



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WILLOW DRIVE ELEMENTARY
Sumter 17
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 546
Principal: Melissa O'Connor
Superintendent: Mr. Randolph Bynum, Sr.
Board Chair: Mr. Larry D. Addison

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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	CA-DELAY

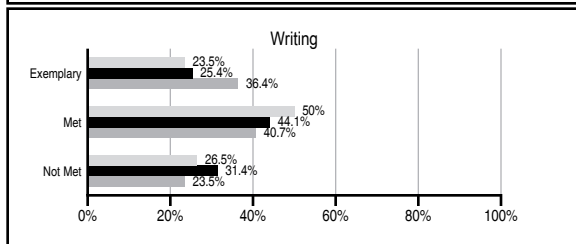
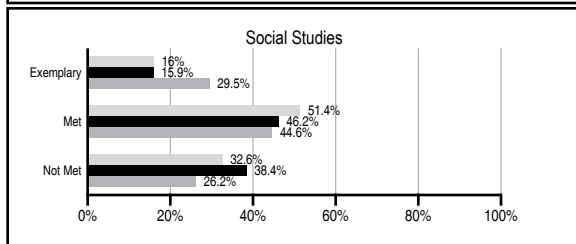
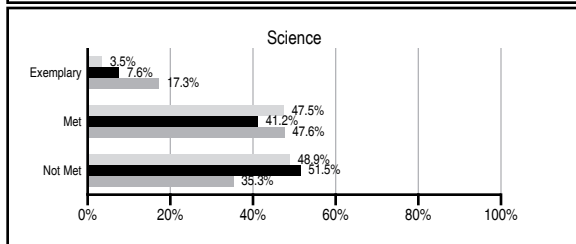
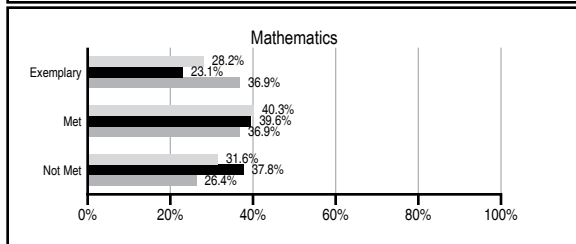
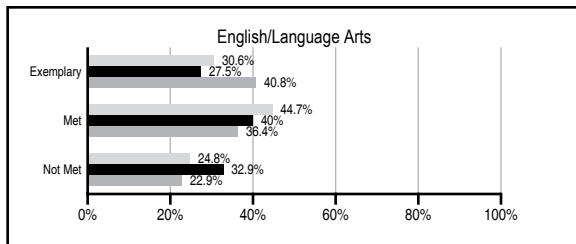
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	9	108	53	22

* 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
Students (n=546)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 2.4%	1.5%	1.1%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.6%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.4%	Down from 5.8%	6.0%	13.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.0%	Down from 7.5%	4.3%	4.1%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Down from 2.0%	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=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.5%	Up from 67.4%	61.5%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.5%	Up from 90.7%	83.3%	88.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.8%	Down from 90.5%	85.4%	87.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.7%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,296	Up 5.2%	\$45,250	\$46,773
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Up from 5.7 days	10.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	14.7 to 1	Up from 14.0 to 1	17.7 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 89.9%	90.0%	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	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,478	Up 2.3%	\$8,267	\$7,447
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.9%	Up from 71.4%	67.9%	68.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.0%	Down from 70.2%	64.5%	65.8%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	76.9%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Willow Drive Elementary is known as a friendly, neighborhood school. Most of our students live within walking distance, and we strive to create a warm, family-like atmosphere for our students, parents, and staff members. Many parent involvement opportunities are implemented throughout the school year. Teachers work collaboratively with parents to ensure that all children have a positive learning experience.

Willow Drive School serves primarily a lower income population with 75-85% of our students qualifying for free or reduced priced meals. We also have a rather transient population as approximately 30% of our students transfer on a yearly basis. In spite of these challenges, we have been fortunate to experience significant improvement in our goals of increasing student achievement and improving student discipline.

Our test scores on the PASS earned our school the honor of the Palmetto Silver Award. The criteria address improvement of performance in the historically underachieving subgroups which are minority students, free/reduced price meals students, and students with non-speech disabilities. Teachers, students, faculty, parents, and community members were very excited to receive the award for the year.

Some of the steps that were taken to accomplish this include correlating our curriculum with the state standards, participation in on-going professional development, Reading Recovery for at-risk first graders, small group reading, the Read 180 program, the Classworks Lab, inclusion challenge classes, and a variety of parent involvement activities. We also involve our students in community service projects such as Jump Rope for Heart, Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, Christmas Cards for Shaw, Pennies for Patients, March of Dimes, and more.

In closing, be assured the faculty and staff are dedicated to the mission of educating all children to their highest potential at Willow Drive Elementary.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	76	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.7%	92.1%	80.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	90.8%	70.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	53.3%	77.3%	79.2%

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

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