



J. P. Thomas Elementary School

6001 Weston Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	423 Students	
Principal	Selina P. Latimore	803-735-3430
Superintendent	Dr. Percy A. Mack	803-231-7500
Board Chair	Dwayne Smiling	803-231-7556

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Below Average	At-Risk
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Below Average	Below Average
2009	Below Average	Below Average
2008	At-Risk	Below 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>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

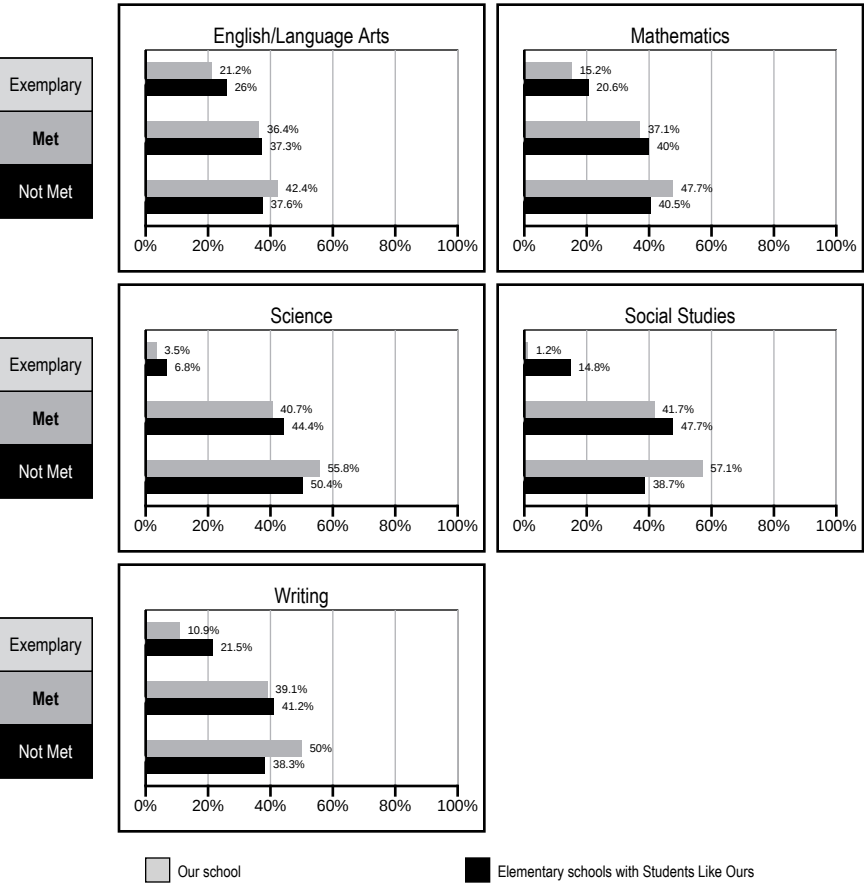
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 97.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	5	65	42	16

* 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=423)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 95.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	2.6%	Up from 1.6%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.0%	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=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.8%	Up from 68.6%	62.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4%	Up from 85.5%	84.5%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	91.9%	Down from 93.4%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,715	Up 4.5%	\$44,762	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	6.4 days	Down from 8.4 days	9.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 7.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.9 to 1	Up from 15.4 to 1	17.9 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 89.0%	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%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,187	Down 7.9%	\$8,388	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	79.6%	Down from 80.1%	65.9%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	78.1%	Up from 76.6%	62.6%	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

John P. Thomas Elementary serves students from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. There are two self-contained classes for students in kindergarten to fifth grade, one class with two half-day sessions for preschool students with special needs, and a resource classroom.

The PASS results continue to show an increase in the number of students scoring MET and EXEMPLARY in math and ELA , but the increase in test scores for science and social studies is still a challenge. Greater emphasis has been placed on teaching students strategies to increase higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The after-school tutorial program continues to focus on strengthening reading and math skills and allows students additional time in the computer lab.

Research indicates that sustained staff development contributes to more effective instruction and increased student achievement. Teachers worked throughout the year developing strategies to assist them in teaching ELA and math. During the year, staff development opportunities provided teachers with information to help in planning assessments, analyzing test data, providing for differentiated instruction and response to intervention, developing strategies for improving writing, organizing books by text levels and utilizing the district's frameworks for planning and instruction.

Students are challenged with researched-based best practices such as Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Breakthrough to Literacy, ThinkCentral and the SuccessMaker Computer program. The SuccessMaker Laptop Home Computer program is another support for parents to use with their children at home.

There were several significant accomplishments this year. Our PE teacher had another successful year with the fishing grant. In addition, ten students qualified to participate at the state level in the archery competition. Our school was awarded a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for a third year where students learned about the importance of eating healthy snacks. Students were introduced to and had opportunities to eat different fresh fruits and vegetables they were not familiar with. Teachers found various ways to incorporate the study of the foods in the curriculum. There are eleven teachers on staff who have attained National Board Certification. Parent Involvement and Engagement Center was opened to provide assistance to assist our families with resources.

Our partnerships with parents and the community continue to increase and grow stronger. We continue our partnerships with the VFW Post 4262, Palmetto GBA, Francis Burns United Methodist Church, the Burns Foundation, Second Calvary Baptist Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church. We have added a partnership with Communities in Schools of the Midlands which added a full time Success Coach focused on dropout prevention providing support for our 4th and 5th grade students.

Cathy Hiller, SIC Chairperson
Selina P. Latimore, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	47	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	72.4%	91.3%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	72.4%	83.0%	82.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	51.7%	83.0%	81.5%

* 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	42.9
Overall Grade Conversion	F

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

J. P. Thomas 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	0.9%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.3%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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	632.4	622.8	593.1	595.2	93.8	99.3
Male	624.7	622.6	590.1	598.9	91.7	100.0
Female	639.3	623.0	595.8	592.1	96.0	98.7
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	632.8	623.0	593.4	595.5	93.8	99.3
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	77.1	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	631.8	622.7	593.6	594.8	94.2	99.3
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	55	83.6	29.7	24.3	45.9	70.3
	4	56	100	31.8	50	18.2	68.2
	5	55	100	38.3	53.2	8.5	61.7
	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	56	89.3	38.6	31.8	29.5	61.4
	4	43	93	36.1	33.3	30.6	63.9
	5	47	100	42.2	48.9	8.9	57.8
	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
Mathematics							
2011	3	55	98.2	46.7	31.1	22.2	53.3
	4	56	100	50	29.5	20.5	50
	5	55	100	31.9	53.2	14.9	68.1
	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
2012	3	56	98.2	55.1	32.7	12.2	44.9
	4	43	100	42.1	36.8	21.1	57.9
	5	47	100	44.4	42.2	13.3	55.6
	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
Science							
2011	3	26	100	65	10	25	35
	4	56	100	45.5	50	4.5	54.5
	5	27	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	27.3
	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
2012	3	29	96.6	72	24	4	28
	4	43	100	50	47.4	2.6	50
	5	24	100	47.8	47.8	4.3	52.2
	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	29	96.6	44	48	8	56
	4	56	100	38.6	54.5	6.8	61.4
	5	28	100	60	36	4	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	27	100	50	45.8	4.2	50
	4	43	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	47.4
	5	23	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	27.3
	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
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	51	100	36.2	51.1	12.8	63.8
	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
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	46	100	50	39.1	10.9	50
	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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