

Lake Murray Elementary

1531 Three Dog Road
Chapin, SC 29036



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:	K-5 Elementary	Principal:	Claire D. Thompson
Enrollment:	985 students	Superintendent:	Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.
School Phone:	803-476-4600	Board Chair:	Beth Hutchison
School Website:	http://www.lexrich5.org/LakeMurray.cfm		



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

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

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 ...

Lake Murray Elementary School is committed to creating an educational environment to ensure success for our students. By holding high academic expectations, creating a culture of respect and responsibility, and ensuring students have skills upon which to continue to grow and learn, Lake Murray Elementary contributes to the success of our students.

World Class Knowledge – Lake Murray Elementary students consistently excel academically as evidenced through the Palmetto Gold Awards achieved from 2001 through 2014. A hallmark of our school is the academic success of our students and the commitment of our dedicated staff. Teachers provide rigorous instruction which challenges students based on their needs using technology such as smartboards and iPads. To promote understanding, students are required to provide evidence for their answers and to demonstrate knowledge in real-world ways such as collecting data, evaluating decisions, supporting their opinions, and writing to persuade. World class knowledge is gained through the multi-cultural experiences in art, music, and Spanish.

World Class Skills – Students research topics and create demonstrations of their knowledge using written and oral communication, technology, collaboration, and problem solving. Students write and tell the explanations of solutions to math problems. They use critical thinking skills to evaluate primary sources and validate research in Social Studies and Science. Students are taught skills that teach them how to learn.

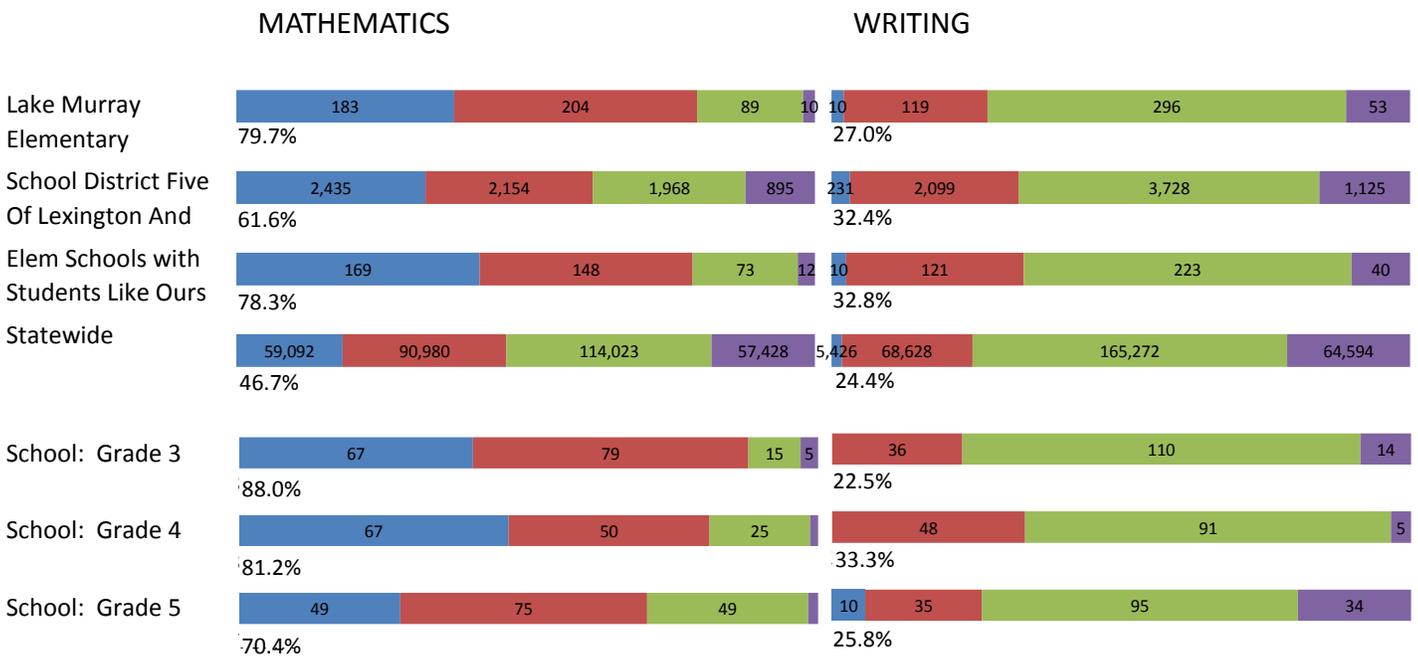
Life and Career Characteristics – Lake Murray Elementary helps create good citizens for today and the future. Our school wide focus on kindness creates students who are empathetic to the needs of others. Guidance lessons, school wide literature selections, and acknowledging positive choices through Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) promote students who are self-directed. Perseverance and a strong work ethic are acknowledged through “shout-outs” over the morning announcements, and feedback to students in the classroom.

At Lake Murray Elementary we continually pursue excellence by “educating, empowering, and encouraging our students” so that they are prepared for whatever challenges lie ahead at school, at work, and in life.

Robby Aull, School Improvement Chairman and Claire Thompson, Principal

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



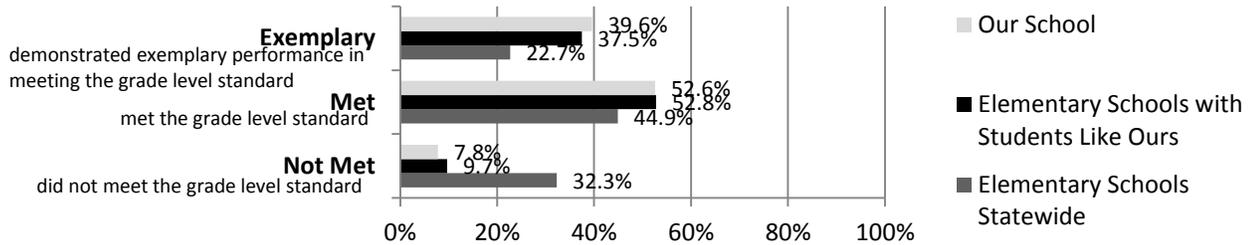
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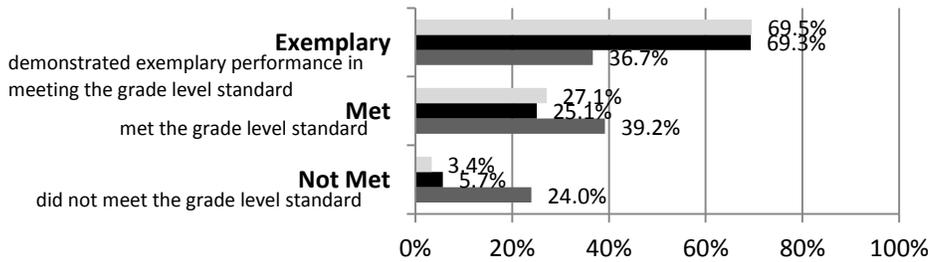
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
96.6	88.6

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
97.9	95.5

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 = 985)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	17.7	Down from 19.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.9	Down from 97.1%	96.9
With disabilities	12.5	Up from 10.5%	9.4
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2	Up from 0.0%	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.3	Down from 19.2%	20.7
Percentage of students retained	0.0	No change	0.4
Teachers (n = 61)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	67.2	Down from 71.2%	65.6
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	90.2	Down from 91.5%	83.3
Teachers returning from previous year	93.3	Down from 95.0%	88.1
Teacher attendance rate	95.1	No change	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$53,231	Up 0.4%	\$50,395
Professional development days / teacher	10.7 days	Down from 12.8 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.3
School			
Principal's years at school	18.0	Up from 17.0	7.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.3 to 1	Down from 22.5 to 1	21.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3	No change	91.2
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Good	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.9	Down from 99.5%	99.9
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	8.0	N/A	12.5
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	16.1	N/A	21.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.1	N/C	0.6
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.0	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.8	Up from 5.3%	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,500	Up 3.3%	\$6,851
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.9	Up from 69.6%	69.6
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	71.3	Up from 70.7%	70.7

* 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	62	168	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.4	94.6	90.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.4	92.2	93.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0	97.0	81.0

* 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	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

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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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