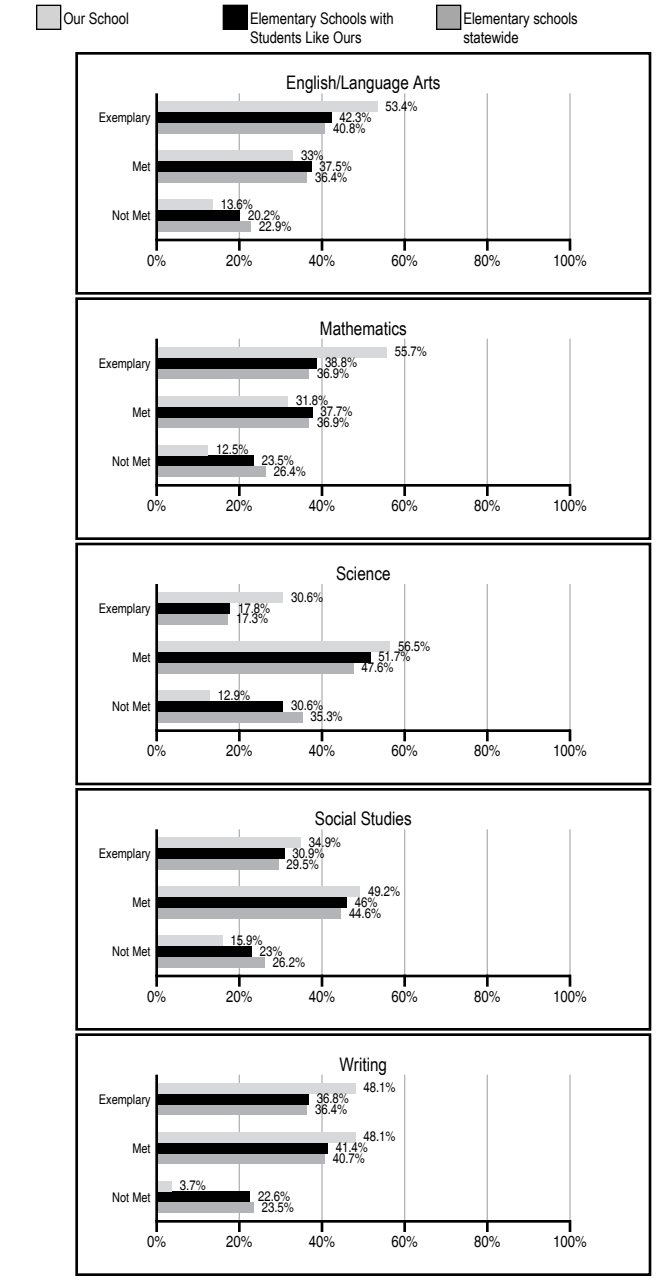
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
22	32	50	1	0

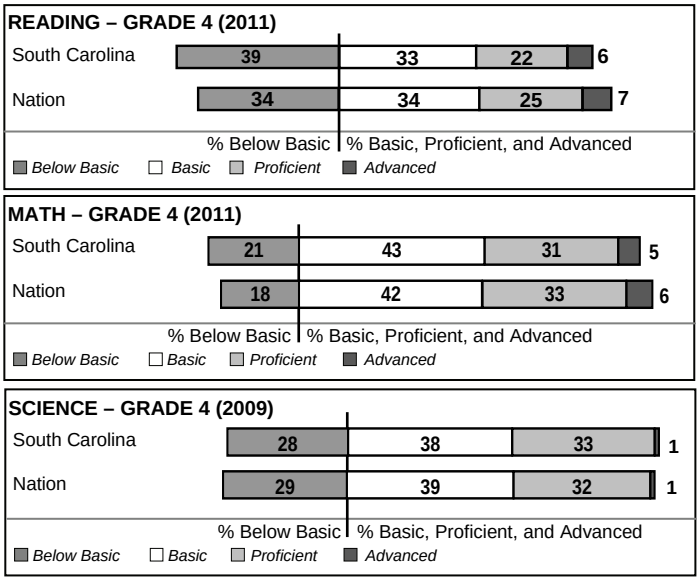
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=218)				
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 5.3%	1.3%	1.1%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.6%	96.1%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	37.8%	Up from 31.1%	14.8%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Down from 8.6%	4.8%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=16)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 64.7%	60.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	Up from 94.1%	90.0%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4%	Down from 93.4%	88.5%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 96.7%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$50,750	Up 0.2%	$46,514	$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.7 days	Up from 8.3 days	10.3 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Up from 18.6 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 93.5%	90.2%	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**	$11,200	Up 22.1%	$7,028	$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.3%	Up from 53.5%	68.5%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.2%	Up from 50.7%	65.9%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	92.3%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	28	19
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	89.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	94.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	100.0%	89.5%

*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

Holly Springs Elementary School is located in the rural, mountainous northern section of Pickens County. We serve students in grades K4 through fifth. We are a child-centered "community" school with the motto "Holly Springs Elementary, Where Small Paws Make Big Impressions" which is indicative of the emphasis we place on the welfare of our wonderful student population. With the help of our PTO and community, we provide excellent instruction in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. We were Scholastic Book Fairs Kids Are Authors national winners for five years in a row. We have won first place on three occasions and received an honorable mention two years. No other school in the nation has ever won the award more than once. Another national award was won in 2004 for the Pizza Hut "Book It" contest. Our fifth grade class competed nationally and won $20,000.00 for our school library along with a Nickelodeon celebration for the entire school. For the past twelve years, we have had students receive gold and silver awards at the district level science fair. We are certified as a "School Yard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation and received a "Carolina Fence Garden" certification from the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. A community garden club helps maintain the grounds. Holly Springs Elementary has a very effective guidance program that promotes service learning in our students. Our guidance counselor was named "South Carolina Counselor of the Year" in 2000.

With the addition of the Young Appalachian Musicians Program, our school and community relations have grown to a new level. Beginning in January 2008, students participated in music lessons learning how to play traditional blue grass music. This program has now been expanded into Pickens Middle School as well as into other neighboring elementary schools and is gaining state-wide and national attention.

Holly Springs Elementary has been recognized for student achievement with both Palmetto Gold and Silver awards over the past nine years with the most recent being Palmetto Gold awards in the General Performance category as well as for Closing the Achievement Gap for two consecutive years. Several grants have been awarded to Holly Springs Elementary School in recent years. Grants include $26,000.00 from the National Endowment of the Arts awarded in the spring of 2010, along with numerous EIA grants, Eat Smart It's In the Garden and various South Carolina Humanities Council Grants. We were named a Red Carpet School in 2006 by the State Department of Education for having a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service. Most recently, we were nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award and which will be awarded to schools in the fall of 2011.

Donna Harden, principal Brett Dalton, Chairperson, School Improvement Council

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