SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BRENNEN ELEMENTARY
Richland 1
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 773**
Principal: Marian Crum-Mack, Ph.D.
Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack
Board Chair: Dwayne Smiling

PERFORMANCE

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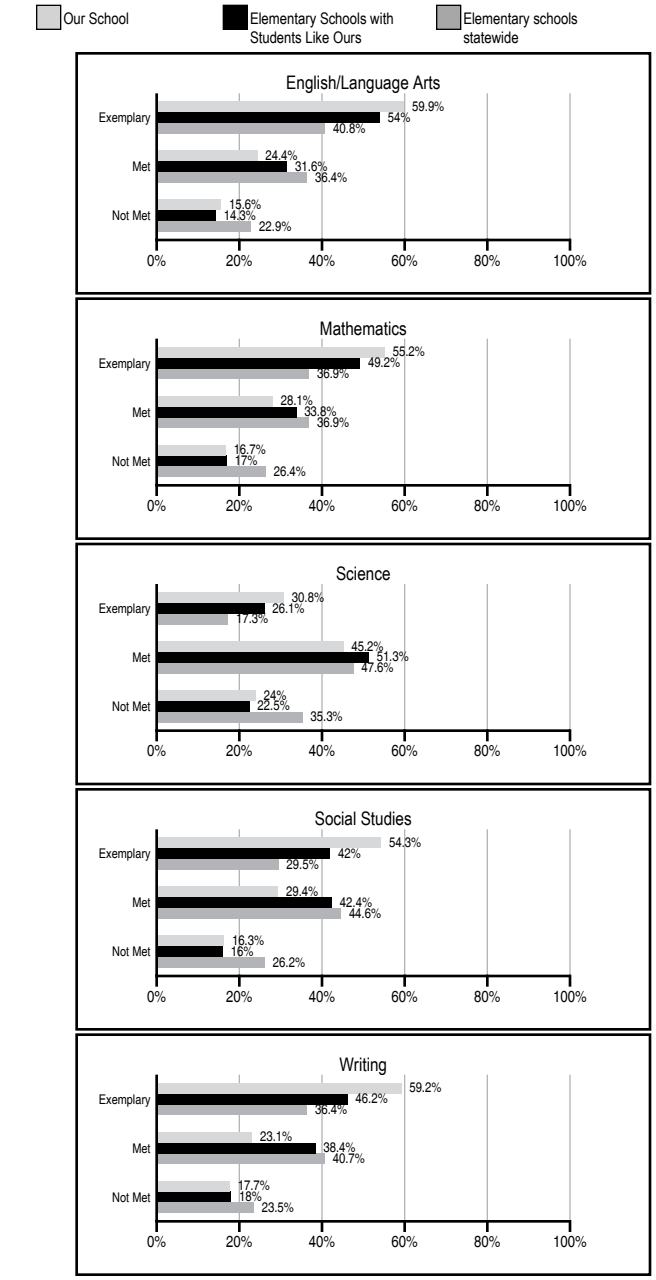
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
29	14	1	2	0

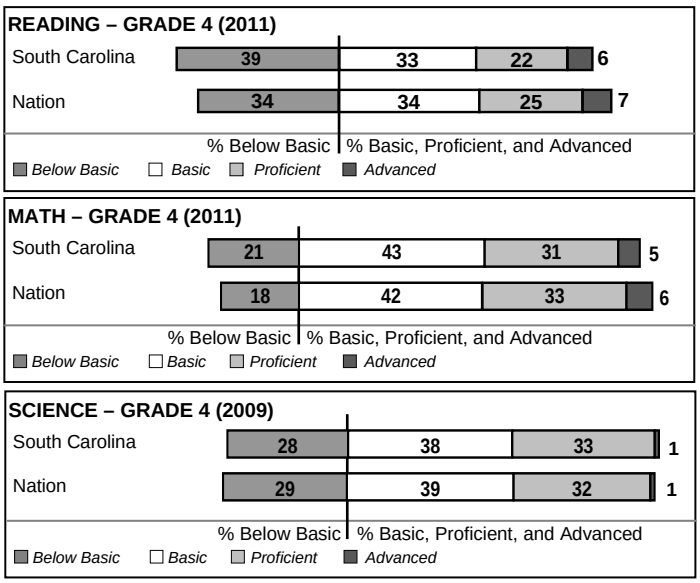
** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.*

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=773)				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	0.8%	1.1%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.1%	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	33.8%	Up from 32.2%	21.8%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.5%	Down from 10.7%	4.6%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Down from 0.6%	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=52)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.1%	Up from 68.5%	63.4%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	82.7%	Up from 72.2%	89.5%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 83.8%	87.9%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 94.1%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$53,622	Up 0.5%	$48,243	$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.7 days	Up from 11.7 days	9.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Down from 21.1 to 1	20.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.1%	91.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	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	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,087	Down 8.2%	$7,112	$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	80.4%	Down from 81.6%	68.8%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	77.8%	Down from 78.8%	67.6%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Down from 100.0%	95.2%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	129	101
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.2%	94.5%	92.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.4%	93.0%	93.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	92.2%	86.7%

*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

Brennen Elementary School is a flagship institution for elementary education throughout South Carolina, as exemplified by our Palmetto's Finest Finalist status for 2011. The school is situated in a residential section of Columbia and serves approximately 775 students in grades K through 5. Brennen's greatest strengths come from its strong student achievement, excellent parent and community support, comprehensive social action projects, and continuous professional development.

We are proud of the student achievement and numerous school honors that have come to us at Brennen in recent years. We have maintained a rating of Excellent or Good on the SC School Report Card. Also, for 8 of the 10 years, we have maintained Palmetto Gold or Silver Award status. For years, we have continued our status as a Red Carpet School. Numerous 5th graders won honors in the junior division at the USC Region II Science and Engineering Fair. We utilize the latest technology, such as interactive white boards and a wireless mobile computer lab, to maximize our students' achievement. Our students participate in art, music, PE, Spanish and drama classes. First through fifth graders perform in full-length plays.

Our parent and community support is quite impressive. The PTO sponsored its 8th fund-raising auction, raising $48,000 during that one evening and attracting approximately 300 attendees (PTO raised almost $92,000 over the entire school year). Among the PTO activities that regularly bring in hundreds of attendees are Harvest Happening, Spring Supper, Back-to-School Bash, Walk Your Child to School Day, and Grandparents' Day. Our SIC is quite active, too. In 2011, we were statewide finalists for the SC-SIC Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award. The members broadened school-to-family communication, created the student directory, and assisted teachers with many classroom activities and needs. Our neighborhood Kilbourne Park Baptist Church members serve as our Faith-Based Partners and allow us to have our 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony in their gym. USC's Foreign Language Department students have continued to provide German instruction to interested students in one of our after-school programs.

Our Social Action Projects included Pennies for Patients ($1,020 for the Leukemia Society), Jump Rope for Heart ($6,279 for the American Heart Association), Harvest Hope Food Drive (1,017 pounds), Walk for Life ($1,600 for the American Cancer Society), Heifer International ($300), Greyhound Lifesavers ($765), Make a Wish Foundation ($568), and Brennen families helping others ($2,375).

In much the same way, we have continued our emphasis on professional development. We have continued Stages One and Two of HET (Highly Effective Teaching) and provided multiple-year coaching for our faculty and staff. Stage One focuses on the physical and emotional environment of the school. Stage Two addresses curriculum and instruction issues. In addition, our teams of teachers have worked to become true Professional Learning Communities.

All of us associated with Brennen Elementary School are proud of our 61-year history of academic excellence and have pride in the outstanding elementary school experience that we provide for our students.

Dr. Marian Crum-Mack, Principal Penny Thomas, SIC Chairperson

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