



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Bethune Elementary School
KERSHAW COUNTY
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 101
Principal: David Branham Jr.
Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.
Board Chair: Mara H. Jones

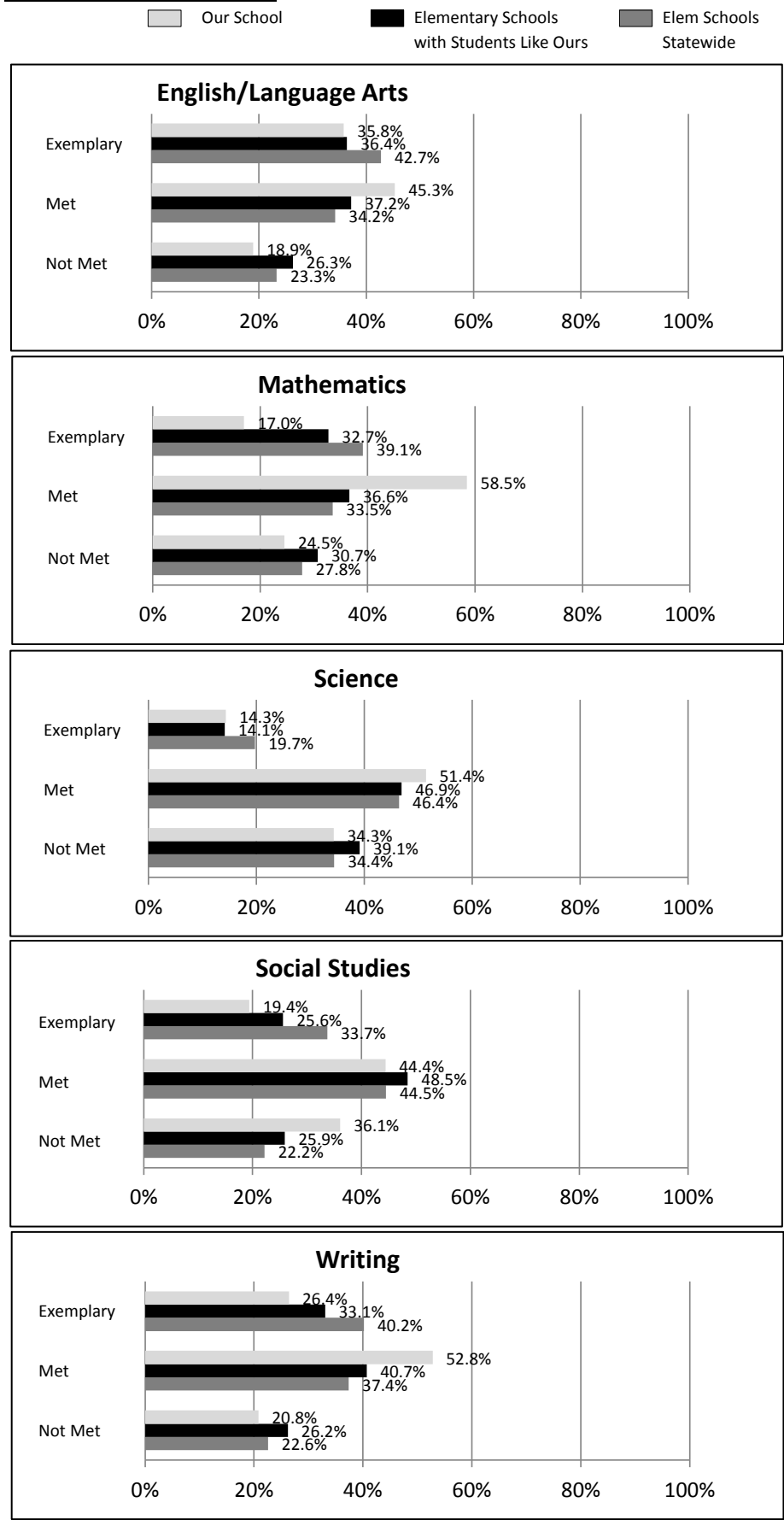
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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	B	Reward	
2013	Good	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	Reward	
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	A	Reward	

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	16	98	5	0

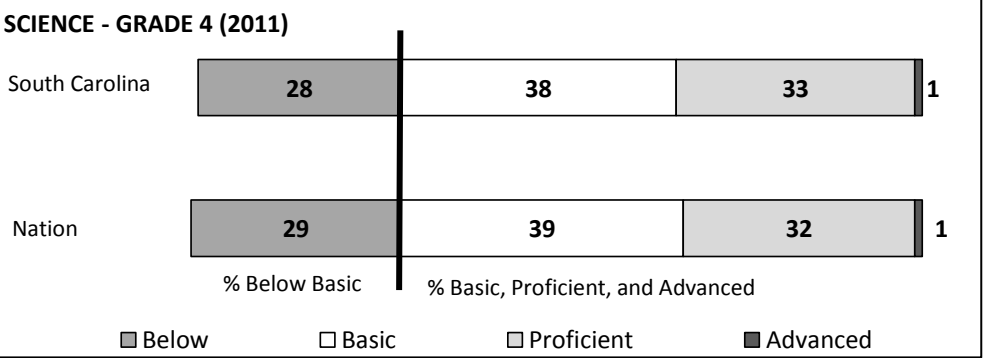
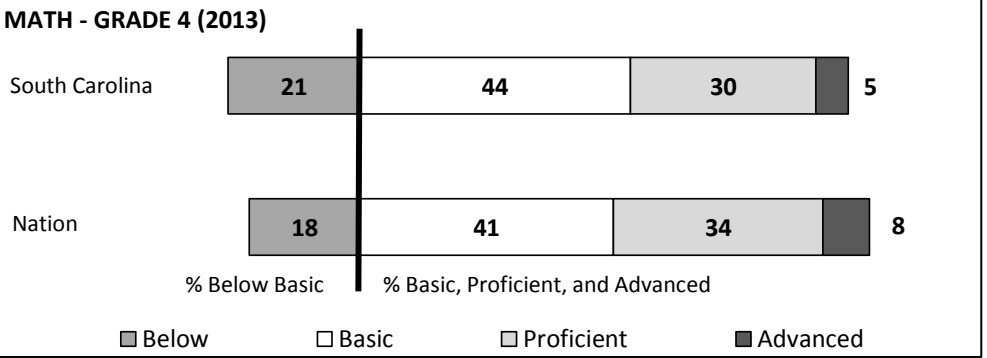
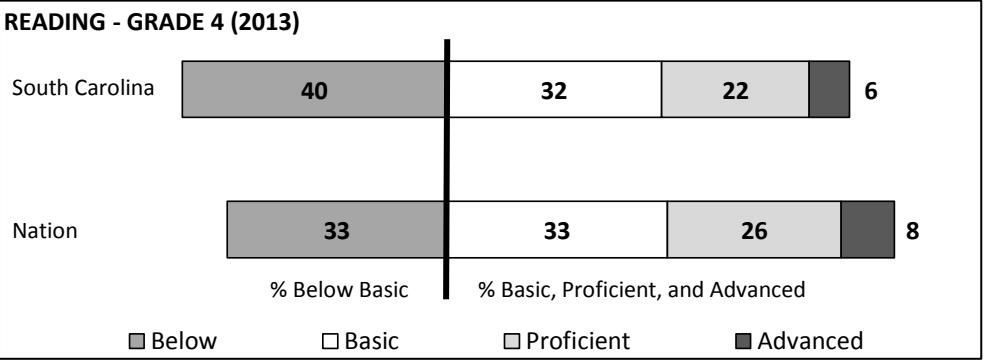
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*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.

Abbreviations Key

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

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KERSHAW COUNTY
SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 101)				
Retention rate	3.0%	Up from 2.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.0%	Down from 5.0%	5.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.8%	Up from 16.0%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 8)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	No change	61.1%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	No change	80.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.1%	Down from 92.6%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 95.4%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,685	Up 1.9%	\$47,703	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	1.3 days	Down from 5.2 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.4%	Up from 90.7%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.1%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,174	Down 26.7%	\$7,756	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	No change	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.5%	Up from 60.0%	65.2%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	84.2	Down from 97.3	80.7	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	11	7
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	-4.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.9%	-4.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0%	90.9%	-4.0%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Bethune Elementary, our faculty and staff strive to “Discover the Gifts of Every Child.” The mission of Bethune Elementary School is to expand our views of the future by challenging ourselves educationally and personally, always keeping our goals set high. All of our stakeholders at Bethune Elementary are focused on this mission.

The 2013-2014 year was full of many successes for our school. In 2013 Bethune Elementary received an “A” on the Federal Accountability Report. This means that the academic performance at Bethune Elementary substantially exceeded the state’s expectations. This is the second year in a row that Bethune Elementary has received an “A”. In 2013 Bethune Elementary was named a Palmetto Gold Award winning school for general performance. Bethune Elementary was named a Title I Reward School of Performance in 2013. We received an Absolute Rating of Good and a Growth Rating of Excellent on our SC Report Card.

The 100 Book Challenge was successfully implemented in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Students in these grades logged over 3,500 hours of reading at home. Our school library circulated over 10,000 books to students this school year. We continue to use SuccessMaker and Math IXL software in the computer lab to provide students with the opportunity to focus on academic areas that need improvement. Learning A to Z is used to provide small group reading focus time to our struggling readers at each grade level. Student writing was recognized with our Principal’s Showcase and our monthly Authors Tea. All of our students participated in the Kershaw County 4H program.

The professional development for our staff focused on Literacy across all grade levels. The Literacy Matters program provided teachers with reading and writing coaching. Teachers focused on using data from STAR and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) to individualize instruction. Technology is integrated into the classroom through the use of laptops, iPads, interactive whiteboards and document cameras. Our computer lab was fully refurbished with new desktops and headphones. Jennifer Oglesby was our Reading Teacher of the Year, and Julie Pigg was our Teacher of the Year.

Our PTO, SIC, and community are a vital part of the success of our school. Several events such as our Veterans Program, Christmas Musical, and Valentine’s Dance were successful due to the hard work of the PTO, parent volunteers, and staff. Our community volunteers were integral in helping with our AR and PBIS celebrations this year. Events such as Grits for Grandparents, Donuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms allowed our students to celebrate their families. In 2013 Bethune received the 4H Butterfly garden grant and a Target field trip grant.

As we head into the 2014-15 school year, we plan to remain focused on literacy and individualized student instruction. We will continue to create a safe and nurturing environment for all of our students. The faculty and staff at Bethune Elementary are dedicated to preparing our students for academic and personal success.

David Branham Jr., Principal

Nicole Ritchie, School Improvement Council Chairperson