



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwest Elementary School  
**CHEROKEE**  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 524  
 Principal: Kathy Phillips  
 Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore  
 Board Chair: Mike Ellis

## 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	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2013	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	A	Reward
2012	Excellent	Average	GOLD	N/A	A	Reward

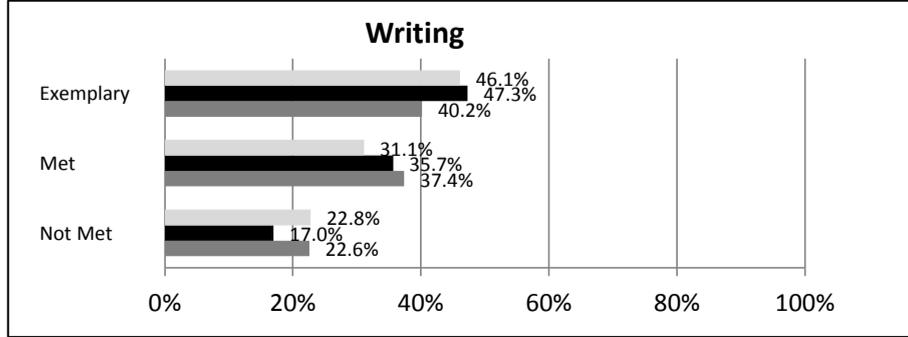
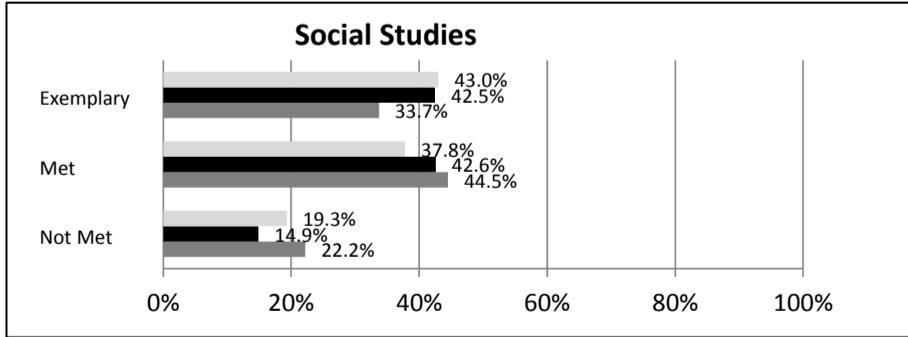
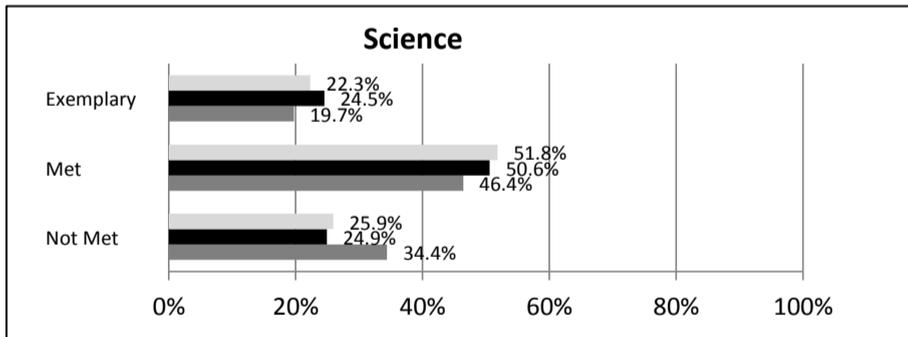
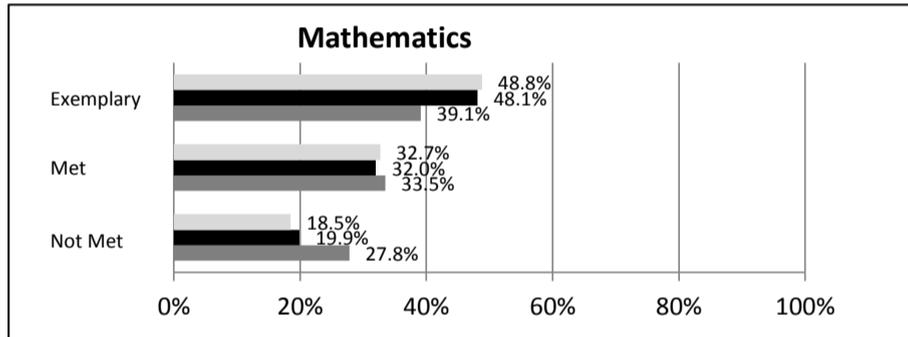
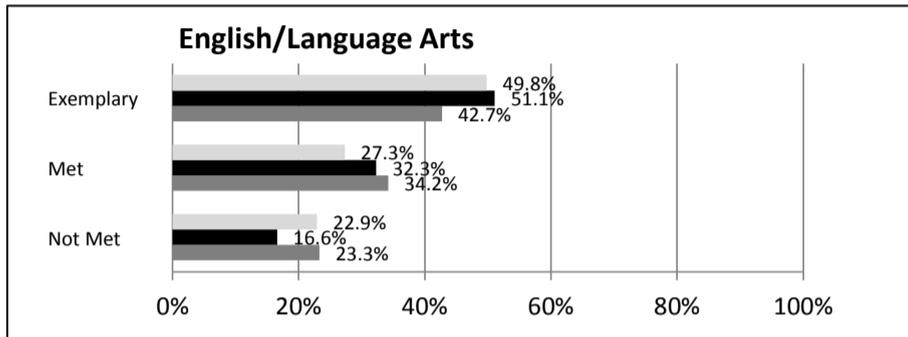
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
50	29	8	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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CHEROKEE**

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
<b>Students (n = 524)</b>				
Retention rate	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.2%	96.7%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.6%	Down from 8.1%	10.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.5%	Down from 10.7%	11.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.0%	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 31)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	No change	64.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	96.8%	No change	82.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6%	Up from 88.4%	90.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	89.1%	Down from 96.1%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,580	Up 0.8%	\$50,031	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Up from 7.6 days	11.8 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Down from 19.8 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	82.5%	Down from 91.6%	91.3%	90.7%
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	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,270	Down 0.5%	\$7,072	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.9%	Down from 75.0%	67.3%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.4%	Up from 71.0%	66.7%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	98.5	Up from 95.0	92.2	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	74	70
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.3%	95.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.7%	95.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	93.3%	78.6%

\*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**

Northwest Elementary School is a large elementary school located in a beautiful rural setting in Cherokee County. Our school family is comprised of a dedicated faculty and staff, students who aspire to be lifelong learners and families who support excellence in education. The mission of Northwest Elementary School is to partner with family and community to ensure all students gain the necessary academic, emotional and social skills to become responsible, successful citizens by providing challenging educational experiences in a safe, secure and nurturing environment. Our students strive to be the best they can be in all academic areas and our test scores reflect their hard work and determination. We teach our students to exhibit good character traits and we teach the importance of being kind to each other. Our students show respect to their classmates and they encourage each other to be great students. We celebrate the achievements of our students and recognize their accomplishments in many different ways. We strive to meet the needs of our students and work to ensure that they become successful at each academic level. Instructional goals are set at the beginning of the year and the students are encouraged to monitor their own progress throughout the year. The faculty and staff at Northwest Elementary School have participated in numerous professional development opportunities throughout the 2013-2014 school year. We have participated in a Professional Learning Community in which teachers have learned new strategies to incorporate in the instructional program which has enhanced student learning. Our community recognizes our efforts and realizes that the students of Northwest Elementary School are receiving a quality education. We are proud of our Northwest Bobcats and their belief in the Power of Learning. We anticipate another great year at Northwest Elementary School in 2014-2015 and we thank everyone for their continued support and cooperation, as we seek to provide challenging educational experiences for our Northwest Bobcats.

Kathy Phillips, Principal

Gina Jolley, SIC Chairperson

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