



Washington Street Elementary School

325 Washington Street
Hartsville, SC 29950

Grades	1-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	298 Students	
Principal	Ms. Valerie M. Sawyer	843-383-3141
Superintendent	Dr. Rainey Knight	843-398-5100
Board Chair	Charles Govan	843-332-2288

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Good	At-Risk
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Average	Excellent
2009	Below Average	At-Risk
2008	Below Average	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

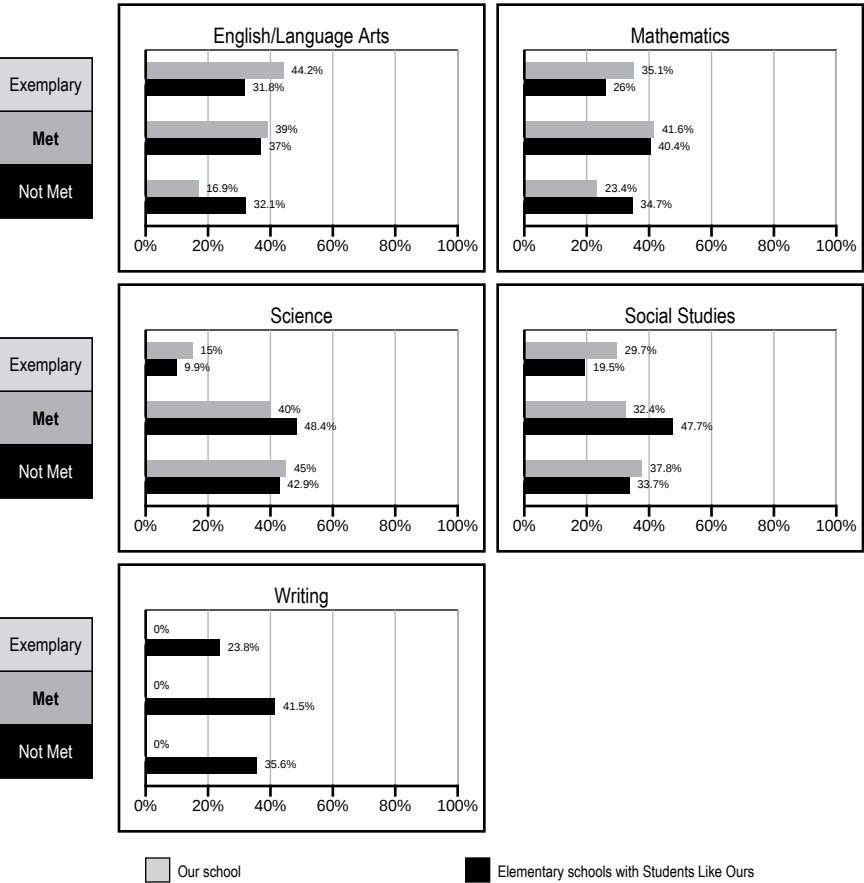
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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
6	13	105	23	9

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=298)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	92.2%	Down from 93.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	6.4%	Up from 4.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.1%	96.3%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=20)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.0%	Up from 63.6%	61.1%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	82.6%	Up from 81.5%	86.8%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,979	Up 1.8%	\$45,872	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	28.0 days	Up from 21.8 days	10.7 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Down from 24.0 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 89.0%	90.3%	90.5%
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**	\$6,857	Down 14.5%	\$7,726	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.4%	Down from 68.1%	67.3%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.4%	Down from 66.0%	63.7%	65.7%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

As a Title I school, located in Hartsville., SC and a part of the Darlington County School System, Washington Street Elementary School's achievements have demonstrated our school's commitment to our students, families, and community. Marked by great diligence, effort, and a desire to achieve at higher levels, the school's students and staff accomplished their goal and lived up to the school's motto "We Strive for Excellence" by achieving an "Excellent" rating in overall performance on its 2011-2012 school report card from the South Carolina Department of Education. This exemplary level of performance resulted in the school receiving the Palmetto Gold Award from the state of South Carolina for the second year in a row.

Improvements in the core subject areas of English/Language Arts, math, science, social studies were noteworthy. English/Language Arts centered on our continued commitment to the implementation of best practices in literacy instruction, which included a balanced literacy approach, small group instruction, print-rich environment, professional development for teachers, and incentives for students to improve their mastery of literacy skills.. Math instruction was enhanced through professional development provided to our teachers. In science and social studies, students participated in a variety of opportunities to improve their science and social studies knowledge through field trips, classroom inquiry and experiments, special projects, and guest speakers.

Additionally, through the P.U.L.S.E. Program, sponsored by Sonoco, a community partner in education, Washington Street eagerly moved forward with its implementation of the Comer Model for School Improvement. Through this program, the school has introduced stakeholders to six developmental pathways that lead to success for all: physical, ethical, social, psychological, language, and cognitive. We have also used the program's three guiding principles no-fault problem-solving, consensus, and collaboration to address. Finally, Washington Street Elementary hosted several events throughout the school year that were designed to foster a cooperative spirit and to encourage family and community participation. Events included Open House, Meet the Teacher Day, Family Math, PASS, and Reading Nights, and our Mister and Miss Washington Street Pageant. Our Family Involvement Room has also provided families with a comfortable atmosphere in which to participate in workshops and conferences, all focused on the success of our students.

Washington Street Elementary continues to "Strive for Excellence" for our students, staff, and community by promoting a positive and productive learning environment that will place our students on the road to future success.

Mrs. Jada Gore, School Improvement Council Chairman
Ms. Valerie M. Sawyer, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	57	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.6%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	94.5%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0%	87.3%	92.6%

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

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	93.0
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Washington Street Elementary School school has been designated as a:

- ☒ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☐ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.8%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
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Grades 3-5

All Students	664.7	648.8	610.5	631.2	97.6	100.0
Male	673.1	659.6	629.2	638.9	100.0	100.0
Female	655.6	637.6	591.9	623.1	95.2	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	658.0	643.4	596.3	633.1	96.6	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	654.0	643.1	602.0	625.2	97.1	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
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English/Language Arts

2011	3	104	100	20.8	24	55.2	79.2
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	91	97.8	16.9	36.1	47	83.1
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mathematics

2011	3	104	100	24	36.5	39.6	76
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	91	100	24.7	40	35.3	75.3
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Science

2011	3	52	100	37.3	27.5	35.3	62.7
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	46	100	45.5	36.4	18.2	54.5
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

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Social Studies

2011	3	56	100	14.3	51	34.7	85.7
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	46	97.8	36.6	29.3	34.1	63.4
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Writing

2011	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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