



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St. James Elementary  
 Horry County Schools  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 860  
 Principal: Mary Beth Heath  
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry  
 Board Chair: Will Garland

## 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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

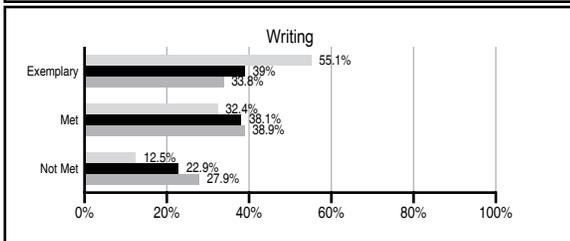
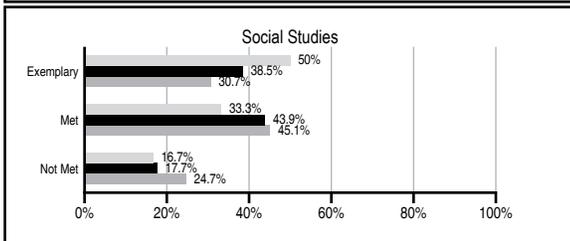
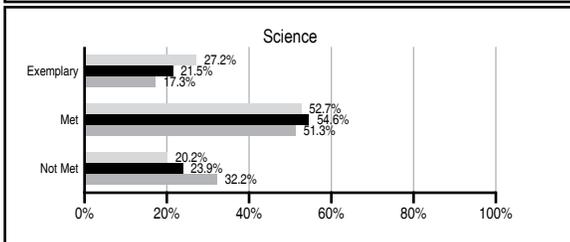
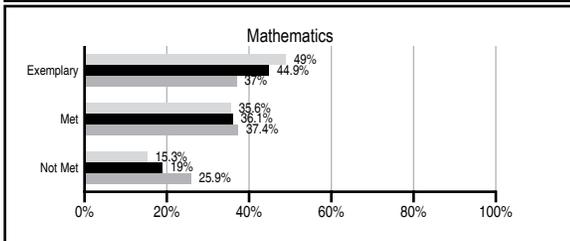
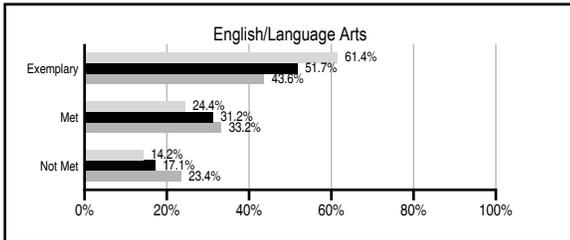
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
47	30	10	1	0

\* 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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# St. James Elementary [Horry County Schools]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=860)</b>				
Retention rate	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.6%	96.8%	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	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=51)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.9%	Up from 53.3%	63.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	92.8%	Up from 90.6%	90.3%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 96.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,406	Up 4.6%	\$48,843	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.3 days	Down from 18.5 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Down from 14.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Down from 23.2 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Down from 89.5%	90.5%	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	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,575	Up 0.9%	\$6,781	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.9%	Up from 66.8%	68.4%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.3%	No Change	66.5%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	99.1	N/A	94.7	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	139	81
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.9%	89.9%	93.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.1%	89.2%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.1%	92.8%	90.0%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

St. James Elementary continues to be committed to its vision of a world class school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Results of this commitment can be found in many awards earned for the schools performance. SJE earned the Palmetto Gold Award and the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the Achievement Gap. SJE also met 20 out of 21 AYP objectives. There was also an increase in the number of students accepted into the Duke Tip Scholars Program (up 38 from 89) and Johns Hopkins Talent Search Program (up 35 from 81). The School Improvement Council is one of 15 in the state to be named to the South Carolina School Improvement Council's Honor Roll. Three SJE students were awarded a 3rd place finish at the Horry County Schools Technology Fair. The SJE Dolphin Council received the National Association of Elementary School Principals Foundation's "NAESPFF" Honor Council Excellence award" for outstanding participation in community service, student leadership, citizenship and school spirit. SJE responded to the growing number of students by adding new faculty in the areas of Art, PE and Technology. Additionally an Assistant Principal and Curriculum Specialist were added. A new Reading Intervention Program was implemented and a Reading Interventionist was added to the staff. Progressive learning opportunities included a trip to Florida to study the manatees and a Governmental field trip to Columbia. Continued development opportunities include: SJE Reads, In-school tutorials, Dolphin Council, Library Assistants, Winter Youth Basketball and the Mileage Club. One of the most exciting opportunities for the students was the introduction of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), a formal process of teaching and encouraging prosocial skills and behaviors. The students embraced this opportunity to showcase their ability to be good role models to others in and outside of school. The students were also able to show off their personal talents at the first annual SJE Talent Show. SJE's commitment to teaching life skills was well received by students showing exceptional support in service and learning projects raising over \$10,000 for local charities. Our efforts to increase parent satisfaction were realized with our parent survey results increasing to a 79% overall satisfaction rating. We are proud of our achievements and will continue our efforts in providing all students the opportunity to build life skills, achieve high levels of learning and create a future of excellence.

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Nicole Beyersdorf, SIC Chair

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