



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Congaree Elementary School
 Lexington 2
 Grades: 1-5 Enrollment: 389
 Principal: Jeff Becker
 Superintendent: Dr. Venus J. Holland
 Board Chair: Mr. Bill Bingham, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	RP

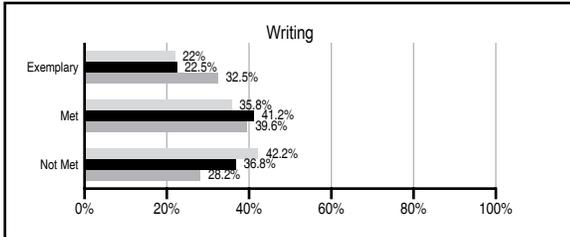
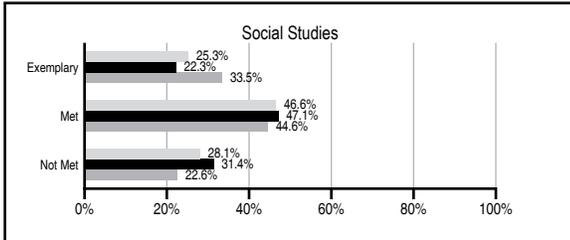
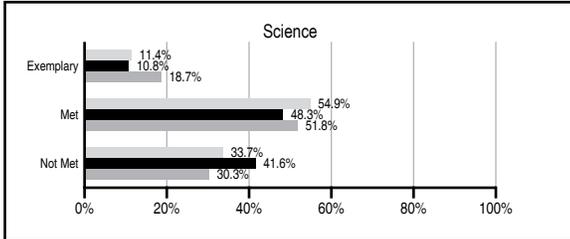
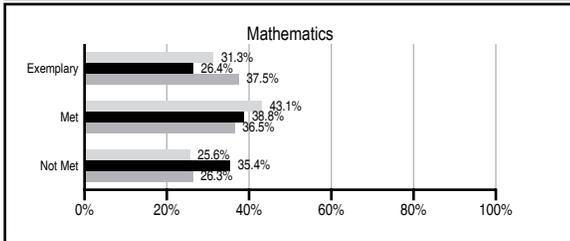
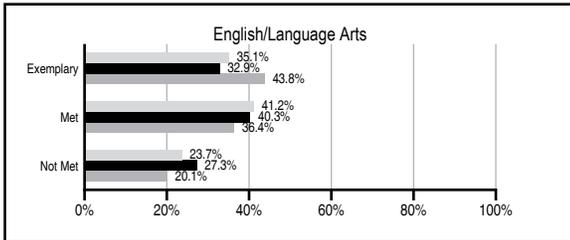
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	14	107	23	8

* 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

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

Congaree Elementary School [Lexington 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=389)				
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.5%	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.1%	N/A	4.1%	7.2%
With disabilities	19.5%	N/A	13.6%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	N/A	2.8%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.8%	Down from 73.9%	60.6%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Down from 91.3%	80.8%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8%	Down from 86.6%	85.8%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.6%	94.8%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,113	Up 3.0%	\$47,075	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 3.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Up from 8.6 days	10.9 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Down from 23.9 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.3%	89.6%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,993	Up 0.6%	\$7,665	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.0%	Up from 65.0%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Up from 62.6%	65.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	76.5	Down from 84.1	77.1	88.0

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	98	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.6%	92.9%	90.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	93.9%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	92.7%	84.4%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Congaree Elementary School is a public, rural elementary school located southwest of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Congaree, a community of approximately 2,400 residents. First opened in 1959, Congaree Elementary serves 400 students in the 2nd-5th grades. Congaree Elementary School has been accredited since 1971, and most recently through the district AdvancED accreditation in March 2013. Our school motto shares the feeling one gets upon entering the building: "At Congaree Our Character Counts!"

Initiatives continued this school year include Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), 2 class sets of iPads for student use, and expanding classroom libraries and the Literacy Library. Students regularly work on Reading and Math skills through computerized programs Compass Learning (Reading) and First in Math, both in the classroom and in the computer lab. Students have solved over 500,000 math problems through First in Math. Our Professional Learning Communities emphasized small group instruction in the classroom with Title I tutors, small group guided reading instruction, Habits of Mind, and inquiry. Our RTI committee implemented Level II and limited Level III intervention for at risk-students.

Our School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Organization actively support the teaching and learning at Congaree Elementary School through a number of projects. PTO sponsored a Family Fun Night, skate night, holiday shop, movie night, and spring dance. PTO collects many recycling items such as box tops, Capri Sun containers, Campbell's soup labels, and Tyson labels to benefit the school. PTO assisted in sponsoring field trips, teacher appreciation, and PTO purchased flowers that our student council planted in front of our school. Our school raised funds for the Ronald McDonald House and \$2300 for Jump Rope for Heart.

To encourage parent participation and involvement we hosted Family Literacy Night, Family Math Night, two Book Fairs, a Veteran's Day Celebration, and Author's Tea. Students earned quarterly awards for academics and attendance, as well as monthly awards for character and citizenship. Yearly awards ceremonies are held at the end of the school year. Students participate in character education, Congaree Careers, special needs awareness, Drama Club, Chorus, Student Council, and Good News Club.

Congaree Elementary School received a Palmetto Silver award for academic performance. This is the 3rd year in a row our school has received a Palmetto award.

We thank our parents and community volunteers for their support and time spent investing in the education of our children at Congaree Elementary School. We look forward to continued growth in teaching and learning of our school community in the year to come.

Victoria Sweat, SIC Chair
Jeff Becker, Principal

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites.

Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status