

Waterloo Elementary School

10457 Hwy 221 South

Waterloo, SC 29384



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades: PK-5 Elementary

Enrollment: 281 students

School Phone: 864-677-4670

School Website: <http://www.waterlooschool.org/>

Principal: Taria D. Stokes

Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland

Board Chair: Mrs. Susan Calhoun-Ware



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

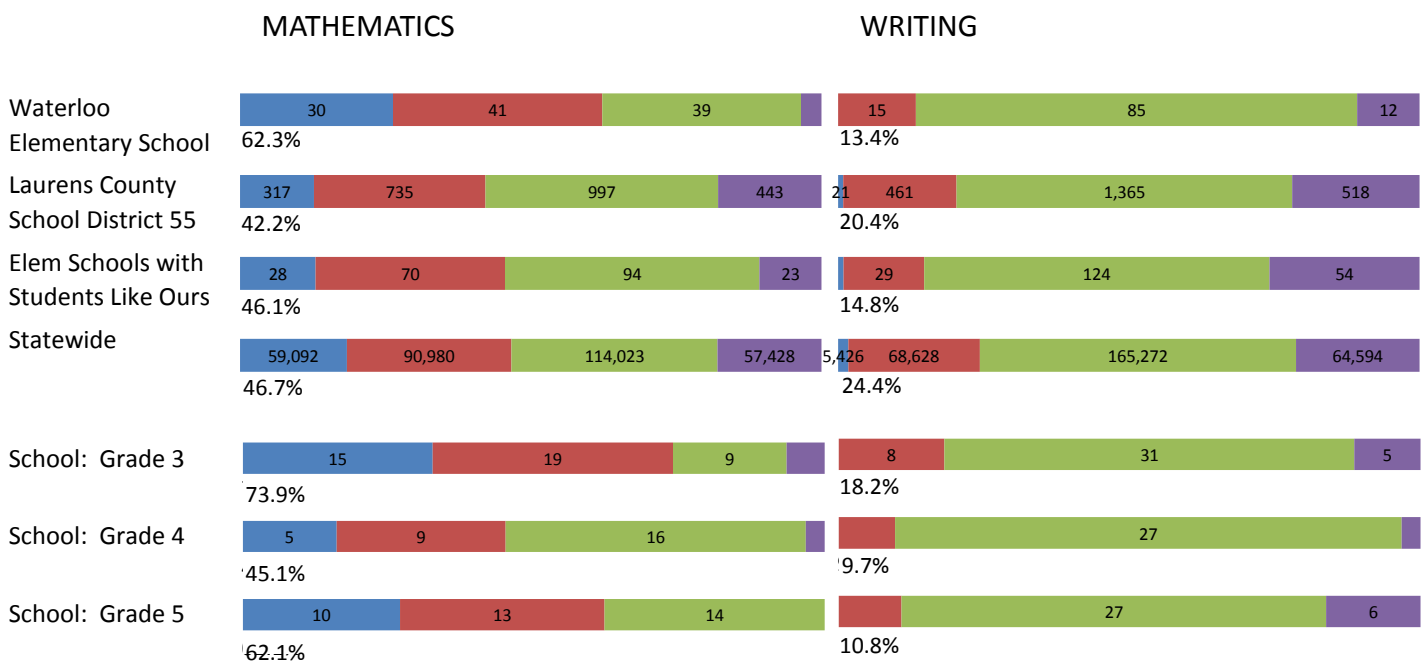
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Waterloo Elementary is a Title I school in Laurens School District 55 that is located approximately seven miles from downtown Laurens. The learning community at Waterloo is committed to providing all students with the education they need to be successful in life. Student learning and success are the foundation for all activities and programs at Waterloo Elementary. Students are exposed to rich, interesting lessons on a daily basis. Students have the opportunity to participate in Math/Science Night, Literacy Night, Family Fun Night, Fall Festival, Career Expo, Student Success Night, a spring dance, and archery competitions at the local and state levels. Students are celebrated for their achievements frequently through MAP growth/achievement parties, a PASS pep rally, and our annual Awards Day program. Due to this focus on achievement, Waterloo has had the privilege of receiving Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Closing the Gap and Student Achievement. Waterloo was also designated as a grade A school for both the 2012, 2013, and 2014 school years. During the 2013-2014 school year, Waterloo was recognized as the Title I Distinguished School in South Carolina. Waterloo Elementary is committed to serving the whole child. It is our desire for our students to engage in a variety of experiences to promote their growth. Therefore, students attend computer, media center, art, music, physical education, guidance classes and have the opportunity to learn and participate in our archery program. Providing these classes and activities for students allow them the opportunity to obtain the skills they will need to be competitive in the 21st century. The faculty and staff believe that school is a place for not only student learning, but also adult learning. Teachers engage in collaborative planning sessions weekly with our instructional coach and administrative staff to ensure they are delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. In addition, teachers attend numerous professional development sessions after school as well as early release days during the school year to enhance their instructional knowledge and skills across content areas. Building a strong home/school connection is essential to the growth of our young learners. Therefore, we invite parents to visit and participate in our school activities. Monthly activities are provided at varying times throughout year to ensure that parents have the opportunity to involve themselves in their child's education. Waterloo Elementary is thrilled about our progress! We look forward to continuing to grow in the area of student achievement! Taria Stokes, Ed. S, Principal Lisa Nelson, SIC Chairperson

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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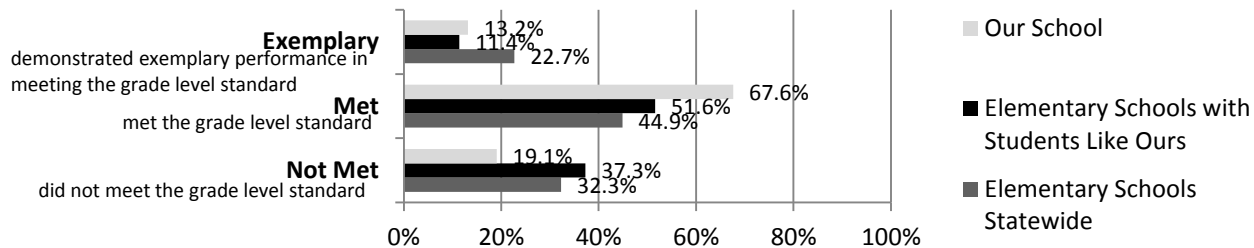
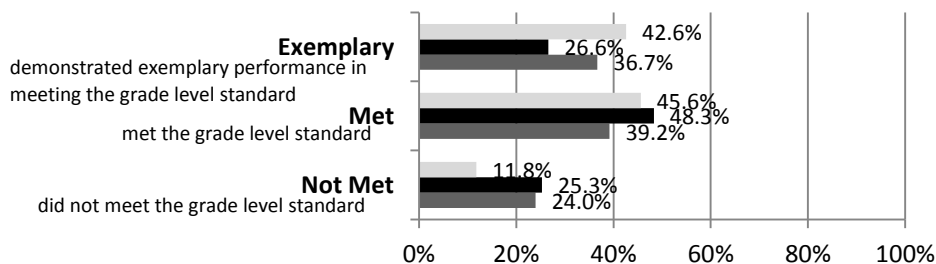
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
87.1	75.7

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
96.8	81.1

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	" Exemplary ": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	" Met ": student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	" Not Met ": student did not meet the grade level standard.

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 281)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	82.3	Down from 88.0%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.8	Down from 95.9%	95.6
With disabilities	16.1	Down from 18.0%	13.5
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	5.5	Up from 4.2%	5.8
Percentage of students retained	4.2	Up from 2.3%	1.4
Teachers (n = 17)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	47.1	Up from 42.1%	60.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	82.4	Up from 68.4%	80.0
Teachers returning from previous year	85.5	Up from 84.3%	87.0
Teacher attendance rate	94.5	Down from 97.4%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$45,764	Up 3.9%	\$47,963
Professional development days / teacher	23.6 days	Down from 28.8 days	10.4 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.6
School			
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 4.9 to 1	19.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6	Down from 93.1%	89.2
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 96.5%	100.0
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	14.0	N/A	14.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	143.6	N/A	25.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.5	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	Down from 4.1%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,053	Up 11.2%	\$8,190
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.9	Up from 63.8%	65.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	65.3	Up from 63.1%	66.7

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	40	27
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7	92.5	96.3
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.7	81.6	92.5
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.7	92.5	85.1

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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