



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Leaphart Elementary
 Lexington 5
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 432
 Principal: Gerald Gary
 Superintendent: Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.
 Board Chair: Robert Gantt

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	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	A	Reward
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

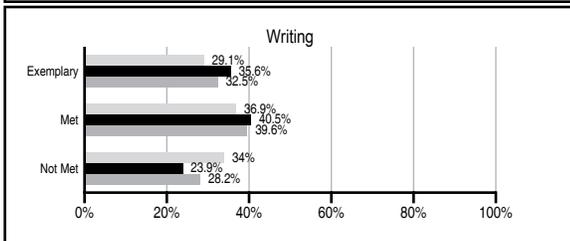
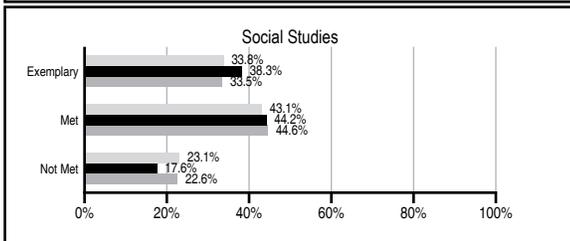
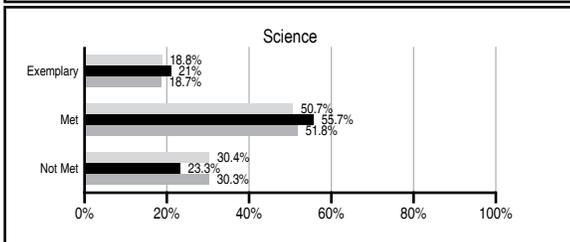
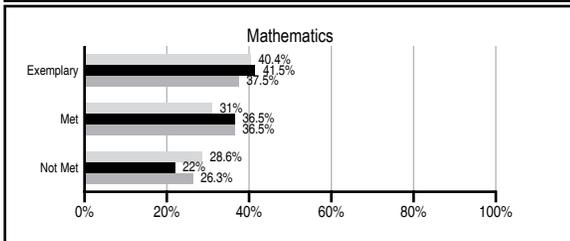
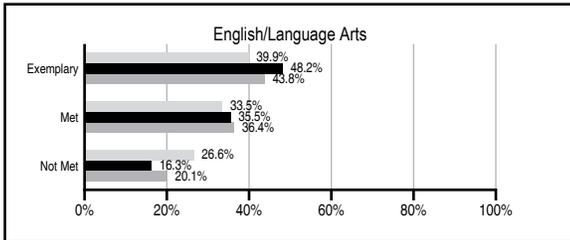
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
39	37	29	0	1

* 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

Our School
 Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
 Elementary schools statewide



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.

Abbreviations Key

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Leaphart Elementary [Lexington 5]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=432)				
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 97.0%	96.2%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.7%	N/A	8.8%	7.2%
With disabilities	16.1%	N/A	12.6%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	N/A	2.1%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.1%	Down from 68.4%	64.1%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Down from 84.2%	86.2%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.7%	Up from 81.4%	89.9%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 93.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,019	Down 2.5%	\$49,103	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.1 days	Down from 12.1 days	11.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Up from 19.8 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Up from 89.7%	90.1%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,905	Down 1.5%	\$6,932	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.0%	Down from 64.1%	69.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Down from 63.2%	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	81.3	Down from 97.4	89.8	88.0

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	67	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.6%	86.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.3%	79.1%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.2%	84.8%	85.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Leaphart Elementary School is an Engineering Magnet School in District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. The program at Leaphart grows each year as it includes an elementary Lego Robotics team, Pitsco Missions in the science labs, a student-run Leaphart Greenhouse, and an annual engineering conference hosted at the school. The mission of Leaphart Engineering and Arts Program (LEAP) is to inspire, challenge, and empower all students by providing a rigorous problem-solving curriculum.

As Leaphart continues to serve students in grades K-5, Literacy by Design is now partnered with units of study and the Fountas and Pinnell Word study program. All three resources are combined with Response to Intervention (RtI) to support students in our balanced literacy core instruction. Through the growth and progress of the RtI program, zero students were referred to special services for evaluation. Through the implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems), discipline referrals have decreased at Leaphart.

Engineering efforts and arts development are evident. Leaphart has partnered with Pitsco Education to steer the Engineering program. Through that partnership, Leaphart has been the featured article in two Pitsco publications and is a showcase school for Pitsco. In addition, Leaphart has hosted at least ten visits from schools across the nation. The Leaphart Greenhouse is now up and running. Students manage all aspects of the greenhouse, from determining what to plant to selling the produce at the local farmer's market. This year was the Second Annual LEAP into Thinking through Engineering conference hosted by Leaphart. This conference included more than 250 students from across the district. Leaphart's Lego Tournament Invitational has also grown from six teams in 2011-2012 to twelve teams in 2012-2013. Students use a variety of technologies to prepare for the 21st Century. This year, students were able to use 3-D printers at the conclusion of an art- and technology-infused geometry unit to turn 2-D designs into 3-D objects.

When reviewing evaluations by teachers, students, and parents concerning the learning environment at Leaphart, satisfaction grew over 45 percentage points by teachers and 34 percentage points by parents. With the completion of our renovations, parents, students, and teachers were all more satisfied with the social and physical environment. An increased satisfaction was also found with home-school relations. The Improvement Rating for Leaphart has grown from "average" to "good." The SC Palmetto Silver Award was earned by Leaphart for closing the academic achievement gap.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your children daily. We are so proud to witness your children becoming equipped with the skills to compete successfully in a global society and economy. We recognize each day that students are engineered for excellence.

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