



Wellford Academy of Science and Technology

684 Syphrit Rd.
Wellford, SC 29385

Grades	PK-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	397 Students	
Principal	Angie Showalter	864-949-2385
Superintendent	Dr. Scott Turner	864-949-2350
Board Chair	Mr. Steve Brockman	864-949-2350

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Average
2010	Good	Average
2009	Average	Average
2008	Good	Good

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

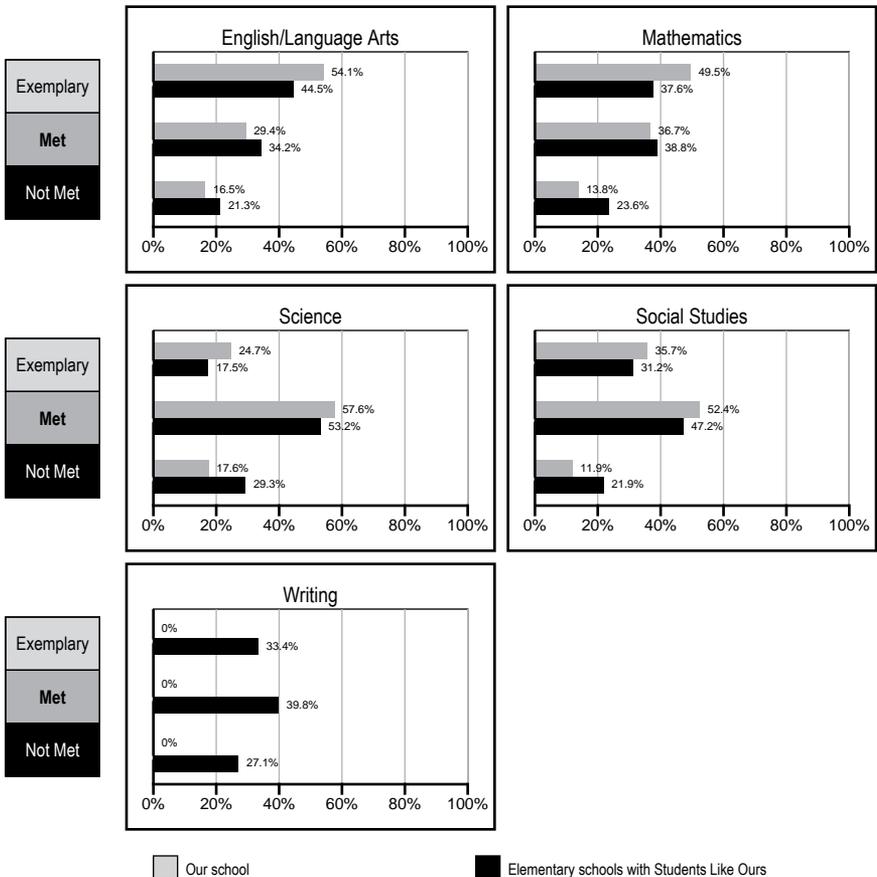
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 98.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
26	49	48	2	0

* 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=397)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.7%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.0%	96.4%	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=35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	88.6%	Up from 88.2%	61.0%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 84.0%	89.9%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 97.0%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,935	Up 2.8%	\$47,436	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	13.2 days	Up from 7.9 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.0 to 1	Up from 15.4 to 1	19.8 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Down from 91.8%	90.3%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,940	Up 10.1%	\$6,960	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.5%	Up from 73.3%	67.7%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.9%	Down from 70.9%	65.8%	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

Wellford Academy of Science and Technology is a community school located in western Spartanburg County. We are privileged to educate over 350 students from preschool through 4th grade. In addition to serving students in our attendance area, we also had over 50 students to attend our school through the district's school choice program. Our second year as a magnet school was filled with enthusiastic achievement, excitement for learning, and wonderful challenges that encouraged us to grow academically.

While focusing on integrating science and technology into all areas of curriculum, we also continued to keep improved student achievement in all areas as our top priority. Students were taught reading and math strategies through large and small group instruction designed to help each child reach individual goals. Students also received lessons in the Science lab each week in addition to classroom instruction. Furthermore, in our third year of implementing a German Language program, students in first through fourth grade were able to learn another language through weekly lessons in the German classroom.

In addition, our efforts were applauded as we were awarded the state's Palmetto Gold Award for academic achievement. This award is the state's most prestigious award to schools that had outstanding scores and exceptional growth on the Palmetto Achievement of State Standards (P.A.S.S.) test.

At Wellford Academy, we all are part of a community of learners. We work in cooperation with area universities to train prospective teachers. Our faculty members also participate in many worthwhile professional development activities, such as the pursuit of advanced degrees, technology training, group and faculty book studies, web seminars, and peer sharing/observations.

The mission of Wellford Academy of Science and Technology is to promote the academic, social, and emotional growth of all children by providing quality educational opportunities in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. The programs and activities we offer, such as Response to Intervention (RTI), morning tutoring, clubs, fine arts activities, character education lessons, family nights, parent workshops, universal free breakfast, as well as numerous academic activities, help us to put that mission into action.

The community plays a vital role in helping Wellford Academy of Science and Technology to educate our children. We are fortunate to have many involved parents, an active parent/teacher organization (PTO) and a dedicated school improvement council (SIC). Our faculty is proud of our accomplishments, and we thank all of our stakeholders for making this the most wonderful place to learn!

Angie Showalter, Principal
Nicole Ellison, SIC Committee Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	59	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.2%	93.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.8%	93.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5%	96.6%	95.3%

* 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.

Overall Weighted Points Total	100.0
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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

Wellford Academy of Science and Technology 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	0.0%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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	665.0	666.2	646.0	647.6	100.0	100.0
Male	656.8	661.4	644.5	642.4	100.0	100.0
Female	674.3	671.8	647.5	654.1	100.0	100.0
White	677.1	673.3	657.1	652.5	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	655.6	658.1	634.3	640.8	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
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	63	100	15.3	22	62.7	84.7
	4	37	100	25	38.9	36.1	75
	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
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	51	100	14.3	22.4	63.3	85.7
	4	61	100	18.3	35	46.7	81.7
	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
2012	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	63	100	22	23.7	54.2	78
	4	37	100	16.7	52.8	30.6	83.3
	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
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	51	100	14.3	30.6	55.1	85.7
	4	61	100	13.3	41.7	45	86.7
	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
2012	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	31	100	31	31	37.9	69
	4	37	100	13.9	58.3	27.8	86.1
	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
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	27	100	40	32	28	60
	4	61	100	8.3	68.3	23.3	91.7
	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
2012	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	32	100	16.7	33.3	50	83.3
	4	37	100	25	41.7	33.3	75
	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
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	24	100	20.8	33.3	45.8	79.2
	4	61	100	8.3	60	31.7	91.7
	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	
Writing							
2011	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
2012	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
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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