



Southside Early Childhood Center

1615 Blanding Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550

Grades	PK-K Primary School	
Enrollment	333 Students	
Principal	Patricia Toney	843-857-3310
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	Excellent	Good
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Excellent	Good
2009	Excellent	Good
2008	Excellent	Good

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>

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/13/2012. Primary Schools with Students like Ours are primary schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

Performance Rating Criteria

Prime instructional time	88.6%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.3 to 1
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.2%
Percent of parents attending conferences	100.0%
Days of professional development devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills working with children less than eight years old	10.3 days

Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and School
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=333)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 1.7%	1.3%	2.5%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.2%	95.8%	95.8%
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	70.0%	Up from 65.0%	70.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	95.2%	Up from 91.0%	91.0%	91.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.0%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,400	Up 1.6%	\$48,148	\$47,047
Professional development days/teacher	12.5 days	Down from 17.9 days	12.5 days	13.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	7.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.3 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	21.0 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Up from 88.3%	88.6%	89.5%
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	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,255	Up 3.2%	\$6,970	\$6,841
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.2%	Up from 68.8%	68.6%	68.5%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.9%	Up from 68.1%	66.5%	65.2%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A--Not Applicable N/AV--Not Available N/C--Not Collected N/R--Not Reported I/S--Insufficient Sample

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Kindergarten plays a unique role in a child's educational experience, serving as a transition from home or pre-school experiences to formal schooling. Southside Early Childhood Center provides the kindergarten experience that is critical in establishing positive feelings about coming to school and the child's view of self as a capable learner. The environment at Southside Early Child Center supports children's natural disposition for learning. Our students are encouraged to dream, to imagine possibilities and to strive for excellence. The foundations for family learning and involvement in the child's education are supported and welcomed at our school.

This school year has been an exciting and rewarding experience for our students, parents, faculty and staff. Collectively, we enjoyed the honor of receiving an excellent grade on the school report card. Similarly, several members of our faculty and staff received individual recognition for their outstanding work: Mrs. Paula Alvarez received our school's Teacher of the Year award and Mrs. Nakeisha Lacy named our school's, district's and Pee Dee area Distinguished Reading Teacher. She presented her literacy exhibit at the South Carolina International Reading Association Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The PTO raised funds for playground equipment and items for school beautification. Through those efforts each teacher received big books and money for classroom supplies. The PTO and Title One sponsored our first annual Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance and Mother-Son Dance. Speakers shared parenting and reading tips for the parents at both events and each parent received a book to share with their child.

Our students are recognized for exhibiting good character traits through our Terrific Kids program and academically with making the Principal's Club. Our students are challenged to do their best in everything.

Southside Early Childhood Center is committed to teaching in ways that are consistent with the needs of young children as learners. We believe that learning environments and instructional strategies should consistently provide age, individual, and culturally appropriate experiences.

Southside Early Childhood Center is a community where children learn and grow. It is a place where "Children Come First".

Rachel Marino, School Improvement Council
Patricia A. Toney, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A

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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	N/A
Overall Grade Conversion	N/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

Southside Early Childhood Center 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	94.7%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year