



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ambler Elementary School
PICKENS COUNTY
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: **261**
Principal: Dr. J. Carlton Lewis
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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

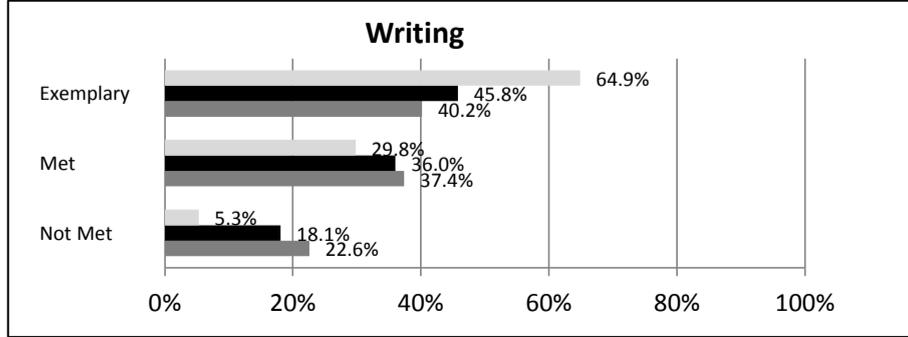
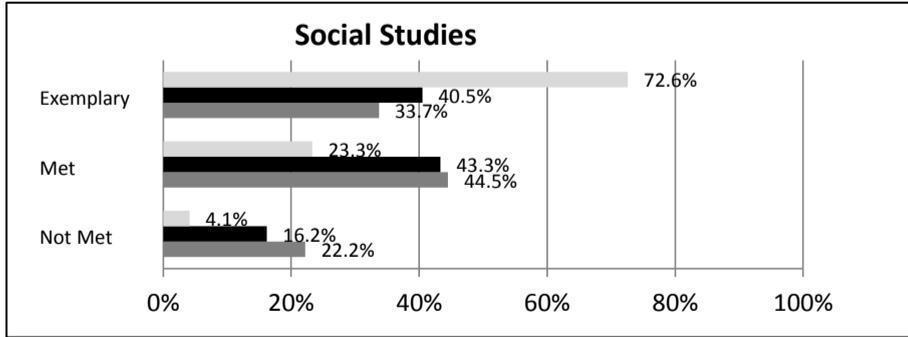
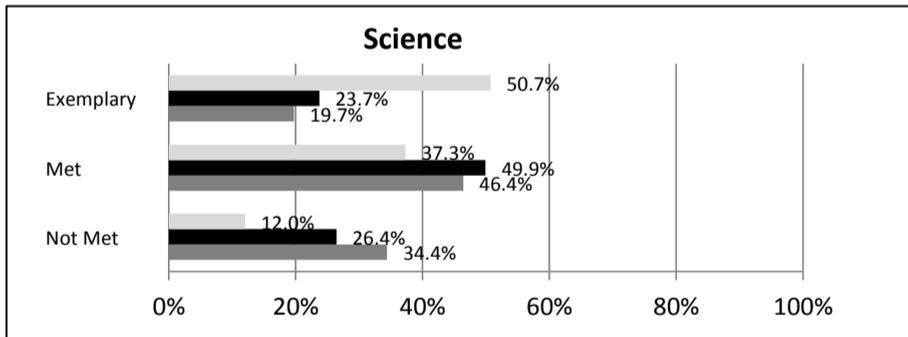
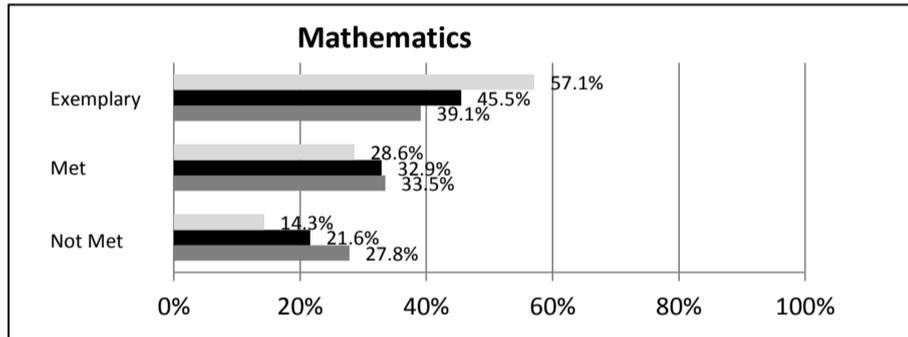
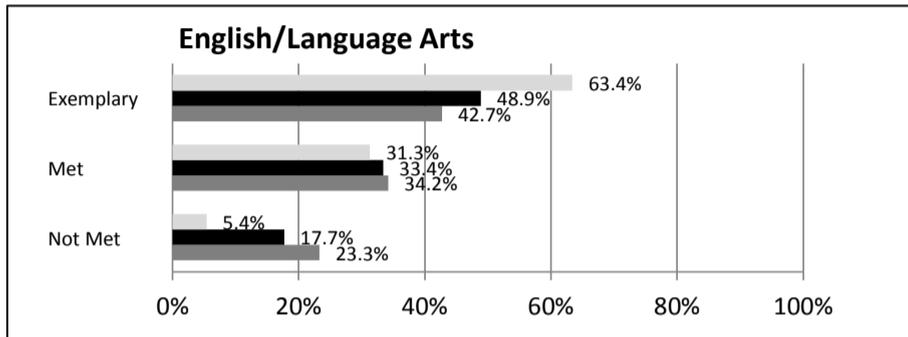
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
47	35	12	1	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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PICKENS COUNTY**

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 261)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.9%	96.5%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.9%	Down from 14.6%	9.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.3%	Up from 13.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Down from 2.4%	1.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 18)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 58.8%	64.1%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.9%	Up from 82.4%	85.6%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.2%	Up from 92.3%	90.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 93.2%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,625	Down 0.2%	\$49,667	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Down from 8.5 days	11.6 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 17.9 to 1	20.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 88.5%	90.6%	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	Average	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,828	Down 16.6%	\$7,249	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.0%	Down from 63.0%	67.6%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.6%	Up from 59.0%	66.8%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	100.0	No change	91.2	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	36	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.3%	94.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	100.0%	77.7%

*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

Ambler is a K4-grade 5 school nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We served 260 students in the 2013-2014 year. The school's mission statement summarizes our commitment to our students: "Ambler Elementary School, committed to academic excellence, will provide a strong foundation for all students by ensuring a safe, nurturing environment where staff, family, and community work together to emphasize relevant and challenging learning experiences. This has been another successful year at Ambler. Our students performed well academically and were engaged in several service learning projects in the community to help improve the citizenship of our students. We believe that Ambler is the best kept secret in our district. We continued our K4 half-day program to help serve 19 children and help prepare them for K5. We continued our Wildcat Den Afterschool Program from 2:30-4:30 P.M. We continued our Wildcat Citizens Recycling Program through the leadership of Tina Kelly, our guidance counselor. We continued the use of incentive tags to help praise and encourage our children. Ambler received the Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department of Education for the Absolute Rating and a Perfect Score of 100 (A+) based on PASS test scores. Our 5th grade Jet Toy Team earned first place in the district competition for Artistic Design. Through the leadership of Guidance Counselor Tina Kelly, Ambler received a \$2500 Palmetto Pride Grant to help start a Little Free Library in front of our special school. Courtney Vaughan was selected as our Teacher of the Year. Sherry Crawford was selected as our Support Staff Person of the Year. Deanna Brown was selected as our Volunteer of the Year.

Barbara Whitesides, SIC Chair and Dr. Carlton Lewis, Principal

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