



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary  
 Greenville County  
 Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 644  
 Principal: Jackie Parker  
 Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
 Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

## 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 |
| 2013 | Excellent       | Excellent     | TBD                            | TBD             | A   | N/A                      |
| 2012 | Excellent       | Good          | Gold                           | Silver          | A   | N/A                      |
| 2011 | Good            | Good          | Silver                         | N/A             | Not Met                                   | N/A                      |

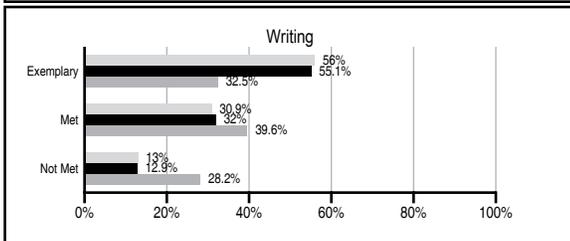
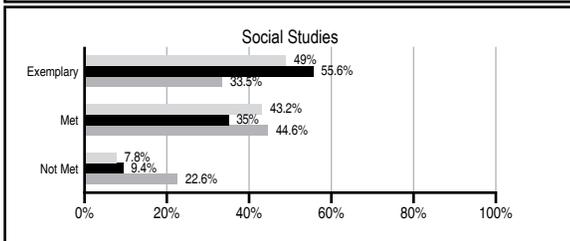
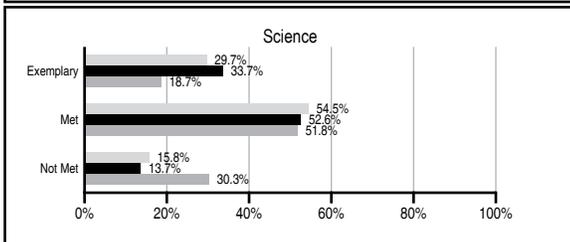
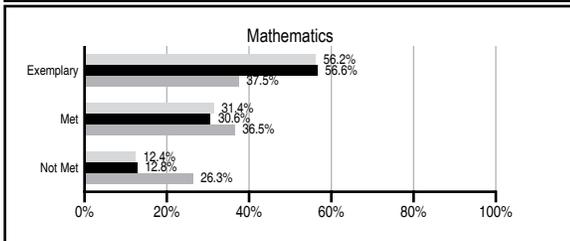
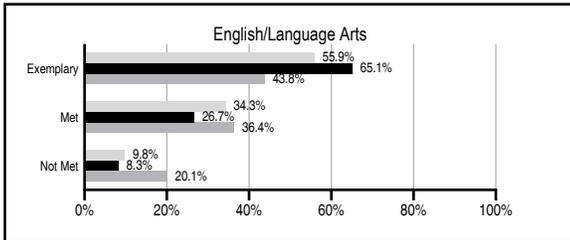
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 26        | 1    | 1       | 0             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

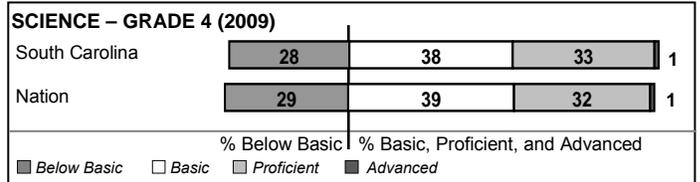
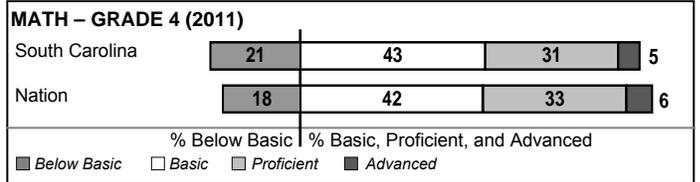
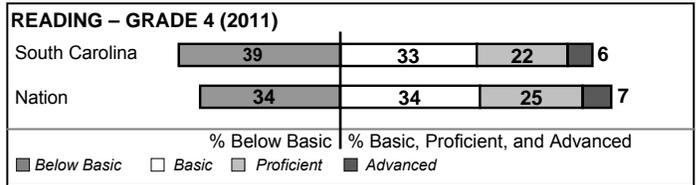
## PASS PERFORMANCE

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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# Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary [Greenville County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=644)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 0.9%       | Down from 1.2%        | 0.7%                                       | 0.9%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 96.8%      | Down from 97.0%       | 96.8%                                      | 96.3%                    |
| Served by gifted and talented program  | 9.2%       | N/A                   | 14.4%                                      | 7.2%                     |
| With disabilities  | 11.2%      | N/A                   | 9.4%                                       | 12.4%                    |
| Older than usual for grade   | 0.8%       | N/A                   | 0.9%                                       | 1.9%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=36)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 58.3%      | Up from 54.1%         | 67.0%                                      | 62.5%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 77.8%      | Down from 83.8%       | 83.2%                                      | 83.3%                    |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 95.6%      | Up from 95.3%         | 90.4%                                      | 88.3%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 95.9%      | Down from 96.5%       | 95.1%                                      | 95.0%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$45,234   | Down 1.4%             | \$49,508                                   | \$48,193                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | Down from 5.1%        | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 12.3 days  | Up from 12.2 days     | 10.7 days                                  | 11.0 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 5.0        | Up from 4.0           | 4.5  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 20.7 to 1  | Down from 22.3 to 1   | 20.6 to 1                                  | 20.1 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 91.9%      | Down from 92.7%       | 90.8%                                      | 90.0%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences  | 99.7%      | Down from 99.8%       | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$5,560    | Up 2.0%               | \$6,853                                    | \$7,364                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 63.0%      | Up from 62.8%         | 70.0%                                      | 68.0%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 62.0%      | Down from 62.6%       | 69.0%                                      | 66.0%                    |
| ESEA composite index score   | 99.0       | Down from 99.9        | 93.6                                       | 88.0                     |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 36       | 101       | 53       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 97.2%    | 97%       | 92.4%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100%     | 95%       | 98.1%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 97.2%    | 93.1%     | 86.8%    |

\*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 Rudolph Gordon Elementary, in cooperation with home and community, is to prepare children to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens by creating meaningful learning experiences in a safe, nurturing environment. Our goal is to raise the academic challenge and performance of each student by utilizing data to make instructional decisions, implementing research-based "best practices", and integrating technology into classroom lessons.

The vision for Rudolph Gordon Elementary is that all students will engage in classroom activities that encourage problem solving, utilize cooperative learning strategies, and enhance teamwork. A standards-based curriculum is implemented to ensure a continuum of learning from kindergarten through fifth grade. Authentic assessment techniques are incorporated into teaching, and technology is integrated throughout the curriculum to help prepare students for the demands of an ever-changing society.

A balanced literacy model for language arts instruction and Everyday Counts Math are taught in all classrooms, and the writing process is emphasized in all subject areas. Rudolph Gordon Elementary teachers will implement the Fountas and Pinnell model for balanced literacy during the 2013-14 school year. This model is a kindergarten through fifth grade district-wide initiative that allows each child to work at their individual level as they work to master grade level standards. Common Core State Standards are used to plan and teach classroom lessons, and teachers receive on-going training in the understanding and implementation of these standards. Professional Learning Communities are utilized to increase dialogue among faculty members with teachers using data from many sources to plan instruction.

Accomplishments for Rudolph Gordon Elementary include receiving an A rating with a score of 99.9 on the ESEA federal accountability measure for 2012 and being recognized as a Safe School Award Recipient in 2013 for the fifth straight year. Additionally in 2013, the school received the Palmetto Gold Award for an Excellent student achievement rating and the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the gap.

The PTA works with the faculty and staff to enhance the home-school relationship to positively affect the education of all students. Over 20,000 volunteer hours are reported annually. The School Improvement Council, an advisory committee, assists in the preparation of the school's strategic plan and the annual report to the community.

Our commitment will be to continue to engage students in classroom activities that encourage problem solving, utilize cooperative learning strategies, and enhance teamwork. Jackie Parker, Principal  
Randy Elliott, SIC Chairperson

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