



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sandhills Elementary School
LEXINGTON 4
Grades: 3-4 Enrollment: **477**
Principal: Lisa Evans
Superintendent: Linda G. Lavender
Board Chair: Daniel Martin

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	Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2013	Average	Good	SILVER	SILVER	F	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

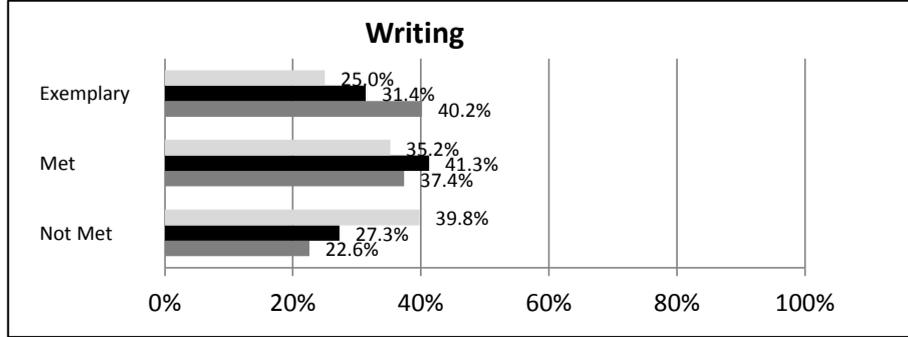
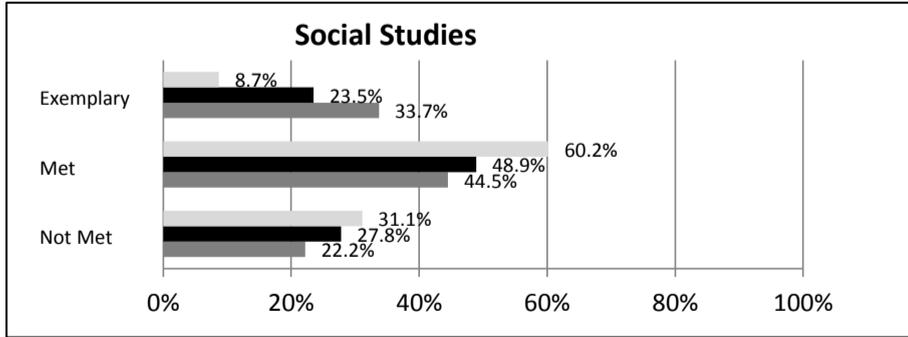
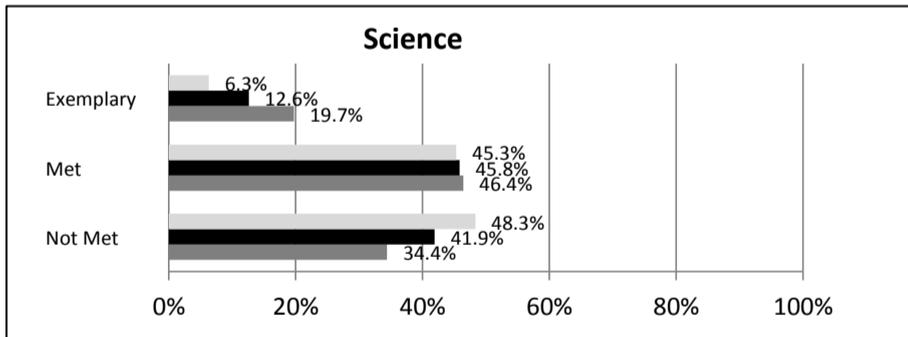
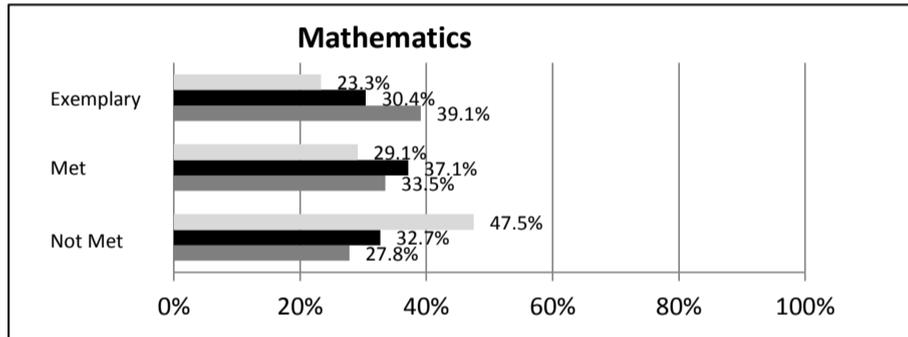
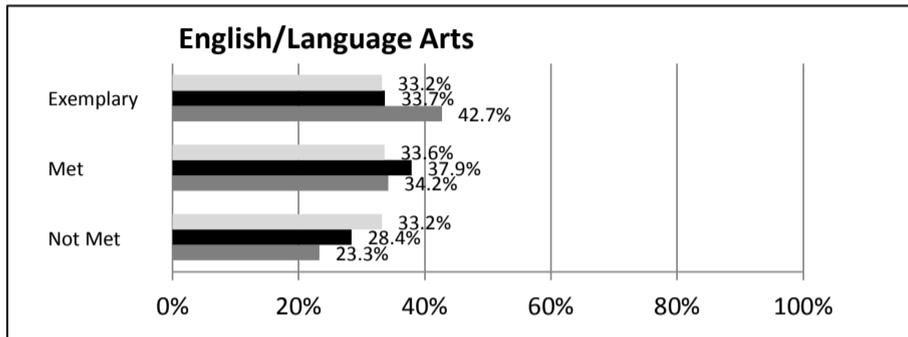
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	14	114	9	1

* 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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 477)				
Retention rate	0.0%	No change	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.2%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.5%	Up from 9.3%	4.8%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.2%	Down from 19.0%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.5%	2.4%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Up from 48.0%	60.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Down from 80.0%	80.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.9%	Up from 76.4%	87.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	91.5%	Down from 93.1%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,572	Down 1.0%	\$47,111	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Up from 9.5 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.3 to 1	Up from 23.8 to 1	19.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.9%	Down from 87.0%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.2%	Down from 93.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,495	Up 19.0%	\$7,989	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.8%	Down from 55.0%	65.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.1%	Down from 51.0%	64.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	63.6	Up from 54.5	79.4	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	206	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.6%	81.6%	82.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.2%	83.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.4%	83.0%	66.2%

*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

Sandhills Elementary School serves approximately 475 students in grades three and four. "Shaping Every Student for Success" is our motto and drives our mission to establish high standards by creating a learning environment which ensures student performance at the highest level. SES offers Montessori multi-age classes through parental choice. Each year we strive to become a more effective school with the leadership, culture, climate and supports to ensure quality teaching for every child in every classroom every day.

For a second consecutive year, SES partnered with City Year to provide young adult corps members to serve as tutors, mentors, and role models within our school. These corps members focus on helping students with academics, attendance, and behavior in partnership with our school staff.

As a part of our focus on literacy, we have continued to increase access to varied books for our children in their classrooms, as well the media center. In addition to accessibility to traditional books, students have access to Chromebooks in their classrooms, which enable students to use many types of ebooks and other types of text. This technology allows students to read, to gather and synthesize information, and to write and share information.

Our parents and community members are an important part of our growth and success. Our Career Week/Fair continues to expand and provide influential opportunities for our students. Our I CARE program grew this year to recognize a record number of parents and community members who made an impact on our school and students.

For next school year, our challenges include preparing our students for the rigors of the 21st Century skills and expectations. We will seek ways to positively impact student learning through increased student use of technology and best use of assessment data to impact instruction. We will continue to focus on student-centered instruction for all students. Additionally, we will continue to work to involve a broad base of stakeholder groups throughout our community within our school.

The Sandhills Elementary staff and School Improvement Council look forward to working with students, parents, and the community to make our school the very best that it can be.

Gloria Davis, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Lisa Evans, Principal

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