

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

River Ridge Elementary School
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 **Enrollment: 622**
Principal: Dr. Glenda P. Bigby
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Steve Brockman

PERFORMANCE

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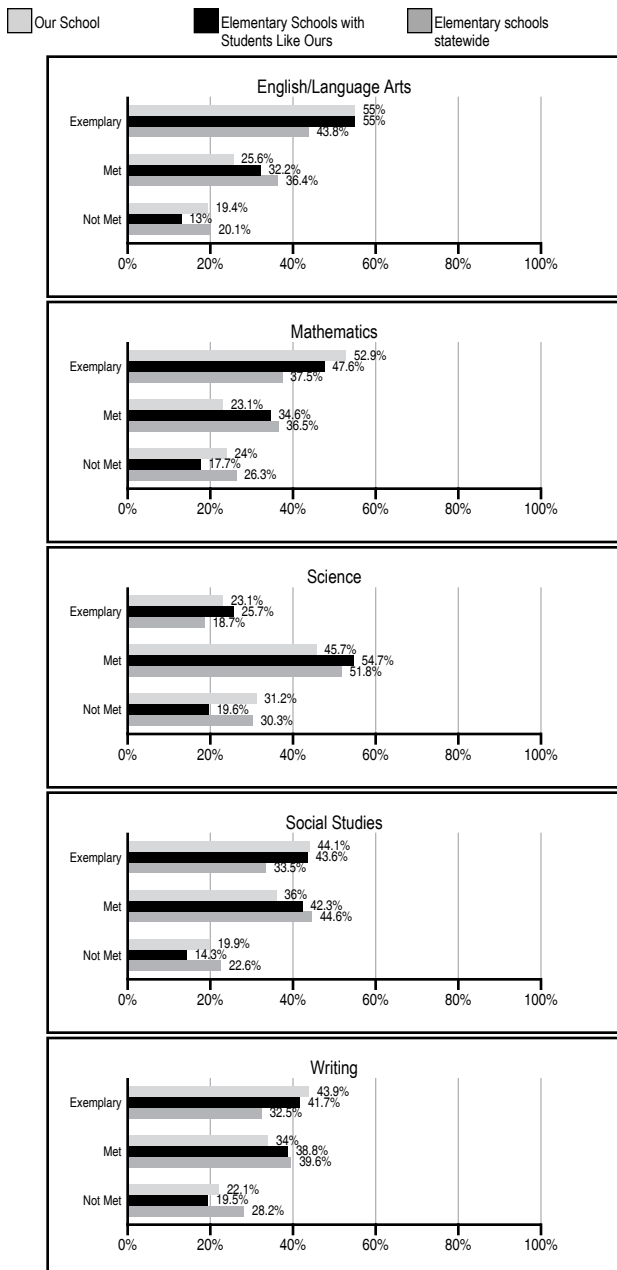
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
38	18	1	1	0

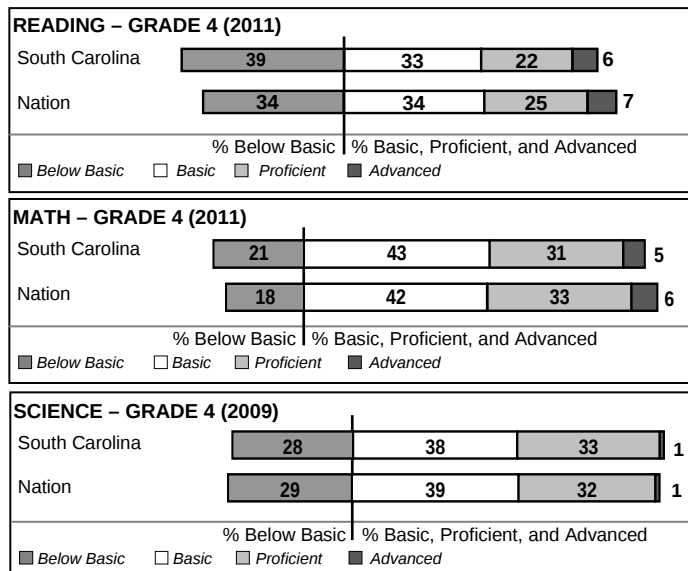
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC 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.

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River Ridge Elementary School [Spartanburg 5]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=622)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 2.5%	0.8%	0.9%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.2%	96.7%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.6%	N/A	10.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	8.6%	N/A	11.3%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	N/A	1.3%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Down from 61.7%	64.2%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	77.6%	Down from 83.0%	82.9%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.5%	Down from 97.0%	89.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 96.4%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,900	Up 1.9%	\$48,865	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Up from 13.9 days	10.5 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Up from 18.3 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 92.5%	90.8%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,148	Up 3.9%	\$7,032	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	76.0%	Up from 75.5%	68.5%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	74.0%	Up from 73.8%	67.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	96.0	Down from 97.0	92.4	88.0

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	134	77
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.9%	89.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	88.7%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	90.3%	96%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 686 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state of the art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Our mission is to develop responsible lifelong learners by providing meaningful and positive educational experiences for students to reach their maximum potential in an ever-changing world. We strive to meet the needs of each student.

This year our school continued to implement the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Student achievement is prioritized as we use curriculum-based student learning maps, differentiated instruction, balanced literacy, guided reading and math, and inquiry-based science and social studies.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our preschool program involves three, four, and five year old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL, Reading Intervention Program, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), our Character Education Program, and Accelerated Reading. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms and the use of digital cameras, hues, video cameras, scanners, SMART boards, IPADS in the classroom, the IPAD Mobile Lab and Interwrite boards/projectors. Technology is integrated across all content areas to strengthen student achievement.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, Panda Patrol, school store workers, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: Papa Johns, Publix, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects which include Jump Rope for Heart, Pennies for Pasta for Leukemia, March of Dimes, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Palmetto Silver Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

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