



H. B. Rhame Elementary

1300 Arrowwood Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	405 Students	
Principal	Mikell Owens	803-731-8900
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Board Chair	Jamie Devine	803-231-7556

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

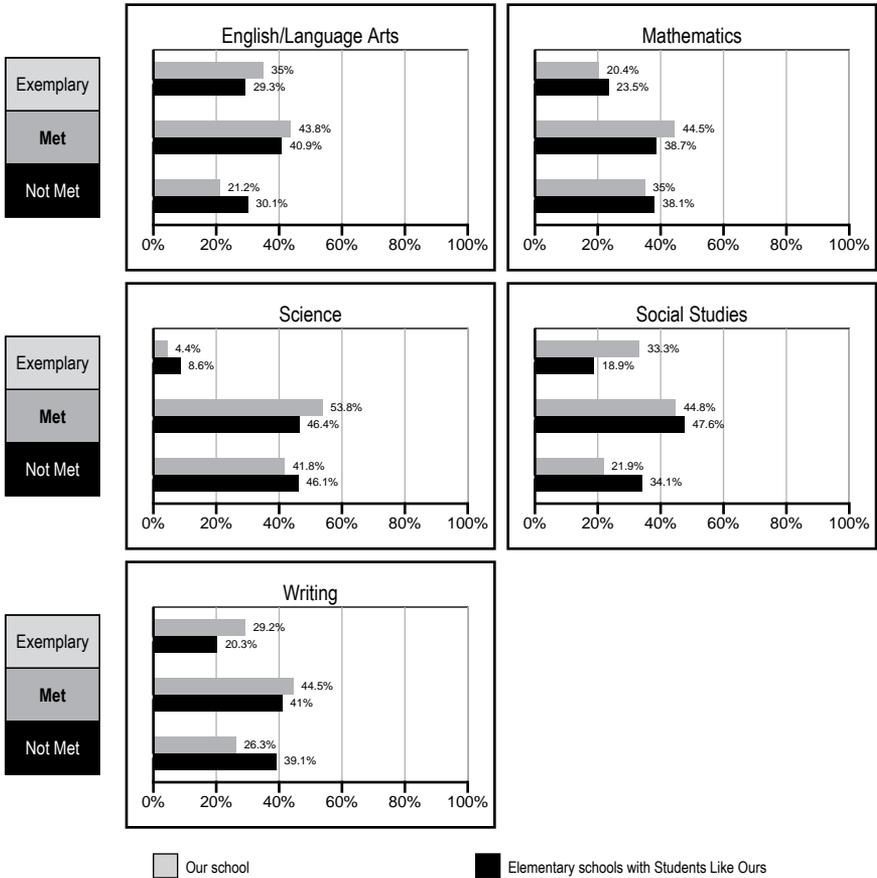
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 97.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
3	15	117	47	14

* 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=405)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	98.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.6%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.1%	N/A	3.0%	7.2%
With disabilities	11.4%	N/A	13.4%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	N/A	2.8%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.4%	Up from 71.0%	60.6%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	96.6%	Down from 96.8%	77.3%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Down from 94.0%	84.9%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Down from 95.1%	94.8%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$57,122	Up 5.8%	\$46,275	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	Down from 15.8 days	10.5 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Up from 19.6 to 1	18.2 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 91.5%	89.5%	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	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,091	Up 16.5%	\$8,187	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	80.0%	Up from 79.4%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	77.0%	Down from 77.4%	64.0%	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

H. B. Rhame, Jr. Elementary School maintained progress during the 2012-2013 school year in grades 3 through 5.

One hundred percent of the teachers at H. B. Rhame Elementary have achieved a technology level of proficient or higher. The school used teleconference equipment so that students could interact with others around South Carolina, the United States and the world.

Test results indicated a need to continue additional efforts to improve language arts and math skills with special emphasis in the 4th and 5th grade. We have a 30-week Skill Development Program and a SuccessMaker Lab to reinforce skills taught in both language arts and math. In addition, we have a reading and math interventionist who work with small groups of students to support their regular instruction. These skills are also emphasized in our After-School Academic Support Program along with science and social studies. We also have a part-time tutor who works with our students one-on-one to develop their math and reading skills. Maintaining a competent certified staff will continue to move larger percentages of students to scores of basic or above on PASS.

We continued Breakthrough to Literacy in kindergarten and first grade to develop the skills and knowledge our young learners need to become competent readers. Accelerated Reader was used in grades K-5. Reading Buddies from Saint Andrews Baptist Church, Virginia Wingard Methodist Church and Saint Andrews Middle School read to students weekly. North Trenholm Methodist Church and Saint Andrews Lutheran Church helped to beautify our outdoor gardens.

We continued a Behavior Intervention Program for students who need help in improving social skills. We have continued to strengthen our Character Education program by developing a school-wide focus on a different character trait each month.

Community involvement is a great asset to our school. Our volunteers enjoy programs such as Books and Breakfast, Grandparent's Day, and Sonic Night. In addition to our strong volunteer program, we have two Lunch Buddy programs and two Kids' Café Programs.

The most challenging issue facing our school continues to be the high mobility rate of our students and their lack of social development skills. We are working with parents to increase the reinforcement of skills at home to sustain progress in student achievement. Parent participation in some school activities has increased this year.

Mikell G. Owens, Principal Mary Jo Lounsberry, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	40	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	82.5%	80%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88%	67.5%	80%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75%	87.5%	85.2%

* 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	72.2
Overall Grade Conversion	C

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

H. B. Rhame 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	1.4%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.1%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	654.9	632.9	603.9	640.1	100.0	100.0
Male	644.6	629.3	602.2	633.6	100.0	100.0
Female	666.7	637.2	606.3	646.6	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	654.3	630.2	599.3	638.2	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	649.6	630.9	600.0	638.5	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	65	100	28.6	27	44.4	71.4
	4	51	100	20.9	58.1	20.9	79.1
	5	56	100	41.3	43.5	15.2	58.7
	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	58	100	18.8	37.5	43.8	81.3
	4	59	100	24	42	34	76
	5	40	100	20.5	53.8	25.6	79.5
	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	65	100	36.5	47.6	15.9	63.5
	4	51	100	16.3	48.8	34.9	83.7
	5	56	100	56.5	37	6.5	43.5
	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	58	100	39.6	39.6	20.8	60.4
	4	59	100	26	48	26	74
	5	40	100	41	46.2	12.8	59
	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	31	100	80.6	12.9	6.5	19.4
	4	51	100	30.2	62.8	7	69.8
	5	29	100	54.5	40.9	4.5	45.5
	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	28	100	54.5	40.9	4.5	45.5
	4	59	100	36	62	2	64
	5	20	100	42.1	47.4	10.5	57.9
	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

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2012	3	34	100	34.4	43.8	21.9	65.6
	4	51	100	14	58.1	27.9	86
	5	27	100	29.2	54.2	16.7	70.8
	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	30	100	26.9	34.6	38.5	73.1
	4	59	100	22	54	24	78
	5	20	100	15	35	50	85
	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	54	100	45.7	30.4	23.9	54.3
	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	57	98.3	27.7	27.7	44.7	72.3
	4	57	98.3	26.5	53.1	20.4	73.5
	5	40	100	20.5	56.4	23.1	79.5
	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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