



Strategies for Improving Instruction at Carver Elementary 2009-2010

1. Carver follows the Florence School District One Curriculum Alignment Document where instruction is correlated to state standards in all subjects, and all tests match the instruction.
2. Long-range plans and weekly lesson plans are correlated to the Curriculum Alignment Document.
3. Teacher-made tests are used to assess weekly skills.
4. Benchmark tests covering standards for all subjects are administered each quarter.
5. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests are administered in fall and spring to determine a student's academic achievement and growth from fall to spring and year to year.
6. Compass Learning - Odyssey, a computer based program, is used in conjunction with MAP to provide engaging activities for differing levels of achievement and learning styles.
7. "Write From the Beginning" writing program is used school-wide in grades K-4.
8. A "Literacy Lab" is offered in grade 1 to provide reading strategies for all levels.
9. A variety of resources are used to engage students in all subjects: software programs, internet resources, computer lab activities, laptops, SMARTBoards, United Streaming.
10. Supplemental materials have been purchased to prepare students for the PASS test that is administered in the spring: PASS Coach and Flash Masters
11. Inquiry-based math lessons are taught in all grades.
12. The staff continues to upgrade their skills in technological advancement to better serve their students.
13. Remedial and hands-on instruction is provided by instructional assistants, retired certified teachers, science coach, and classroom teachers during and after school for students in grades K-4.
14. Enrichment programs are provided by parents, staff, and community: Thanksgiving Festival, School Clubs, and Academic Nights.
15. Technology, reading, writing, math, science, homework, and discipline workshops are provided for teachers and parents.
16. Standards-based workshops are offered throughout the year, assisting teachers in providing enrichment to use with the current curriculum.
17. Parent/Teacher conferences are held to discuss student progress.
18. The Carver Administration Team monitors instruction and assessment.



Summary Report to Parents from the School Improvement Council

Carver Elementary School
515 North Cashua Drive
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2009 - 2010

The mission of Carver Elementary School is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

A Message From the SIC . . .

The School Improvement Council is responsible for presenting a report to the parents of the school about progress being made to achieve improvements (according to the objectives from the 5-year plan). This report will include Carver's achievements and plans for improvement. Pages two, three, and the inserted page show graphs representing the 2009 PASS scores.

We're Proud of . . .

Awards and Recognition

- Named a National Blue Ribbon School, 2008-09
- Met AYP, 2004 - 2009
- Palmetto Gold and Silver Winner
- Red Carpet School
- SC Healthy School
- Literacy Spot (Reading Recovery)
- Physical Fitness Award
- School of Promise
- Twelve National Board Certified Teachers

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Curriculum/Programs/Enrichment

- Balanced language arts program, (phonics, literature, Reading Renaissance, and a basal reading program)
- A school-wide writing program which encourages process and creative writing
- Mathematical concepts taught through an inquiry-based math program (problem solving, exploring, analyzing)
- A computer technology class offered in grades 1-4
- Standards-based art, music, and physical education
- Second Step and Core Essentials programs
- Visiting authors and illustrators
- Updated school web page
- Retired teacher tutors
- Clubs: Chorus, Carver Cares Club, Better Learning Bears, Sports of All Sorts, Techno-Pros, Sketchbook, and Academic Achievers' Club
- Leadership Opportunities: Grade 4 Safety Patrol, Morning Show, Wee Deliver, Carver First Savings Bank
- Student Recognition Programs: Terrific Kids, PrincipALS, Celebrity Student, Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance, Awards Assemblies, birthday celebrations, Character Counts program, Reading Renaissance awards, Bear Bucks Awards Program

Thanks to our parents and teachers for
working together to earn an
Absolute Rating of

EXCELLENT

for 2009.
We are proud of our boys and girls.

Community/Parent Involvement

- Active Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Strong School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Partnerships include: Francis Marion University, Coker College Interns and Student Teachers, High School Teacher Cadets, and Wal-Mart
- Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and BB&T
- Parent-led Programs: Annual Thanksgiving Festival, Community Announcements (marquee), Terrific Kid bulletin board, Bear Bucks store
- Fall Festival, Spring Fling, School Fund Raiser

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) Test

**Carver Elementary School Student Achievement 2009
in Comparison to District and State**

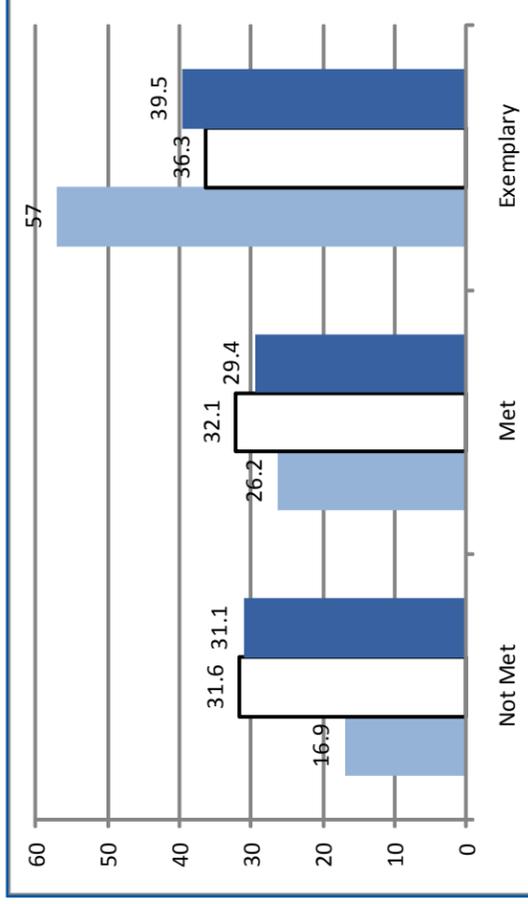


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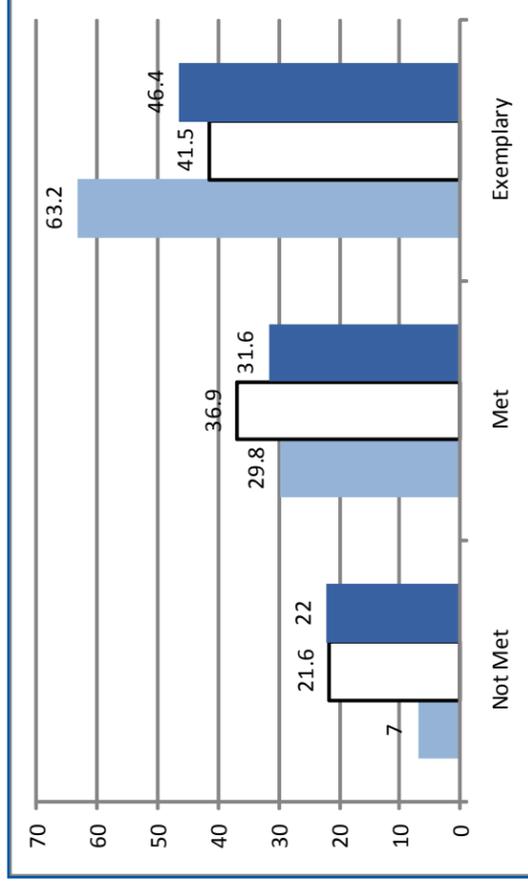
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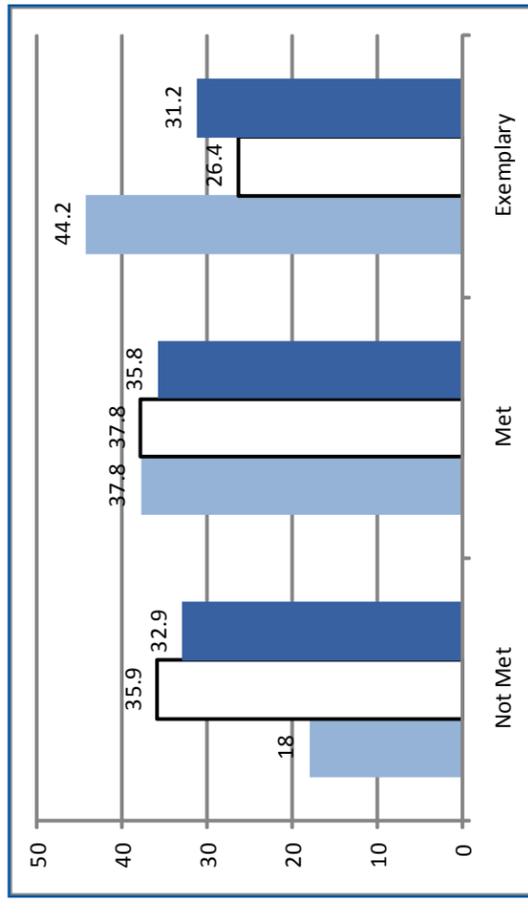
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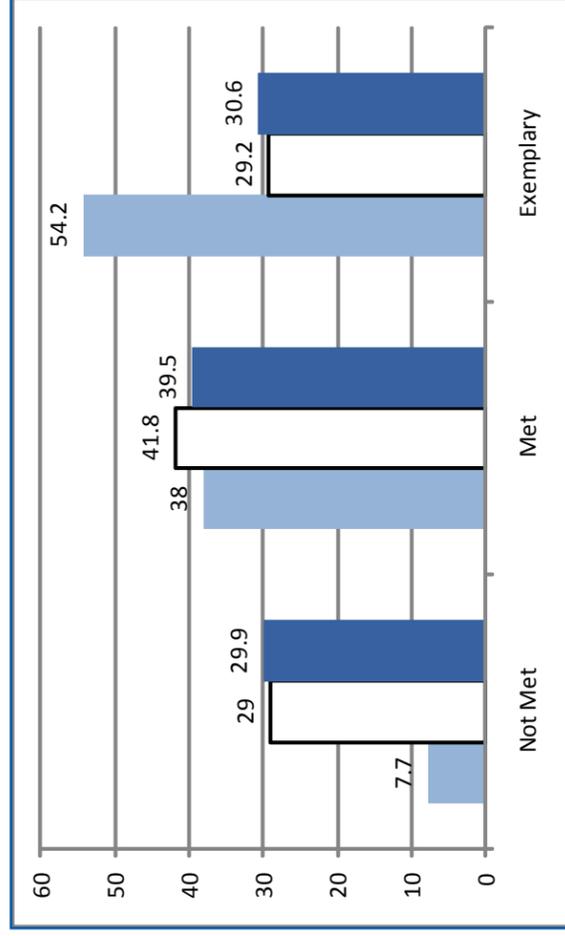
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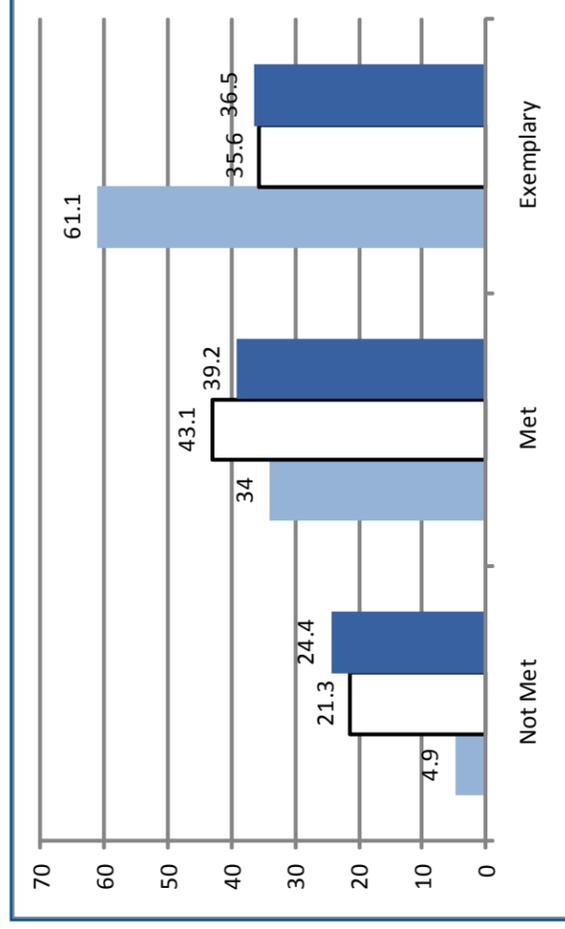
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WRITING - GRADE 4



ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 4



MATHEMATICS - GRADE 4

