



Brown's Ferry Elementary School

7292 Brown's Ferry Road
Georgetown, SC 29440

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	195 Students	
Principal	Bethany Giles-Burgess	843-527-1325
Superintendent	Dr. H. Randall Dozier	843-436-7000
Board Chair	Mr. Jim Dumm	843-436-7000

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Average

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

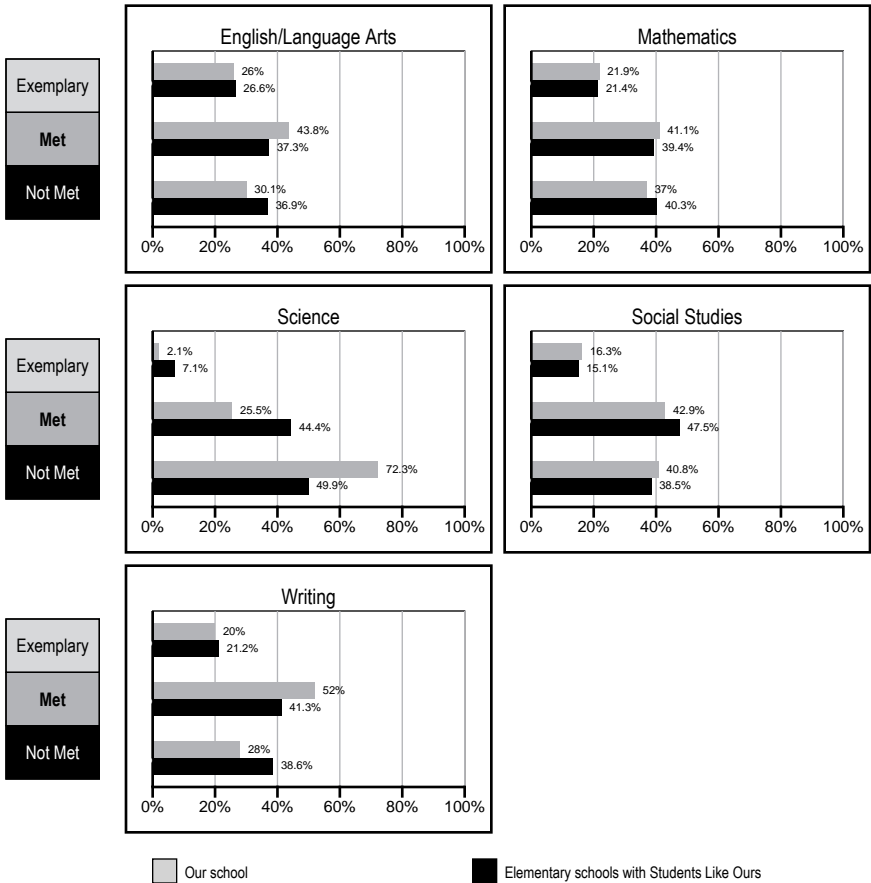
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 98%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
2	8	76	47	19

* 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=195)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 2.9%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 98.4%	96.4%	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=17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	No Change	62.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	82.4%	Up from 78.3%	85.3%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 95.1%	95.5%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,021	Up 4.0%	\$45,007	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	9.4 days	Up from 6.8 days	9.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.2 to 1	N/R	18.1 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Up from 92.1%	90.6%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,836	Down 12.5%	\$8,386	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.0%	Up from 54.5%	66.0%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.3%	Up from 53.1%	62.9%	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

Brown's Ferry Elementary has a special school environment as the result of home, school, and community working in harmony. The learning community at Brown's Ferry is committed to providing all students with the education they need to be successful in life.

Student learning is the primary focus at Brown's Ferry. Students are exposed to engaging, student-centered lessons on a daily basis. We focus on the Balanced Literacy approach at all grade levels to support the reading and writing skill development of each student. Teachers use a variety of resources to identify individual student's strengths and weaknesses to drive their instructional practices. The interpretation of student data is an important part of instruction at Brown's Ferry. MAP, standardized test results, computer assisted instruction results, and running records are some of the information used to provide targeted instruction for individual students. In addition, remediation and enrichment are provided through use of a daily morning intervention block, flexible grouping, and focus groups. We continue to enrich instruction by participating in staff development activities that facilitate improved student achievement.

While academics are our focus, opportunities to experience success beyond the classroom are available through school and community programs. Students participate in art contests, music programs, Jump Rope for Heart, and Special Olympics. In addition, students are active participants in the community recreation department's sports programs. Students are recognized for their efforts, excellence, and positive behavior. Character education is a very important part of our school as well with teachers and administration emphasizing daily expectations through PBIS.

Building a strong home/school/community connection is essential to the growth of our young learners; therefore, we invite parents to visit and to participate in our school activities. Through the assistance of the SIC and PTO, Brown's Ferry Elementary has a strong support system that helps our students continue to strive for excellence. Students have the opportunity to participate in Family Math Night, Family Reading Night, Fall Festival, and Parent Nights. Students are celebrated for their achievements frequently through incentives, a PASS pep rally, and our quarterly Celebration Day programs.

The Brown's Ferry learning community is excited and proud of the strides students have made in academic achievement. We look forward to continuing to "Working In Harmony" to make greater strides in student growth and achievement.

Karen Simmons, SIC Chairperson

Bethany Giles-Burgess, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	25	9
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.7%	80.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7%	96.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	92.0%	I/S

* 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	85.9
Overall Grade Conversion	B

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

Brown's Ferry 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	0.7%	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

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Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	645.2	632.2	587.0	612.5	100.0	100.0
Male	641.8	641.5	592.2	612.4	100.0	100.0
Female	647.9	625.0	581.5	612.5	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	645.2	632.2	587.0	612.5	100.0	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	643.1	630.6	583.3	613.2	100.0	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
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	25	100	36	28	36	64
	4	26	100	21.7	52.2	26.1	78.3
	5	31	100	31	55.2	13.8	69
	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	26	100	16	40	44	84
	4	23	100	47.8	34.8	17.4	52.2
	5	28	100	26.9	53.8	19.2	73.1
	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	25	100	52	32	16	48
	4	26	100	34.8	39.1	26.1	65.2
	5	31	100	41.4	48.3	10.3	58.6
	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	26	100	32	44	24	68
	4	23	100	39.1	47.8	13	60.9
	5	28	96.4	40	32	28	60
	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	12	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	25
	4	26	100	60.9	34.8	4.3	39.1
	5	16	100	60	33.3	6.7	40
	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	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	16.7
	4	23	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	21.7
	5	15	100	46.2	38.5	15.4	53.8
	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

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	13	100	53.8	30.8	15.4	46.2
	4	26	100	34.8	60.9	4.3	65.2
	5	15	100	42.9	35.7	21.4	57.1
	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	N/A
2012	3	13	100	30.8	38.5	30.8	69.2
	4	23	100	65.2	30.4	4.3	34.8
	5	13	100	7.7	69.2	23.1	92.3
	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	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	30	96.7	42.9	39.3	17.9	57.1
	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	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	27	92.6	28	52	20	72
	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	N/A

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