



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Houston Elementary School
SPARTANBURG 7
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 371
Principal: Thomas M. Stokes
Superintendent: Dr. Russell W. Booker
Board Chair: Rick L. Gray

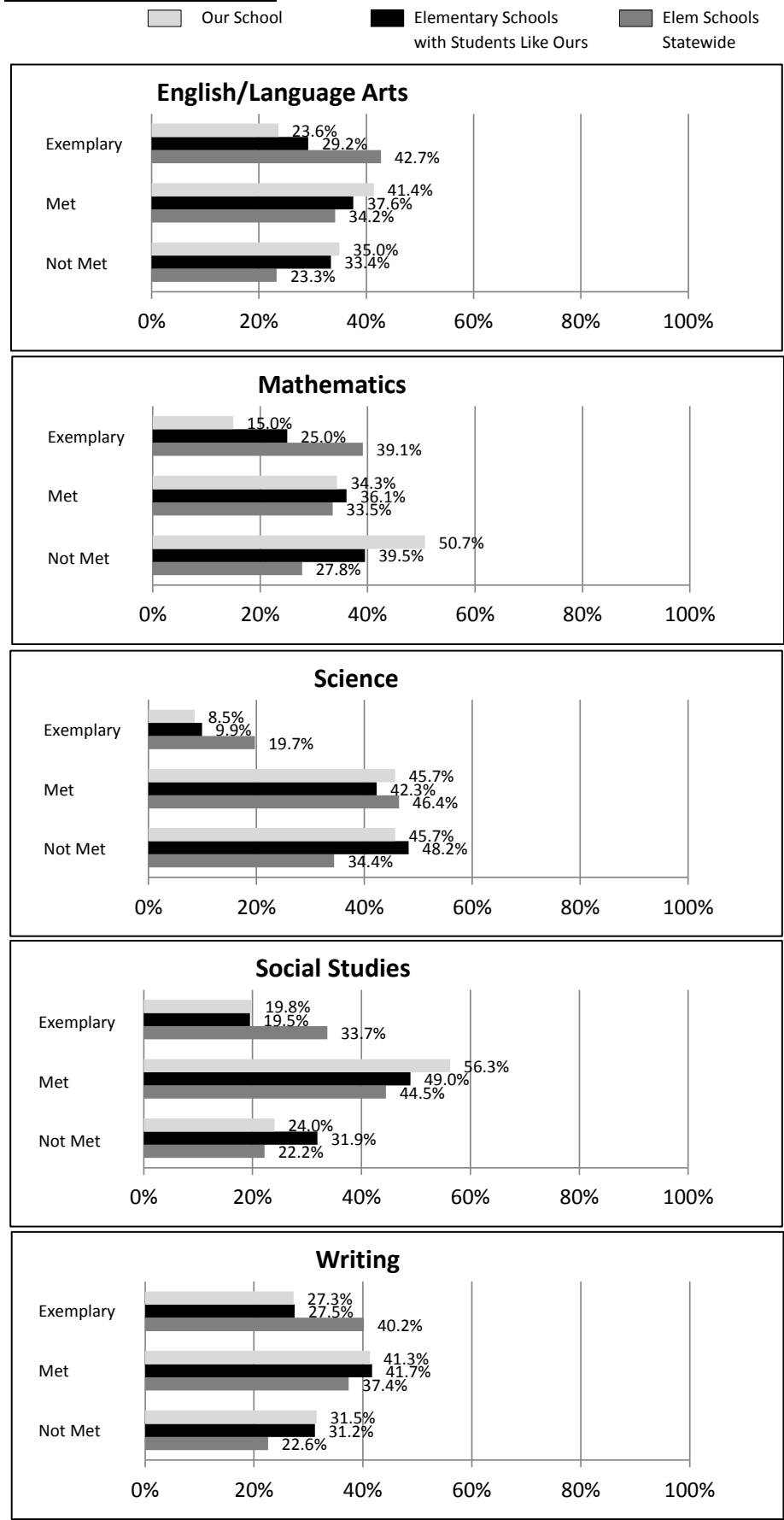
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2013	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	13	123	36	11

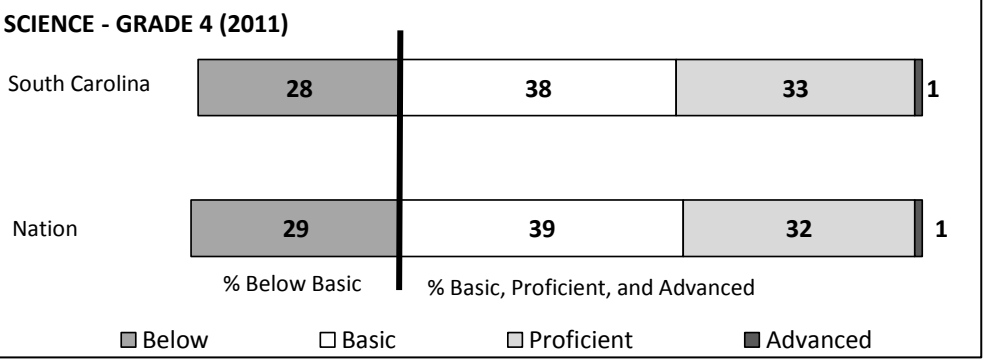
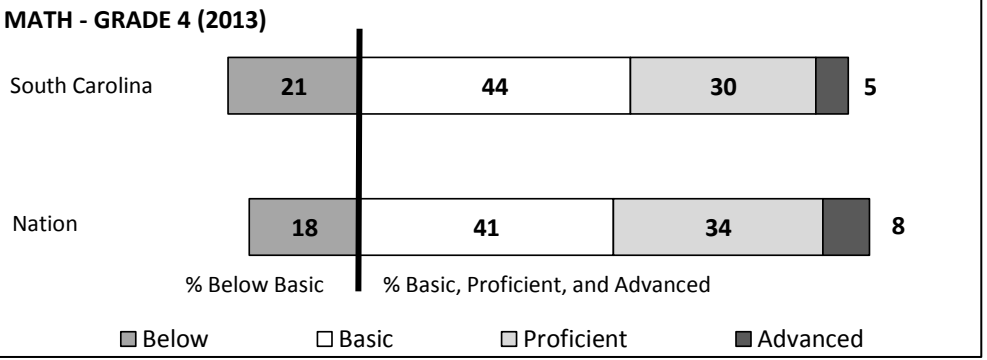
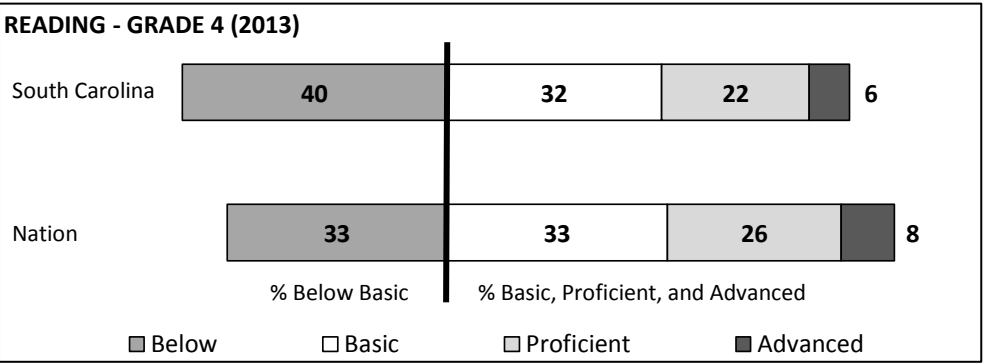
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

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 = 371)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 2.7%	1.5%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.6%	Down from 5.0%	3.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.6%	Down from 15.4%	13.9%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 3.6%	2.7%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.7%	Down from 74.2%	61.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	84.8%	Up from 80.6%	76.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.6%	Up from 78.6%	84.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 94.6%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,742	Up 0.7%	\$46,501	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.7 days	Down from 13.0 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 18.3 to 1	18.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 87.8%	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	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,367	Down 12.6%	\$8,135	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.8%	Up from 66.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.5%	Up from 65.0%	64.8%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	68.3	Up from 51.8	74.0	85.7

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	48	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	73.1%	85.4%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.5%	91.7%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	42.3%	68.1%	76.0%

*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

Houston Elementary students strive to achieve excellence on a daily basis. Our well-trained and dedicated faculty works diligently to provide each of our students with an enriched educational experience. Six teachers have obtained National Board Certification, 85% of the faculty is gifted and talented endorsed, and 100% of the faculty is highly qualified. For the sixth consecutive year, Houston received a Below Average absolute rating on the state report card. We continue to experience growth and advancements in technology. Each teacher received an Apple iPad and we are moving toward a digital conversion of teaching and learning. Additionally, each student in grades 3-5 was issued an iPad. Teachers and students make use of the iPads as a learning tool to enhance the learning process.

Our students distinguish themselves in numerous academic and special areas. Fifteen students participated in our district’s gifted and talented program. Six of these students scored in the top 10% in the National Wordmaster Competition. Our art students were recognized in the Piedmont Interstate Fair and the S.C. State Fair. Fifteen third grade students received the Rotary Math Excellence Award, two students performed in the District’s musical production, and seventeen students participated in our band, orchestra and honors chorus program. Each month twenty-one of our students were recognized as Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids.

To promote wellness and commitment to the total growth of the child, our students participated in Walk to School, Bike to School, Girls on the Run, Houston Running Club, the First Tee, Healthy Snack Program, and Creative Expressions Dance Club. Family and school connections are strengthened through our monthly Family First breakfast, PTO, School Improvement Council, and our Fall Family Luncheon.

Houston Elementary has received several honors and set an expectation of excellence during the 2013-2014 school year. We are pleased to serve your children and encourage each of you to continue to take an active role in the education of your child.

Thomas M. Stokes, Principal Raiford Collins, SIC Chair

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