



St. John's Elementary

140 Park Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	650 Students	
Principal	Jean B. Taylor	843-398-2350
Superintendent	Dr. Rainey H. Knight	843-398-5100
Board Chair	Warren Jeffords	843-326-5970

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Average	Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average

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>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

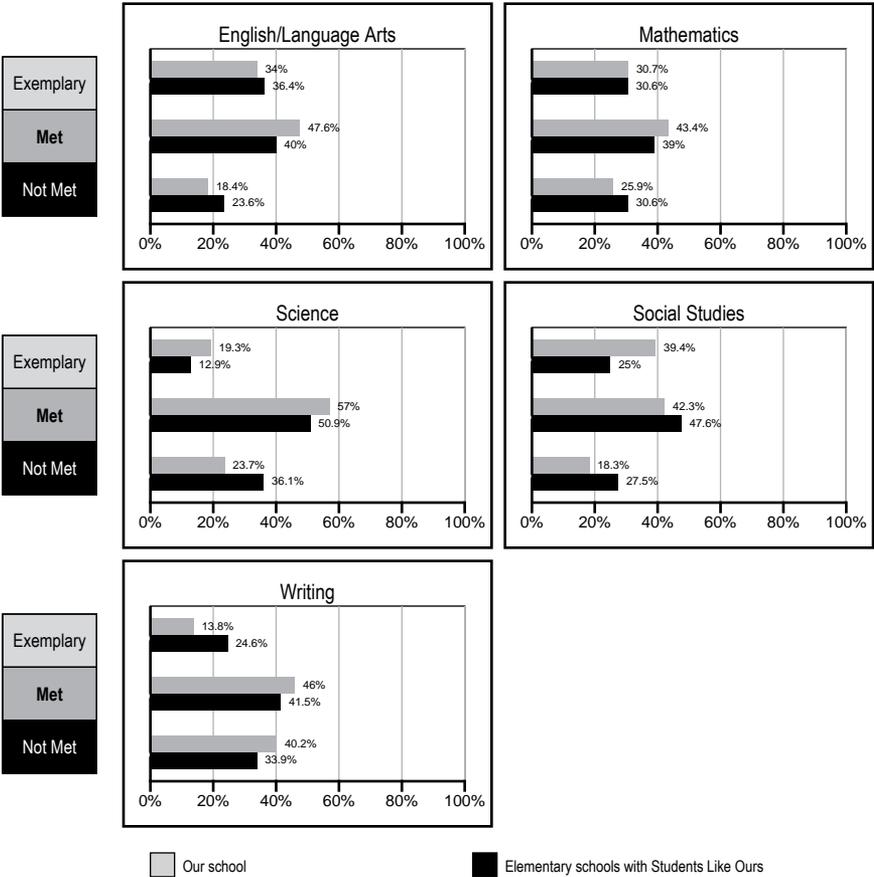
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 97.4%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
10	20	93	11	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

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=650)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 2.1%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.1%	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	2.9%	N/A	5.0%	7.2%
With disabilities	16.1%	N/A	14.1%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	5.5%	N/A	2.6%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.5%	Down from 66.7%	61.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	86.8%	Down from 91.7%	83.3%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.2%	Up from 91.9%	87.8%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.9%	94.7%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,056	Down 0.4%	\$47,320	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	13.7 days	Up from 10.5 days	11.1 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	22.0	Up from 21.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.4 to 1	Up from 23.9 to 1	19.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.2%	89.6%	90.0%
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 Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,648	Up 13.7%	\$7,492	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 65.3%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Down from 63.8%	65.0%	66.0%

* 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

St. John's Elementary, a Title I school, had a productive 2012-2013 school year. The school worked collaboratively with parents and the community to promote excellence in academics, athletics, attendance, attitude and the arts. Balanced literacy instruction, Read Well literacy groups, workstations, math RIT band groups, Accelerated Reader, Waterford, Wilson, Success Maker and COMPASS Lab programs were provided to students. Morning math and reading tutorial services were provided to students. After school computer lab sessions were provided for identified third-fifth grade students. Two computer labs provided daily ELA and math sessions for targeted students in grades K-5.

Forty-eight students were invited to attend the All A Banquet. Five students earned all A's for five consecutive years. Honor Roll students were recognized quarterly. Twenty-five fifth grade students were inducted into the Junior Beta Club. Twenty-six students had perfect attendance during the 2012-2013 school year. One-hundred eleven students were invited to attend DSAP. All students participated in the annual science fair. We also held our first annual Discovery Day. Two-hundred sixteen students were inducted into the Principal's Reading Honor Roll. One second grade student read over 1,000 books throughout the school year. Forty-eight students were inducted into the Principal's Math Honor Roll.

The student body supported the community by sponsoring the annual Christmas Canned Food Drive and collecting \$2,140.00 for St. Jude's Math-a-thon. Student Council Officers assisted during quarterly Spirit Day Assemblies, the Fall Festival and Awards Day. Student Marshals and the Flag Corps Team provided students with leadership opportunities. The Annual Fall Festival, Spring Talent Show and Field Day celebrations provided opportunities for community involvement and participation.

District-led ELA, math, science and GT social studies sessions were held throughout the school year to strengthen teacher knowledge and instruction of the standards. Common Core staff development sessions were held. The school-wide PBS Model continued to acknowledge appropriate student behavior.

Veronica Jackson was selected Teacher of the Year, Sharon Simon was chosen as Assistant of the Year and Annette Denny was selected as Educator of the Year. St. John's Elementary earned a Growth Rating of Excellent and an Absolute Rating of Good for the 2011-2012 school year. St. John's Elementary also earned a Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department of Education for excellent results in overall general performance. The Association of Parents and Teachers sponsored a variety of fundraising activities. The School Improvement Council and numerous business partners worked collaboratively to improve the school. St. John's Elementary continued its tradition of excellence, serving the Darlington Community since 1818.

Jean B. Taylor, Principal and Martha M. Bridgeman, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	95	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.4%	84.2%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	84.1%	79.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.5%	84.4%	90.5%

* 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 2013, 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	85.6
Overall Grade Conversion	B

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

St. John's Elementary 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%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.6%	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	656.2	646.5	631.9	651.2	100.0	100.0
Male	654.3	649.9	641.2	654.3	100.0	100.0
Female	658.5	642.6	621.7	646.8	100.0	100.0
White	671.9	662.2	653.9	662.4	100.0	100.0
African American	643.1	633.8	614.4	640.3	100.0	100.0
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	624.0	605.9	596.3	623.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	649.6	640.6	622.9	646.9	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	635.0	635.0	635.0	635.0	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							
2012	3	116	100	22.8	31.6	45.6	77.2
	4	120	100	27	36	36.9	73
	5	103	100	23.2	34.7	42.1	76.8
	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
2013	3	105	100	22.4	37.8	39.8	77.6
	4	124	100	15.8	52.6	31.6	84.2
	5	119	100	16.1	45.5	38.4	83.9
	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
Mathematics							
2012	3	116	100	21.9	36.8	41.2	78.1
	4	120	100	18.9	42.3	38.7	81.1
	5	103	100	12.6	51.6	35.8	87.4
	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
2013	3	105	100	35.7	32.7	31.6	64.3
	4	124	100	12.3	51.8	36	87.7
	5	119	100	28.6	41.1	30.4	71.4
	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
Science							
2012	3	57	100	51.8	32.1	16.1	48.2
	4	120	100	17.1	64	18.9	82.9
	5	53	100	24	50	26	76
	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
2013	3	52	100	38.8	36.7	24.5	61.2
	4	121	100	14.4	58.6	27	85.6
	5	61	98.4	25	64.3	10.7	75
	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

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

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Social Studies							
2012	3	59	100	32.8	41.4	25.9	67.2
	4	120	100	12.6	57.7	29.7	87.4
	5	50	100	20	40	40	80
	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
2013	3	55	100	23.5	45.1	31.4	76.5
	4	120	100	12.6	42.3	45	87.4
	5	58	100	21.4	37.5	41.1	78.6
	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							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	103	96.1	27.7	54.3	18.1	72.3
	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
2013	3	102	95.1	54.3	24.5	21.3	45.7
	4	124	92.7	36.4	55.1	8.4	63.6
	5	118	97.5	31.8	55.5	12.7	68.2
	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

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