



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Walhalla Elementary School
OCONEE
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 554
Principal: Shanon H. Lusk
Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

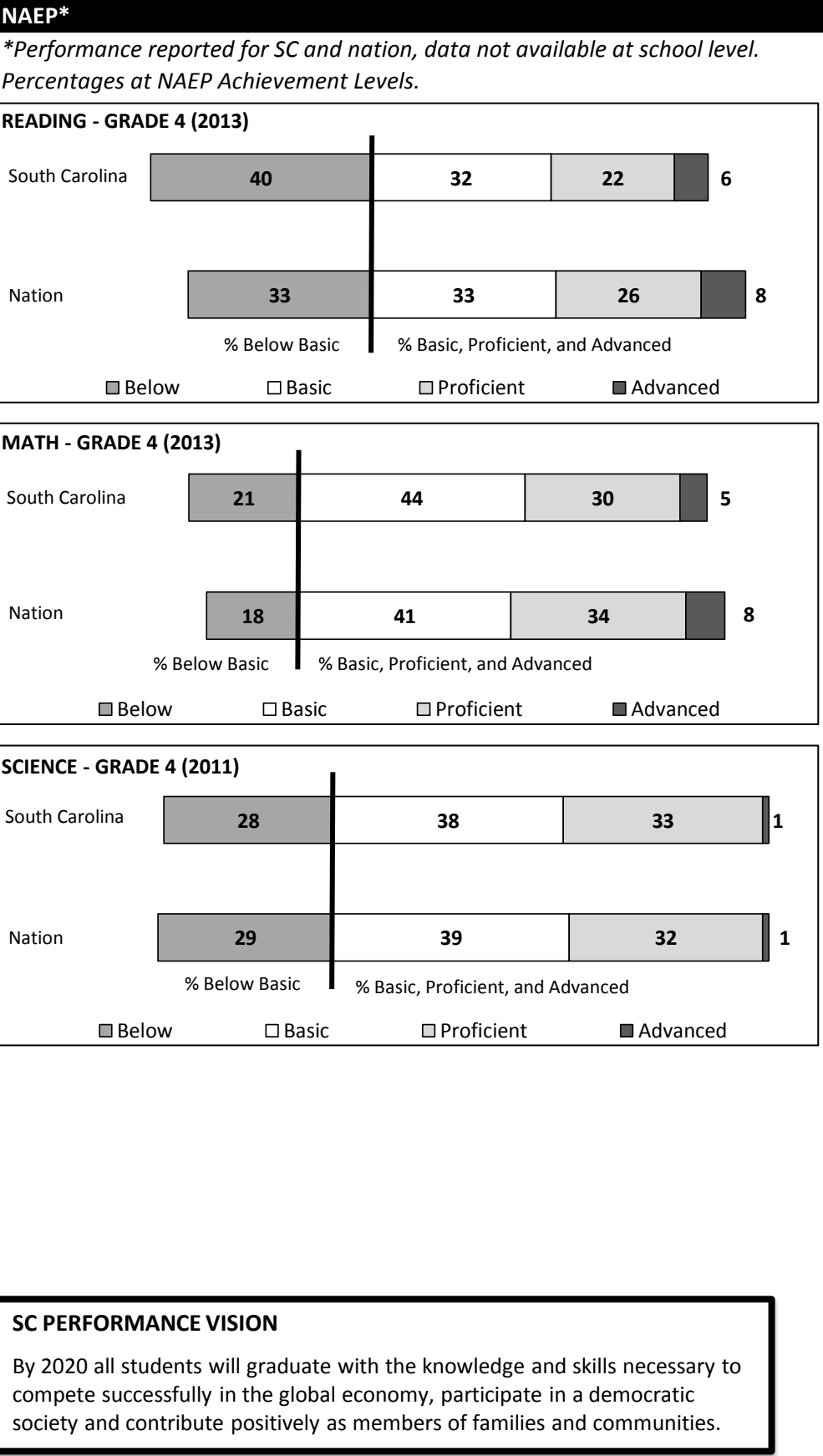
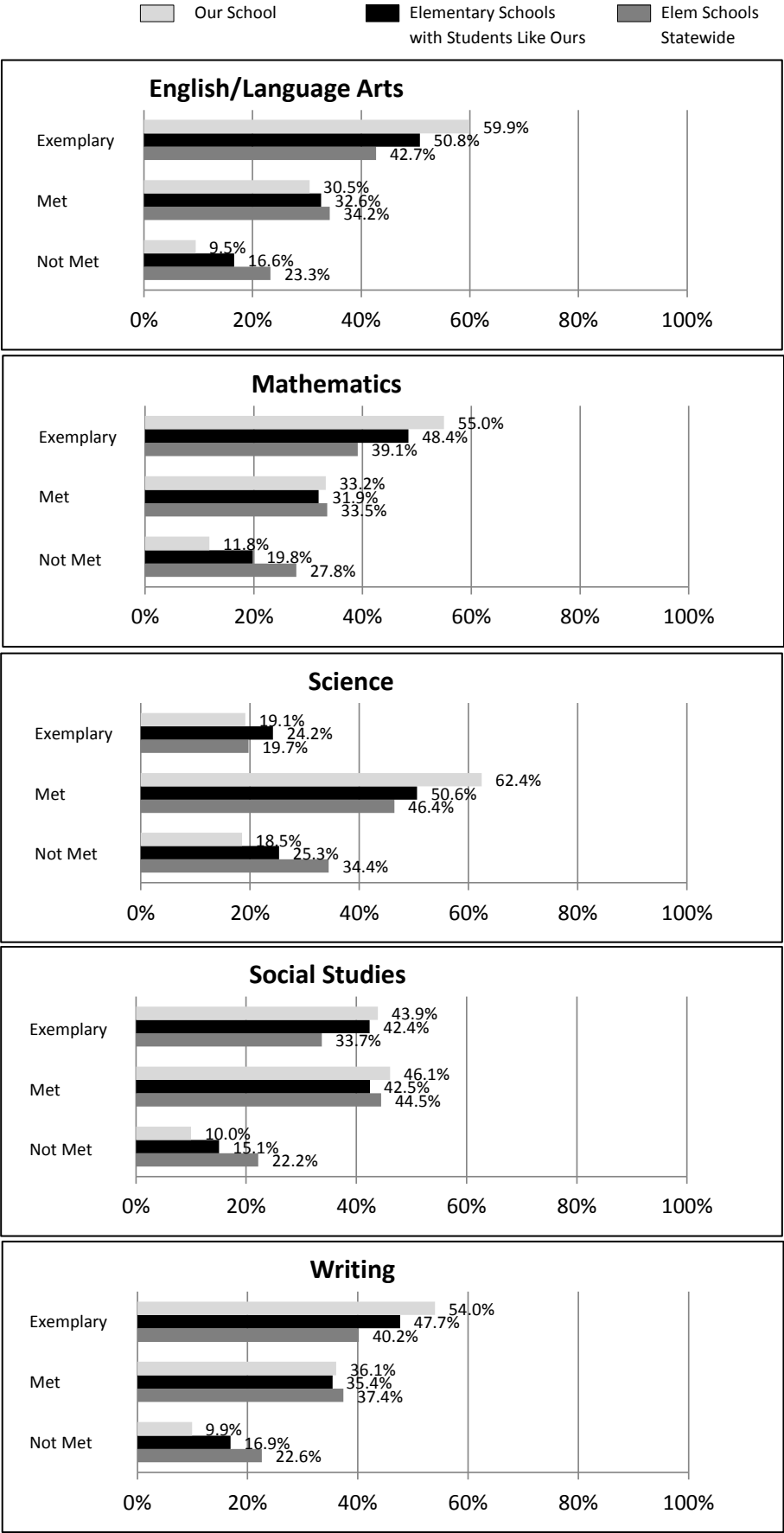
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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
54	33	9	0	0

* 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



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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 554)				
Retention rate	2.1%	Up from 0.9%	0.8%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 96.8%	96.6%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.7%	Down from 14.8%	9.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.3%	Up from 11.7%	11.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	1.4%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.1%	Up from 67.5%	64.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	89.5%	Down from 92.5%	85.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Down from 92.5%	90.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 95.7%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,708	Up 0.5%	\$50,245	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Up from 5.1 days	12.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 91.8%	91.1%	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	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,352	Up 5.6%	\$7,405	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.9%	Down from 70.0%	68.4%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.5%	Up from 67.0%	67.3%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	99.5	Up from 91.2	91.7	85.7

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	72	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.2%	87.5%	97.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.5%	97.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.5%	88.1%

*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

Walhalla Elementary School is a K-5th grade school that serves 545 students. The mission of Walhalla Elementary School, in cooperation with the home and community, is to develop confident, responsible, productive lifelong learners, by providing a comprehensive educational experience in a positive environment. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2013 - 2014 school year and we continue to look for ways to improve. Our school received an Excellent Absolute Rating on our 2013 School Report Card. Our school received a Good Growth Rating on our 2013 Report Card. We also received the SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold Award for our overall test scores.

Through the continued analysis of our state testing results, our classroom assessment information and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data, we are able to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments and programs. This analysis, along with our MAP scores consistently meeting and exceeding the district, state and national averages, helps ensure that we are individualizing instruction as much as possible for our students.

Our students have opportunities above and beyond the regular school day. Our math and English/Language Arts (ELA) labs are open before and after school. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can also participate in various after school activities such as, Art Squad, Science Club, Chess Club, Running Club, Math Madness, Battle of the Books, School Performances, and Chorus. Our students in grades 1 and 2 can also participate in an after school running club. All of our students have the opportunity to participate in walking club before the school day begins. Our Parent, Teacher, Student Team (PTST) and our School Improvement Council (SIC) continue to play important parts in our success. The PTST sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner, a Spring Carnival and our Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Our SIC sponsored our Seasons Readings Night, Math and Science Night and our 10th annual Family Fun Run to promote physical fitness. Chick-fil-a of Seneca is our business partner for character education and monthly spirit nights. Zaxby’s of Seneca, Subway of Walhalla, and Puerto Nuevo also support our school through monthly spirit nights. In addition, many other local businesses support our school throughout the year.

Walhalla Elementary students, staff and families continue to have opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life team raised money for the American Cancer Society. Our school sponsored a child for the Make a Wish Foundation and participated in a canned food drive for a local food bank.

As you can see, Walhalla Elementary School has numerous accomplishments to be proud of. These accomplishments are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, students and families. We will continue to work together to ensure that Walhalla Elementary School is a place Where Everyone is a Star.

Shanon H. Lusk, Principal Jeff McCall, SIC Chairperson

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