



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary
CHARLESTON
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 569
Principal: Catherine Middleton
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	SILVER	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	SILVER	A	N/A

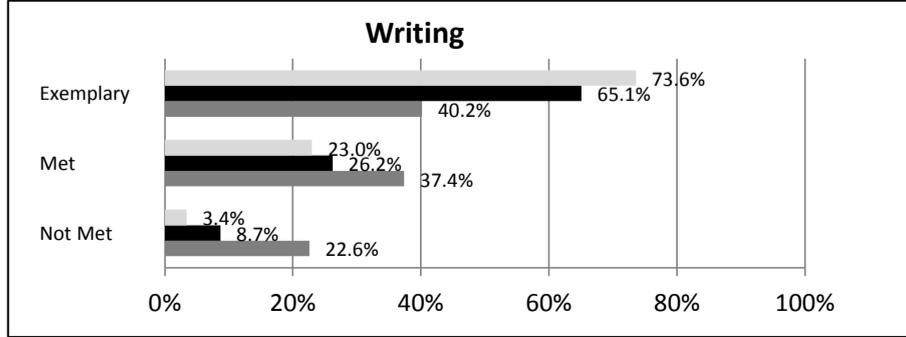
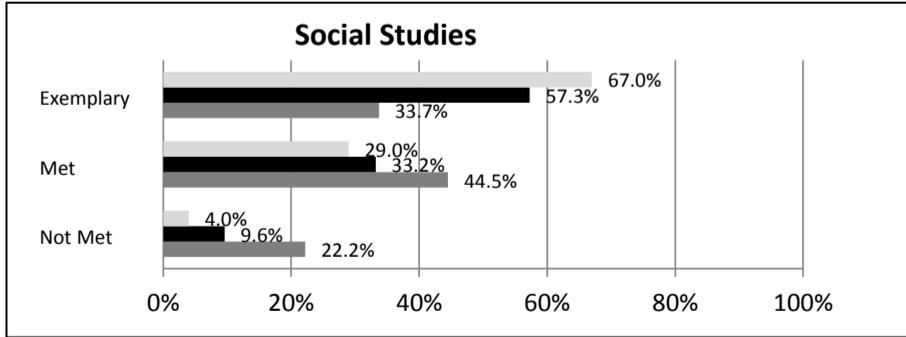
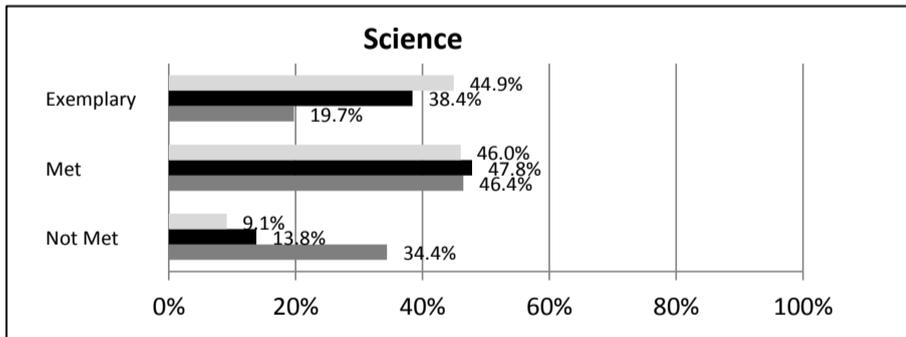
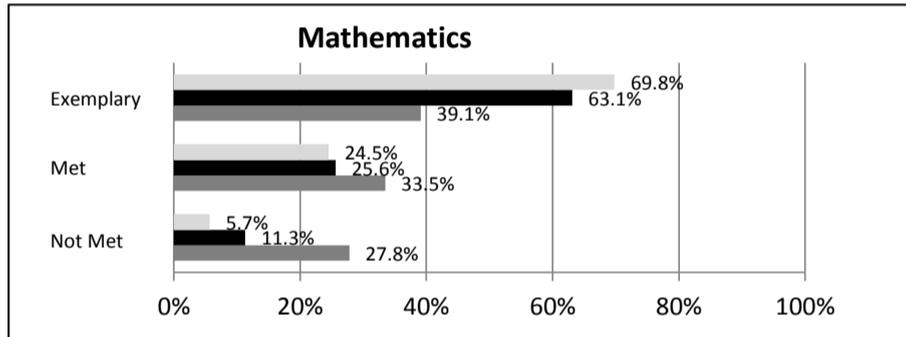
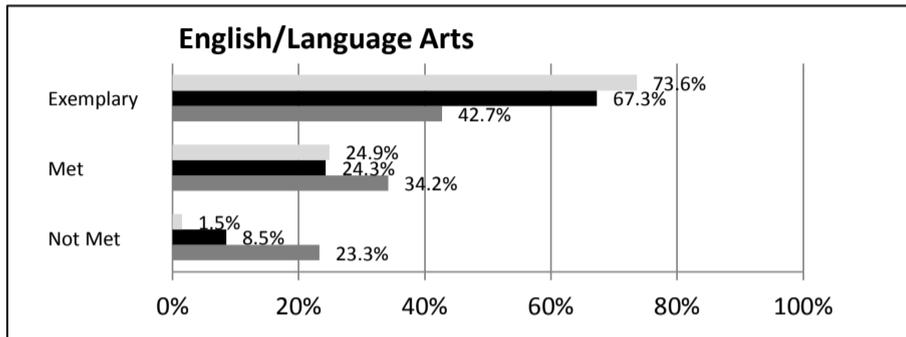
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	0	1	0	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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CHARLESTON**

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 569)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.6%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 97.2%	97.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.8%	Down from 23.1%	18.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	11.3%	Down from 13.5%	10.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	0.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.1%	No change	64.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.4%	No change	86.2%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Up from 91.8%	90.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.4%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,839	Up 1.3%	\$49,663	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.6 days	Down from 12.7 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Down from 19.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	21.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Up from 93.0%	91.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,255	Up 6.5%	\$7,557	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.6%	Up from 68.0%	68.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.9%	Down from 68.0%	67.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	96.8	Down from 99.2	92.2	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	87	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.1%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	93.1%	87.9%

*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

Ashley River Creative Arts continues to strive for excellence as we complete the 30th year of serving families in the West Ashley Community. Our arts-infused curriculum based on State Standards enhances learning for students and has been nationally recognized this year as a program of excellence. There has been a transition in leadership with the retirement of Jayne Ellicott, who helped to shape and form the model of excellence at Ashley River. We are grateful for her service and vision.

We celebrate the A (100 points) rating on AYP for 2013 and our Excellent/Good Report Card Ratings. We continue to study the data, refine the program and find ways to meet the challenges of every child. We believe all children can learn in an arts environment and are proud that we received a Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap from the State.

We expanded our professional development opportunities this year to include an Arts Conference for the 5 arts schools in Charleston. National, state and local experts on Arts Integration presented workshops for teachers and leaders. Several of our teachers have presented at conferences this year on Arts Integration. Lisa Trott has represented Ashley River as the Charleston County Teacher of the Year and Ashley Harris was named the Green Liaison of the Year. We have increased the amount of materials that are being composted and recycled as we teach children the value of helping our earth. Our School Improvement Council has also encouraged the composting, recycling, healthy eating campaign with finishing the exercise trail, painting new activities on the playground, partnering with EarthFare to have students taste new and different foods, and sending healthy eating tips to parents in the eBlasts. They also helped to sponsor our Birthday Celebration in the cafeteria once a month with healthy treats.

Arts Integration is the heart of who we are. Our theme, "Nothin' Could be Finer than the Arts in Carolina" show we believe the arts help our students achieve at very high levels. They motivate us to work harder and to offer students opportunities that enlighten and enrich their learning. We had wonderful artists like Laura Rich, HungryMonks, Nancy Baskel, Jef Lambdin, and The Plantation Singers and many others to thank for Engaging Creative Minds and our DAP and ABC Grants. These residencies are times that students and teachers learn from artists and connect learning to the world around them. A huge recognition for Ashley River happened this year when Claudia Cornett published her 5th Edition of Creating Meaning Through Literature and the Arts. As the featured school, this book showcases our teachers and is used in college classrooms across the world to teach teachers how to implement Arts Integration. We are very fortunate to be a part of this endeavor.

Our parent and community support continues to help Ashley River Creative Arts expand horizons for students. Your time and support are vital to our success. We are privileged to have your children in our school and are grateful that you picked us as your school of choice. We will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of integrating the arts to provide students with a strong academic curriculum.

Cathy Middleton, Principal

Jennifer Smith, SIC

Chairperson

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