



## Varnville Elementary School

395 Pine Street East  
Varnville, SC 29944

<b>Grades</b>	PK-3 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	344 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Donna G. Kinard	803-943-2376
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<b>Board Chair</b>	Elizabeth Murdaugh	803-943-2814

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2012</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Below Average</b>
2011	Good	Excellent
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	At-Risk
2008	Below Average	Average

## 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>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

**Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating**

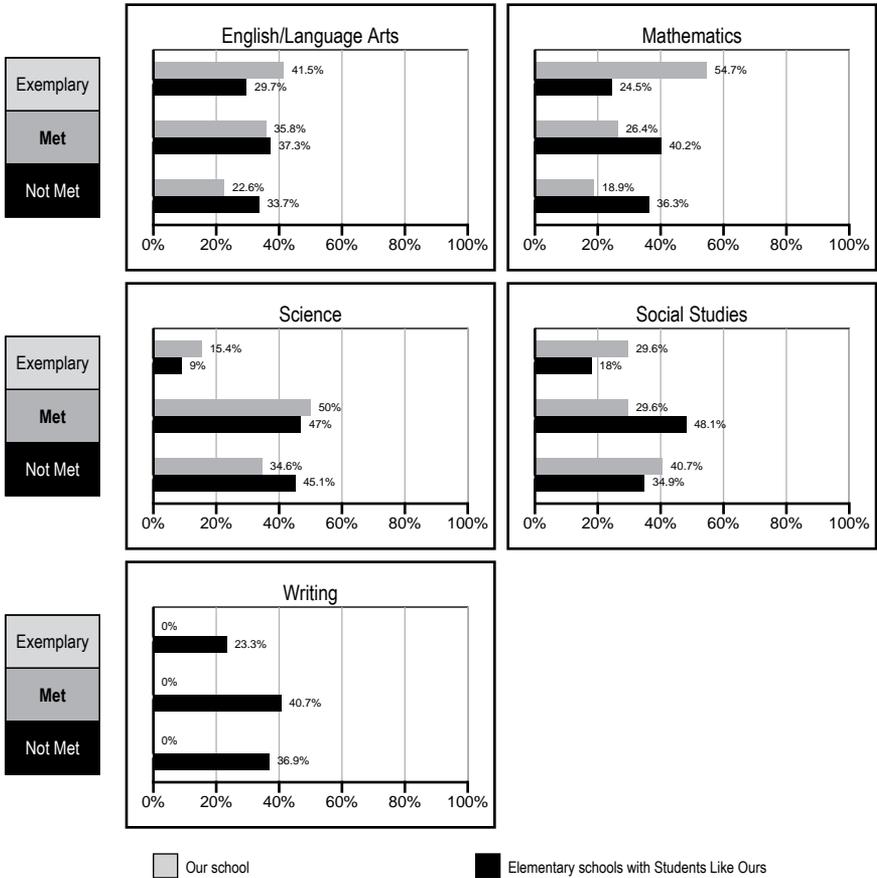
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 100%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
5	12	111	39	12

\* 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
<b>Students (n=344)</b>				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	5.7%	Up from 2.1%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 97.7%	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%
<b>Teachers (n=27)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.0%	Up from 57.7%	61.1%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Down from 94.7%	86.2%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,175	Down 0.3%	\$45,360	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	9.9 days	Up from 9.5 days	10.7 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.6 to 1	Up from 14.1 to 1	18.6 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	90.5%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 94.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,482	Up 4.3%	\$7,818	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.5%	Down from 72.4%	67.3%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.7%	Down from 68.3%	63.6%	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

Varnville Elementary School (VES) is so excited to share our great accomplishments for the 2011-2012 school year. Meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the second year in a row was one of the highlights of our year. We also had an absolute rating of GOOD and an improvement rating of EXCELLENT! This great improvement earned our school a Palmetto Gold Award.

We are a three-time Red Carpet School winner for continuing to provide a family-friendly environment. Beginning with our four district Child Development Educational Pilot Program classes we offer meaningful, educational opportunities for all students. Now in our 3rd year of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) we remain a PBIS "Ribbon" school. The school culture promotes positive reinforcement of the VES school-wide expectations. Our goal is to consistently teach proper procedures & behaviors rewarding students with 'positive bear paws' for their on-task behavior. VES started a summer reading and writing program and supplied every child with a journal.

As a school we participate in many service and community projects throughout the year giving our students the opportunity to learn the value of service to others. The third grade students presented a program and decorated the town's Christmas tree for Arbor Day. Students got to jump for the "Jump Rope For Heart (AHA) by making donations and learning about how this helps individuals with heart disease. The VES Relay for Life team raised over 2,700.00, and staff and students walked the track to help support this worthy cause. VES recognized our veterans on Veterans Day and the retirees of education in our district with a special luncheon in their honor.

"Cocky", the USC mascot, brought the Reading Express Program to VES and visited our kindergarten and first grade students to read, stress the importance of reading, and gave every child a book to take home. Ronald McDonald's traveling dental van came back to see students and teach them good habits for taking care of their teeth. A super dance program was performed by our second grade students under the direction of Mr. Karl Singletary, artist-in-residence. Mr. Buren Martin and the Baillie Players helped our students perform "Hansel and Gretel" and it was truly a hit with over 200 in attendance.

We continue to use data to drive our instruction and to help make decisions for what is best for our students. Through grade level weekly collaboration and on-going professional development we present and share information on best teaching strategies. Our two Master Teachers have helped our staff learn more about Common Core, and grow professionally in math and science. One MT received a science grant from Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas.

Our faculty includes 8 National Board Certified teachers. This wonderful staff helped our 2nd "Winter Fest" be an even better success than last year. The profit helped buy every teacher's wish list.

The commitment of our community, parents, students, SIC, PTO, and staff help every child reach their potential. "We do our best at VES...Read and Succeed!"

Sally V. Williams-SIC Chair

Donna G. Kinard-Principal

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	54	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.2%	65.4%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	66.7%	76.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.5%	71.7%	85.3%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>93.1</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>A</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**

Varnville Elementary School 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**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	5.1%

	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.9%	94.0%*	Yes

\* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
<b>Grades 3-5</b>						
All Students	660.4	660.1	613.2	624.0	100.0	100.0
Male	653.5	659.5	616.1	624.5	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	642.3	645.0	601.8	608.4	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	657.1	657.7	610.6	626.5	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	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
<b>English/Language Arts</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	80	100	27	35.1	37.8	73
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
<b>2012</b>	3	59	100	22.6	35.8	41.5	77.4
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	N/A
<b>Mathematics</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	80	100	24.3	31.1	44.6	75.7
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
<b>2012</b>	3	59	100	18.9	26.4	54.7	81.1
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	N/A
<b>Science</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	40	100	43.2	29.7	27	56.8
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
<b>2012</b>	3	29	100	34.6	50	15.4	65.4
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	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
<b>Social Studies</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	40	100	10.8	54.1	35.1	89.2
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
<b>2012</b>	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	30	100	40.7	29.6	29.6	59.3
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	
<b>Writing</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2012</b>	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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