



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Holly Springs Elementary  
 School District of Pickens County  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 229  
 Principal: Donna S. Harden  
 Superintendent: Dr. Kelly U. Pew  
 Board Chair: Mr. Alex Saitta

## 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	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

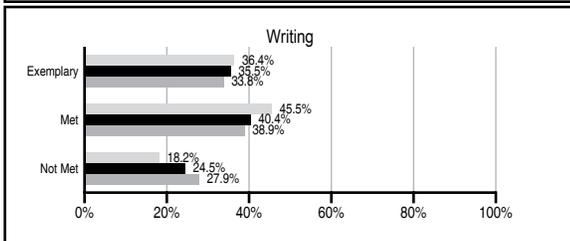
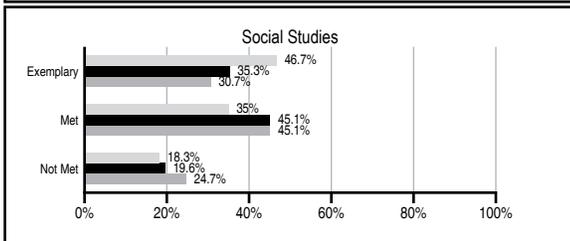
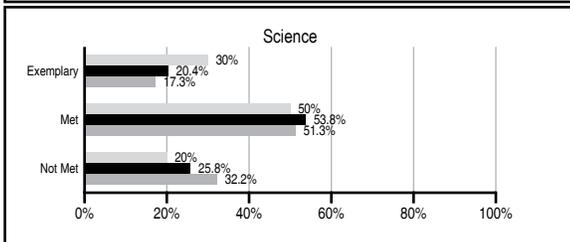
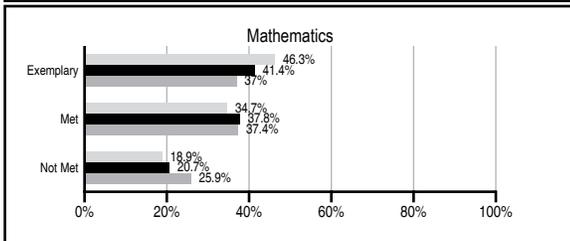
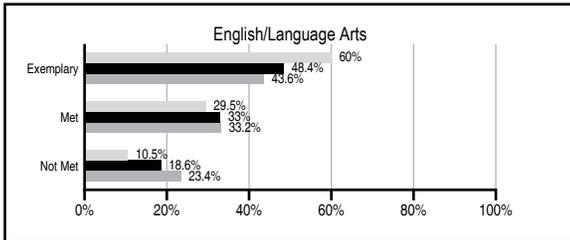
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
39	39	26	0	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.*

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**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=229)</b>				
Retention rate	3.4%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.5%	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=17)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.7%	Down from 75.0%	63.6%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Down from 91.4%	89.6%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Down from 97.3%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,064	Down 3.3%	\$48,095	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.4 days	Down from 18.7 days	11.4 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 91.2%	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	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,256	Down 17.4%	\$6,803	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.6%	Down from 57.3%	68.2%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.5%	Up from 55.2%	66.3%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	99.0	N/A	93.7	91.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	33	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	97.0%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	97.0%	96.7%

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

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Holly Springs Elementary School is located in the rural, mountainous northern section of Pickens County. We serve students in grades K4 through fifth. We are a child-centered "community" school with the motto "Holly Springs Elementary, Where Small Paws Make Big Impressions" which is indicative of the emphasis we place on the welfare of our wonderful student population. With the help of our PTO and community, we provide excellent instruction in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. We were Scholastic Book Fairs Kids Are Authors national winners for five years in a row. We have won first place on three occasions and received an honorable mention two years. No other school in the nation has ever won the award more than once. Another national award was won in 2004 for the Pizza Hut "Book It" contest. Our fifth grade class competed nationally and won \$20,000.00 for our school library along with a Nickelodeon celebration for the entire school. For the past twelve years, we have had students receive gold and silver awards at the district level science fair. We are certified as a "School Yard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation and received a "Carolina Fence Garden" certification from the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. A community garden club helps maintain the grounds. Holly Springs Elementary has a very effective guidance program that promotes service learning in our students. Our guidance counselor was named "South Carolina Counselor of the Year" in 2000. A fall festival, spring fling, reading celebration, family fun nights and fifth grade celebration involve the entire community. With the addition of the Young Appalachian Musicians Program, our school and community relations have grown to a new level. Beginning in January 2008, students participated in music lessons learning how to play traditional blue grass music. This program has now been expanded into many other neighboring schools including schools at the middle and high levels and is gaining state-wide and national attention. Holly Springs Elementary has been recognized for student achievement with both Palmetto Gold and Silver awards over the past nine years with the most recent being Palmetto Gold awards in the General Performance category as well as for Closing the Achievement Gap. Several grants have been awarded to Holly Springs Elementary School in recent years. Grants include \$26,000.00 from the National Endowment of the Arts awarded in the spring of 2010, along with numerous EIA grants, Eat Smart It's In the Garden and various South Carolina Humanities Council Grants. We were named a Red Carpet School in 2006 by the State Department of Education for having a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service. Holly Springs Elementary was one of three schools in our state to be named a NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL in November 2011.

Donna Harden, Principal and Tom Kelly, Chairperson, School Improvement Council

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