



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fairfax Elementary  
 Allendale County Schools  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 221  
 Principal: TBA  
 Superintendent: Dr. Harold McClain  
 Board Chair: Willie Priester

## 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
2012	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	F	Priority
2011	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

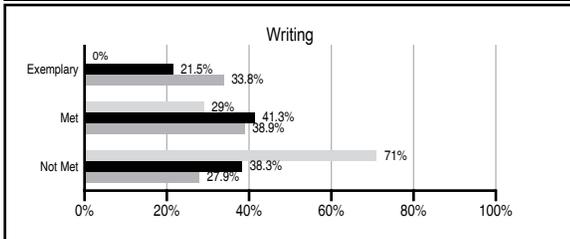
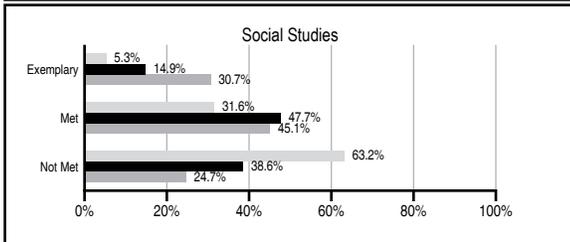
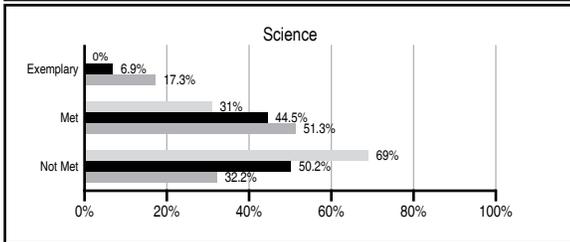
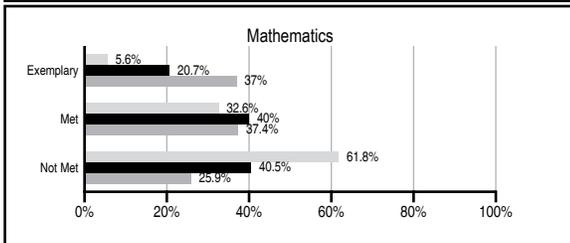
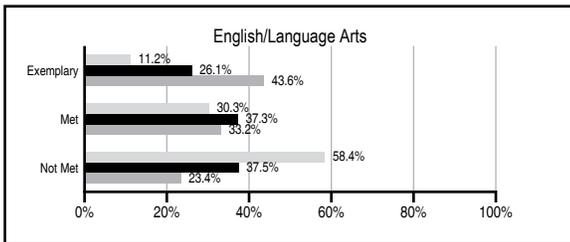
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	5	67	42	16

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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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# Fairfax Elementary [Allendale County Schools]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=221)</b>				
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 13.7%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.5%	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	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=19)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	26.3%	Down from 39.1%	62.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	79.5%	Up from 79.2%	84.7%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	89.4%	Down from 94.3%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,103	Up 0.2%	\$44,662	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 24.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.7 days	Down from 11.3 days	9.5 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.1 to 1	N/R	18.0 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	83.6%	Down from 89.0%	90.6%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.1%	Up from 67.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,496	Up 5.3%	\$8,384	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.8%	Down from 67.7%	66.1%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.7%	Down from 60.2%	62.8%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	24.7	N/A	79.6	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fairfax Elementary, located in the rural town of Fairfax, is one of two elementary schools in Allendale County School District. Serving approximately 267 students, Fairfax has diverse student population and a staff of 48 including administrators, teachers, teacher assistants, guidance counselor, parent liaison, cafeteria and custodians.

Fairfax was originally opened in 1955 as a training school serving only African American students. The name was changed to Fairfax Elementary in 1971. In 2012, Melinda Merritt was appointed Principal of the school.

Pre-K through five comprises the student population with one Montessori classroom for ages three-five. There are two special education classes; one self-contained and one resource. During the 2009-2010 school year, Fairfax made AYP.

There is strong support of the school's overall mission from parents, community members, School improvement Council (SIC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the School Board of Allendale County. Fairfax is "on track to excellence" and specializing in individual instruction for every student.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	20	28	27
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.0%	85.7%	74.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.7%	74.1%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	52.6%	81.5%	92.3%

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

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status