



Palmetto Youth Academy

1209 N. Douglas Street
Florence, SC 29501

Grades	3-6 Elementary School	
Enrollment	56 Students	
Principal	Yvonne Brown-Burgess	843-670-7070
Superintendent	Dr. Allie E. Brooks	843-669-4141
Board Chair	Porter Stewart	843-669-6395

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Below Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Good
2010	At-Risk	At-Risk
2009	At-Risk	Average
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

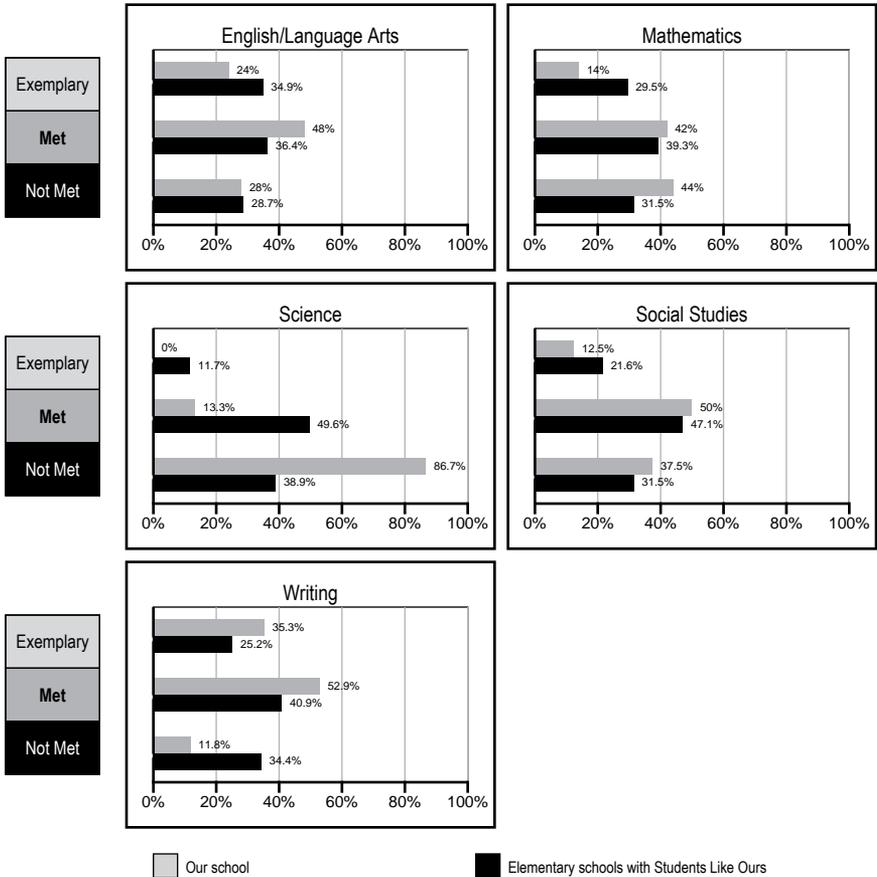
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 97.6%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	20	91	15	4

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* 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.

Definition of Critical Terms

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

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=56)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance rate	99.9%	No Change	96.3%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=2)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	N/A	N/A	61.0%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	88.2%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	94.8%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	I/S	I/S	\$46,246	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	18.5 days	Up from 18.0 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/R	19.4 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	89.8%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,324	N/A	\$7,470	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0%	N/A	67.6%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	38.2%	N/A	64.4%	65.7%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The mission of Palmetto Youth Academy, PYA, is to provide an opportunity for all students, regardless of income or ability, to reach their full potential, academically, socially, and behaviorally. It is with sincere gratitude and purpose driven commitment that we, the students, staff and supporters of PYA, continue to carry out this rewarding yet challenging mission. This year, 2011/2012, is our seventh year in operation. PYA opened August 2005 and we have made many notable accomplishments throughout the past seven years. To date, PYA met AYP a total of three years, (two consecutive years, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, then last year 2010/2011). We attribute these major accomplishments to the hard work and dedication of our staff, the decisions of our parents, and the diligence of our students. As we prepare for our eighth year of operation, PYA is looking forward to a new beginning with renewed excitement and unlimited success! We plan to continue the strategies and activities that have proven to be successful. In addition, we plan to enhance instruction with more technology, increase professional development for our staff and improve opportunities for parents to participate in classroom activities both, during school hours and after school. Over the past seven years, we have learned a lot of strategies and implemented numerous programs/concepts, some of which worked very well, while some didn't work as well. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the many opportunities our staff, students and parents have been afforded to be innovative, yet accountable. We believe that with our continued collaboration and efforts, the best is yet to come!

Yvonne Brown-Burgess, Executive Director

Stephanie Epps, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	3	10	10
Percent satisfied with learning environment	I/S	100.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	I/S	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	I/S	I/S	I/S

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

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	89.9
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Palmetto Youth Academy school has been designated as a:

- Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.0%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	41.7%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	99.9%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	643.9	624.8	576.8	607.1	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	643.9	624.8	576.8	607.1	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	640.9	623.4	576.5	604.8	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	95.0	95.0
Grades 6-8						
All Students	633.2	628.5	580.4	616.0	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	633.2	628.5	580.4	616.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	629.3	625.1	584.8	610.8	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	624.0	624.0	624.0	624.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	13	100	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	15.4	61.5	23.1	84.6
	5	17	100	29.4	47.1	23.5	70.6
	6	15	100	35.7	42.9	21.4	64.3
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	13	100	9.1	36.4	54.5	90.9
	4	13	100	50	41.7	8.3	50
	5	17	100	17.6	64.7	17.6	82.4
	6	10	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2011	3	13	100	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	53.8
	5	17	100	52.9	35.3	11.8	47.1
	6	15	100	42.9	50	7.1	57.1
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	13	100	36.4	36.4	27.3	63.6
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	41.7
	5	17	100	41.2	41.2	17.6	58.8
	6	10	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2011	3	7	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	23.1
	5	8	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	6	8	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	7	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	8.3
	5	8	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	6	5	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	6	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	30.8
	5	9	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	6	7	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	6	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	4	13	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	58.3
	5	9	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	6	5	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	17	100	23.5	52.9	23.5	76.5
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	17	100	11.8	52.9	35.3	88.2
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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