



Sandhills Elementary School

130 Lewis Rast Road
Swansea, SC 29160

Grades	3-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	459 Students	
Principal	Lisa Evans	803-568-1200
Superintendent	Linda G. Lavender	803-568-1000
Board Chair	Chris Pound	803-791-7651

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Average	Good
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	Excellent
2009	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>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 98.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	15	95	17	3

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

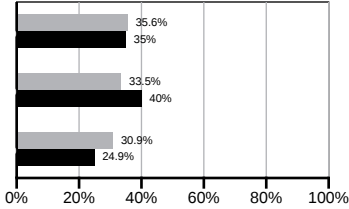
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Exemplary

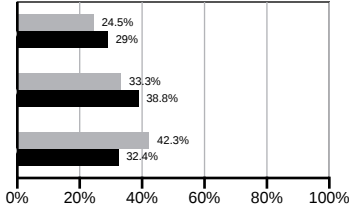
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English/Language Arts



Mathematics

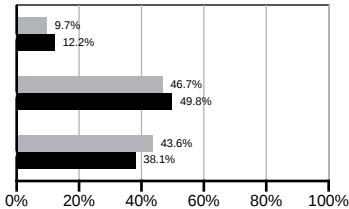


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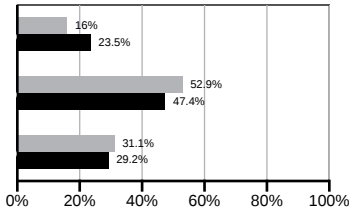
Met

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Science



Social Studies

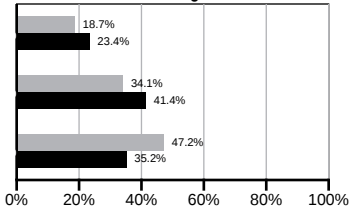


Exemplary

Met

Not Met

Writing



Our school

Elementary schools with Students Like Ours

* 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.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=459)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.4%	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.3%	N/A	4.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	19.0%	N/A	14.1%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	N/A	2.6%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.0%	Down from 56.5%	60.5%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Down from 95.7%	82.8%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.4%	Down from 82.7%	87.5%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 92.0%	94.7%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,989	Down 3.9%	\$47,245	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Down from 10.0 days	11.1 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.8 to 1	Down from 25.1 to 1	19.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.0%	Up from 86.3%	89.6%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.8%	Down from 99.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,296	Down 8.3%	\$7,527	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0%	Down from 59.2%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.0%	Down from 57.1%	65.0%	66.0%

* 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

Sandhills Elementary School serves approximately 475 students in grades three and four. “Shaping Every Student for Success” is our motto and drives our mission to establish high standards by creating a learning environment which ensures student performance at the highest level. SES offers Montessori multi-age classes through parental choice. Each year we strive to become a more effective school with the leadership, culture, climate and supports to ensure quality teaching for every child in every classroom every day.

This year, SES partnered with City Year to provide young adult corps members to serve as tutors, mentors, and role models within our school. These corps members focus on helping students with academics, attendance, and behavior in partnership with our school staff.

As a part of our focus on literacy, we have continued to increase access to varied books for our children in their classrooms, as well the media center. In addition to accessibility to traditional books, students have access to Chromebooks in their classrooms, which enable students to use many types of ebooks and other types of text. This technology allows students to read, to gather and synthesize information, and to write and share information.

Our parents and community members are an important part of our growth and success. The Swansea Lions Club partnered with our school to provide adult reading buddies for our students. Our Career Week/Fair continues to expand and provide influential opportunities for our students. Our I CARE program grew this year to recognize a record number of parents and community members who made an impact on our school and students.

For next school year, our challenges include preparing our students for the rigors of the Common Core State Standards. We will seek ways to positively impact student learning through increased student use of technology and best use of assessment data to impact instruction. Additionally, we will continue to work to involve a broad base of stakeholder groups throughout our community within our school.

The Sandhills Elementary staff and School Improvement Council look forward to working with students, parents, and the community to make our school the very best that it can be.

Lynne Fallaw, School Improvement Council Chairperson
Lisa Evans, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	202	85
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	89.6%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	89.7%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.1%	86.2%	86.6%

* 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 2013, 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	54.5
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

Sandhills 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	N/A	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.2%	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	645.5	629.5	605.3	624.1	100.0	100.0
Male	640.0	628.9	606.9	627.3	100.0	100.0
Female	652.0	630.3	603.5	620.5	100.0	100.0
White	647.5	632.1	609.2	624.4	100.0	100.0
African American	638.2	618.5	587.7	622.2	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	643.9	632.0	606.1	625.2	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	605.6	593.4	577.7	602.7	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
Subsidized meals	641.2	626.6	601.6	622.0	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	635.0	635.0	635.0	635.0	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							
2012	3	231	99.1	36.6	25.4	38	63.4
	4	233	100	37.3	39.1	23.6	62.7
	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
2013	3	228	100	27	28.9	44.1	73
	4	233	100	34.3	38	27.7	65.7
	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							
2012	3	231	100	48.8	24.2	27	51.2
	4	233	100	23.6	42.7	33.6	76.4
	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
2013	3	228	100	46.4	29.4	24.2	53.6
	4	233	100	37.6	37.6	24.9	62.4
	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							
2012	3	116	100	57.3	29.1	13.6	42.7
	4	233	99.6	26.9	65.3	7.8	73.1
	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
2013	3	116	100	47.7	45.9	6.4	52.3
	4	233	100	40.8	46.5	12.7	59.2
	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
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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							
2012	3	115	100	52.4	35.2	12.4	47.6
	4	233	99.6	21.9	57.1	21	78.1
	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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	112	100	37.3	52	10.8	62.7
	4	233	99.6	27.4	54.2	18.4	72.6
	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
2013	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							
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
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	228	100	45.8	31.8	22.4	54.2
	4	235	97.9	48.1	36.8	15.1	51.9
	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
2013	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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