



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitesville Elementary School
BERKELEY COUNTY
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 949
Principal: Julia Denning
Superintendent: Dr. Rodney Thompson
Board Chair: Dr. Kent Murray

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
2014	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	B	Reward

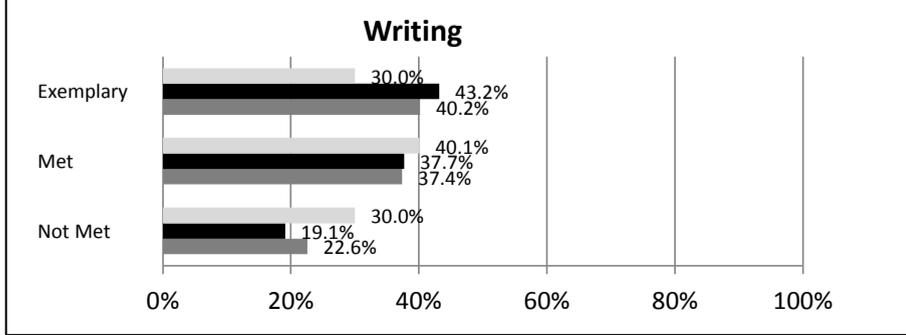
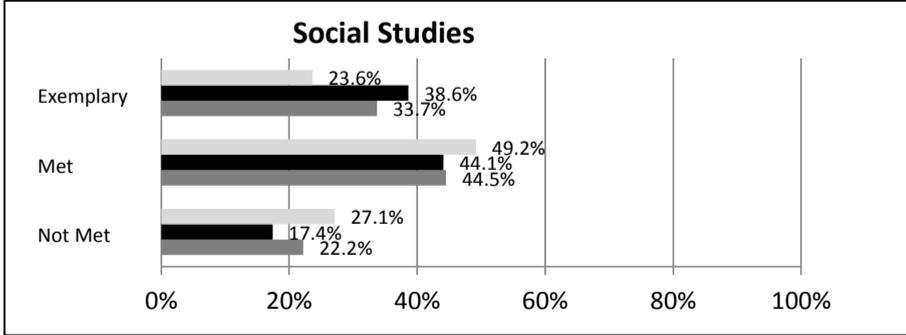
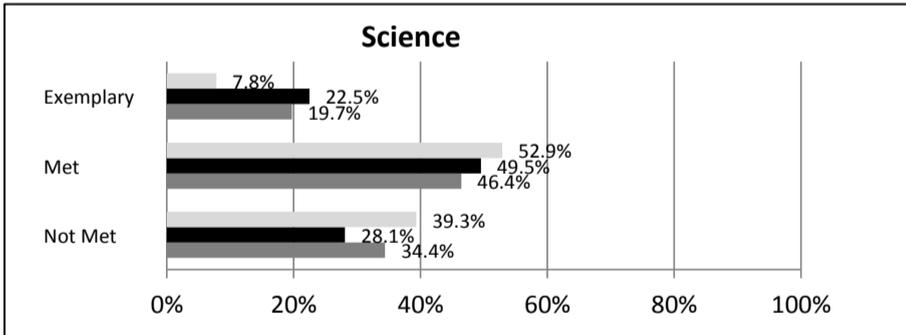
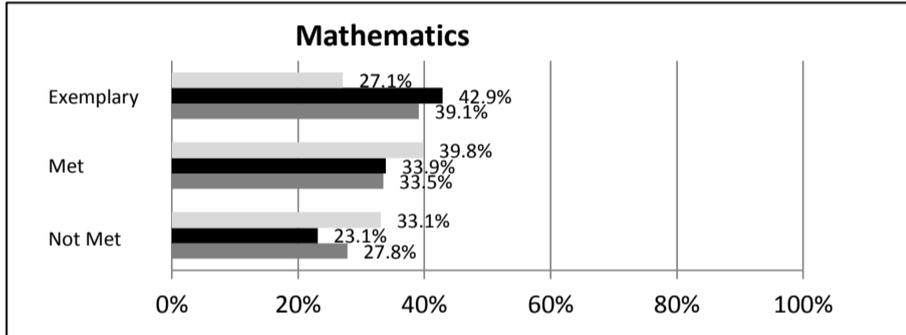
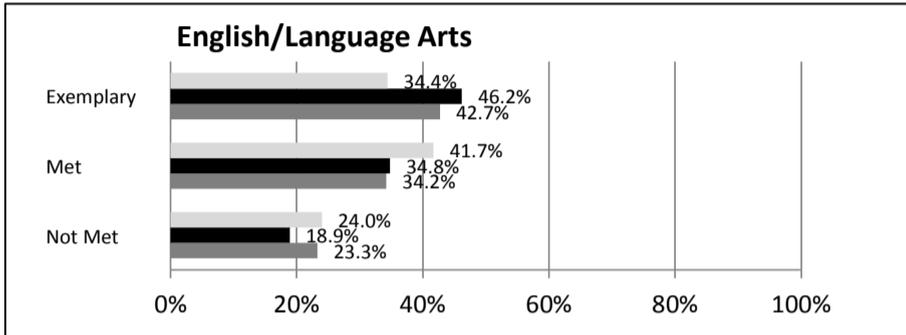
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
40	45	22	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elem Schools Statewide



NAEP*

*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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BERKELEY COUNTY**

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 949)				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 1.3%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.4%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.7%	Up from 5.6%	8.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.9%	Down from 13.7%	12.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 2.4%	2.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.9%	Up from 56.4%	62.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	56.1%	Up from 54.5%	85.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.0%	Down from 79.5%	90.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.4%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,889	Up 4.5%	\$48,860	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Down from 10.9 days	11.1 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	No change	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	20.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 90.3%	90.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Up from 77.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,687	No change	\$7,302	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.4%	Down from 74.0%	67.4%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.7%	Down from 70.0%	66.8%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	75.8	Down from 78.5	89.3	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	124	103
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.3%	84.6%	93.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.7%	79.0%	87.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.0%	85.6%	68.0%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitesville Elementary serves students in Head Start through 5th grade. The school is located in a high growth area between Moncks Corner and Goose Creek. Our enrollment this year remained stable, with a student body of 1,050. We are a Title 1 school which allows us to receive additional funding from the Federal government to support student academic success. Our staff continues to strive to provide our students with many varied opportunities to excel.

Our students and parents saw an instructional shift in the instructional expectations, strategies and materials used in the classroom. Our teachers worked diligently to assess student knowledge and teach to individual student needs. This shift will have our students better prepared for college and the workforce. One such notable shift was the number of non-fiction books that students read. We increased our library circulation of non-fiction books over 25%. Individual student needs were met through the implementation of various programs that included hiring an interventionist with our Title 1 funds to work with small groups to address areas of weakness. We participated in the District's technology initiative, purchasing over 120 IPADS for students to use in the classroom. Coupled with the 4 computer labs in our school, students have access to software to address students' strengths and weakness. Teachers also use this technology to enhance lessons and ensure that all students remain engaged. Our Title 1 funds supported the funding of two instructional coaches. They support teachers in their professional growth, learning how to better meet individual student needs.

Our school offers a number of activities outside the classroom. We have a chorus and art club. Several of our students excelled to the All County Chorus. Many of our students' visual artworks were on display at venues across the Tri-County. We have a morning WES News show which is led by our 4th and 5th grade students.

We have wonderful parent/volunteer participation at Whitesville. They support our teachers and staff in a variety of ways. The opportunities ranges from helping out at the Father/Daughter dance, serving on the School Improvement Council, serving as a PTO board member, helping answer phones, covering lunchroom duty for teachers, going on field trips, and making bulletin boards. We love our volunteers! Our business partners support Whitesville. BP Fabric of America and TCB Corporation funded our arts program during the 2013-14 school year. We also received funds from sponsoring nights at McDonalds, Sonic, and Dominos. Whitesville also gives back to the community through our Jump Rope For Heart, where we donate to the American Heart Association. Our staff also donates to the local children's shelter, Callen Lacey.

We are proud of our students' and staff's successes and community support and look forward to the 2014-15 school year.

Julia Denning, Principal

Leila O'Neal, SIC chair

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