



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Palmetto Elementary
ANDERSON 1
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 608
Principal: Amy Cothran
Superintendent: David Havird
Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

PERFORMANCE

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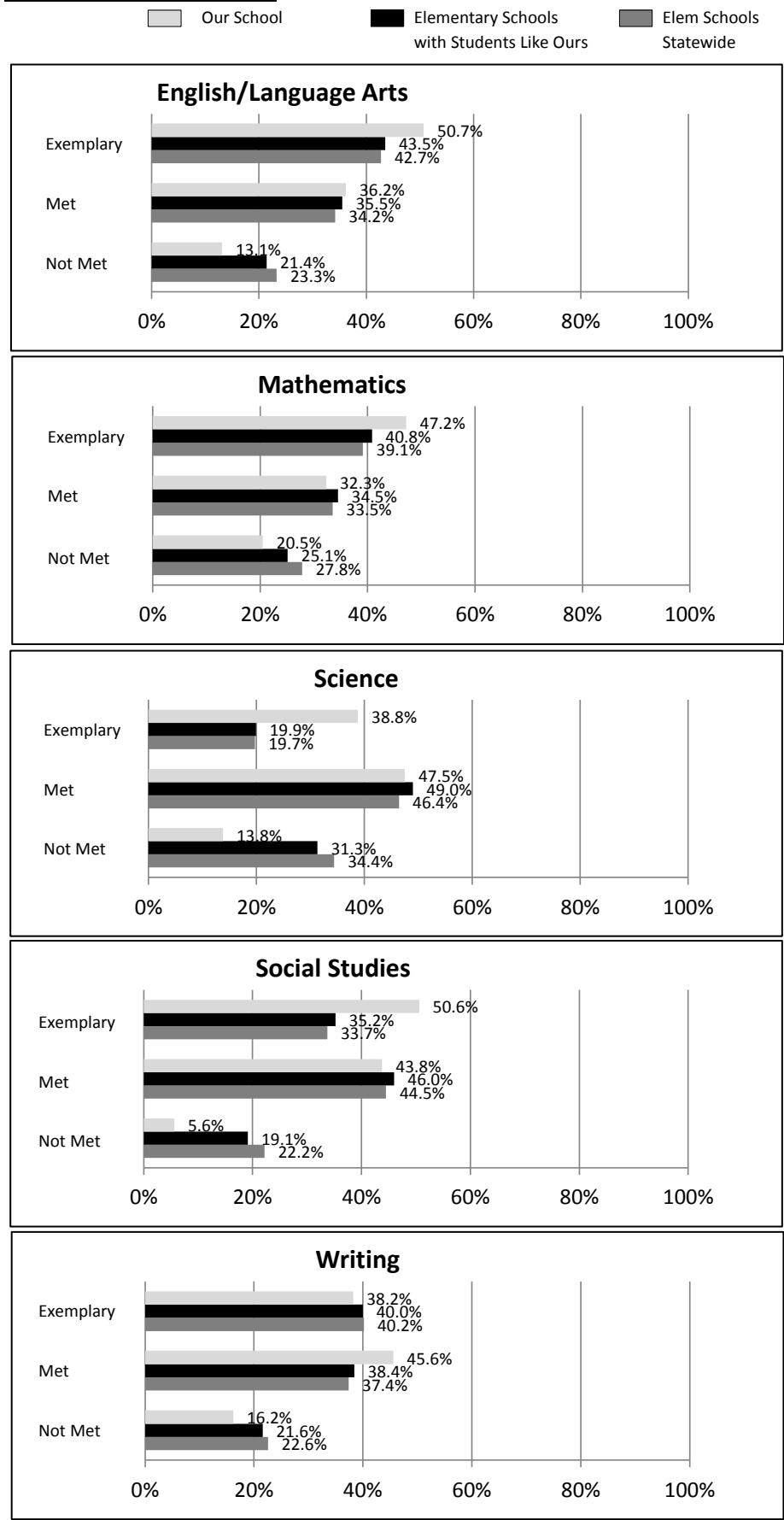
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	SILVER	B	Reward
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	GOLD	A	Reward

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
30	54	38	2	1

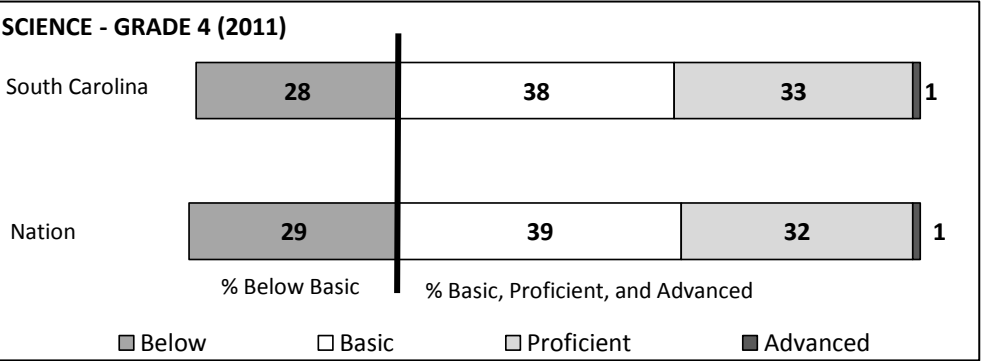
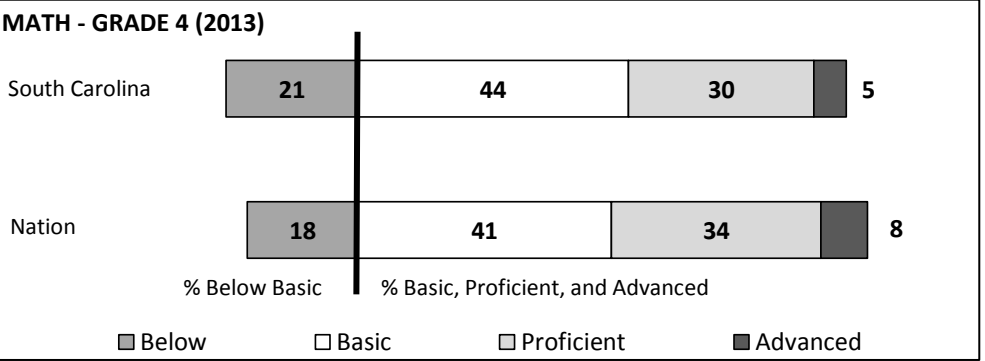
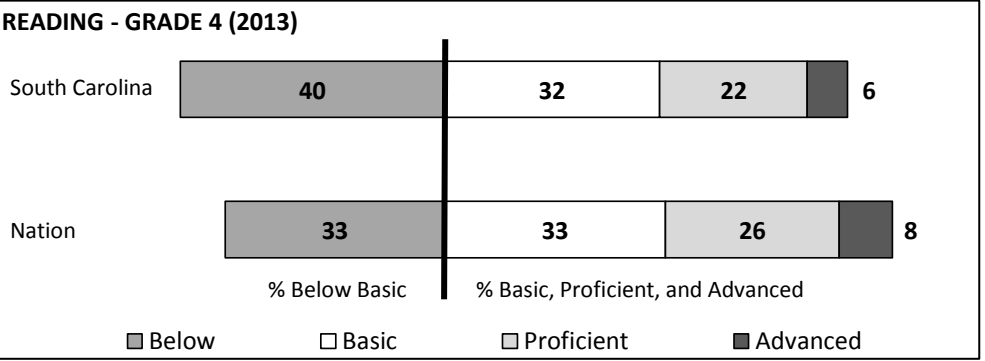
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*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

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 608)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Up from 1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.5%	Up from 4.0%	7.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.1%	Up from 12.5%	13.3%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Up from 2.2%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.9%	Up from 58.5%	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	No change	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Down from 89.6%	89.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 94.6%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,705	Up 4.2%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Up from 9.8 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Up from 16.8 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Up from 90.2%	90.3%	90.7%
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**	\$7,498	Up 0.4%	\$7,479	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.5%	Down from 72.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.1%	Up from 68.0%	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	94.7	Up from 87.9	88.4	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	63	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	92.0%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.7%	89.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	92.1%	67.3%

*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

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool continues to SOAR toward our mission of Promoting Curiosity, Educating Minds, and Securing Futures! This mission consistently encourages our faculty and staff to maintain high standards for all students and themselves. Our number one goal is ensuring student success and well-being. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most diverse student body in Anderson School District One due to our transient population. The faculty and staff of Palmetto Elementary continuously do a great job of welcoming new students and returning students in order to quickly determine their needs for learning and to provide enrichment opportunities to promote a life-long love of learning. [↗](#)

The South Carolina International Reading Association recognized Palmetto Elementary as an Exemplary Reading Honor School based upon our continual focus on reading. Guided reading is proving to be successful using MAP results and the levels of growth as measured by Fountas and Pinnell. We have a strong RTI (Response To Intervention) team that helps to ensure all students receive the intervention and challenges needed to promote a love for reading. [↗](#)

Palmetto Elementary continues to strive for excellence in all that we do, including the activities offered by our amazing PTO. Our PTO gives countless hours as they work for our school to provide our students the best. This year, playgrounds received new equipment and mulch. Their volunteer and fundraising efforts are tireless and a wonderful model for our students! [↗](#)

Palmetto Elementary has had many accomplishments including: Student led morning news show, PASS night for parents, Writing nights for each grade level, Family Reading night each week, conferences were held with 100% of all parents; Clemson University provided student tutors, the after-school program tutored and provided enrichment for 60 students, Administration lead intervention groups for 3-5, students and staff participate in the community recycling program, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, Numerous Relay for Life Service Projects, School-wide Pony Express mail system, Beta Club, Student Council, Palmetto Singers, Art Club, Recorder Choir, and numerous volunteers spent countless hours serving our school and community. [↗](#)

Amy W. Cothran, Principal[↗](#)

Andrea Alberson, SIC Chair

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