



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mt. Zion Elementary  
 Charleston County School District  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 254  
 Principal: Deborah Fordham  
 Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley  
 Board Chair: Mr. Chris Fraser

## 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 | Average         | Excellent     | TBD                            | TBD             | A   | Reward                   |
| 2011 | Average         | Good          | Silver                         | Silver          | Met                                       | N/A                      |
| 2010 | Average         | Excellent     | Gold                           | Silver          | Met                                       | N/A                      |

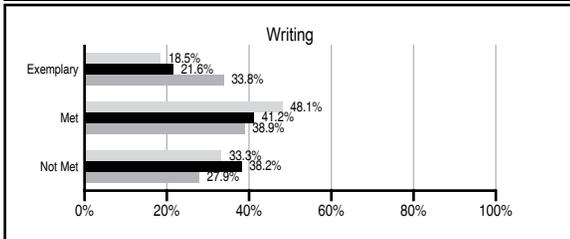
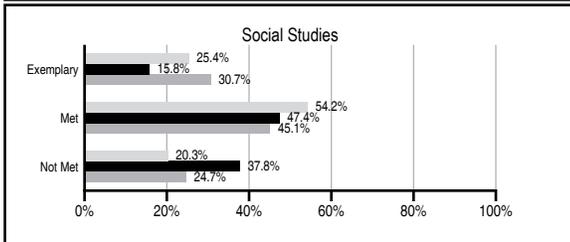
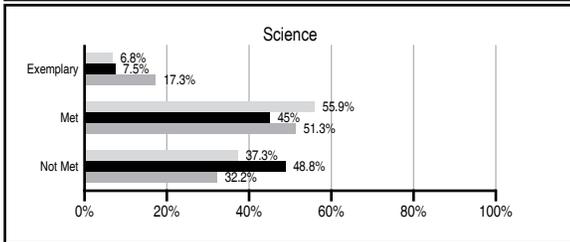
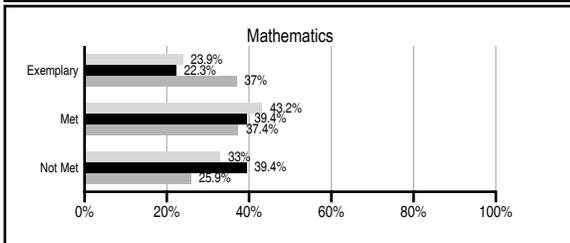
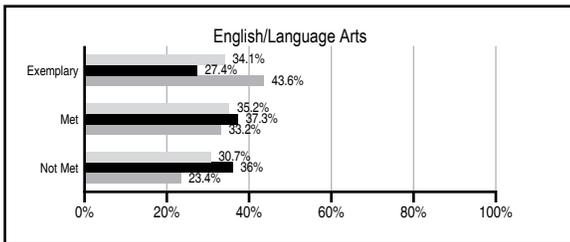
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 2         | 12   | 85      | 47            | 19      |

\* 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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# Mt. Zion Elementary [Charleston County School District]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=254)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 0.0%       | Down from 1.5%        | 1.3%                                       | 1.0%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 95.4%      | Up from 95.0%         | 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 | 0.4%       | Up from 0.0%          | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=22)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 36.4%      | Up from 35.0%         | 62.5%                                      | 63.0%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | N/AV       | N/AV                  | N/AV                                       | N/AV                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 94.2%      | Up from 93.2%         | 85.3%                                      | 88.7%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 98.2%      | Up from 96.9%         | 95.3%                                      | 95.1%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$41,199   | Up 3.2%               | \$45,078                                   | \$47,210                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 5.4%       | Down from 14.7%       | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 6.0 days   | Up from 5.0 days      | 9.7 days                                   | 10.5 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 7.0        | No Change             | 4.0  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 19.9 to 1  | Up from 19.6 to 1     | 18.1 to 1                                  | 20.0 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 93.6%      | Up from 92.1%         | 90.6%                                      | 90.5%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation   | No         | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$8,082    | Up 0.8%               | \$8,326                                    | \$7,247                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 66.2%      | Up from 63.8%         | 65.9%                                      | 68.2%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 63.0%      | Up from 62.0%         | 63.0%                                      | 65.7%                    |
| ESEA composite index score   | 94.5       | N/A                   | 84.7                                       | 91.9                     |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 3        | 29        | 14       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | I/S      | 89.7%     | 92.3%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | I/S      | 82.8%     | 100.0%   |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | I/S      | 79.3%     | 92.3%    |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Mt.Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high quality education through curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

Our focus this year will be on the implementation of STEM. This is a way of incorporating science, math, and engineering into all academic subjects. We hope to better prepare our students for the world of the future through the integration of STEM activities.

We invite our entire community to join us in achieving our mission. You are invited to visit, get involved at any level, and to help make a difference in the lives of our future leaders of America.

Deborah Fordham, Principal  
Arica Jenkins, Chair, SIC

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