



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Cowpens Elementary School**  
**SPARTANBURG 3**  
**Grades: PK-5** Enrollment: 366  
**Principal: Cindy H. Snead**  
**Superintendent: James O. Ray**  
**Board Chair: Eddie Dearybury**

## 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	Reward
2013	Good	Good	SILVER	N/A	B	Focus
2012	Good	Good	SILVER	N/A	A	Focus

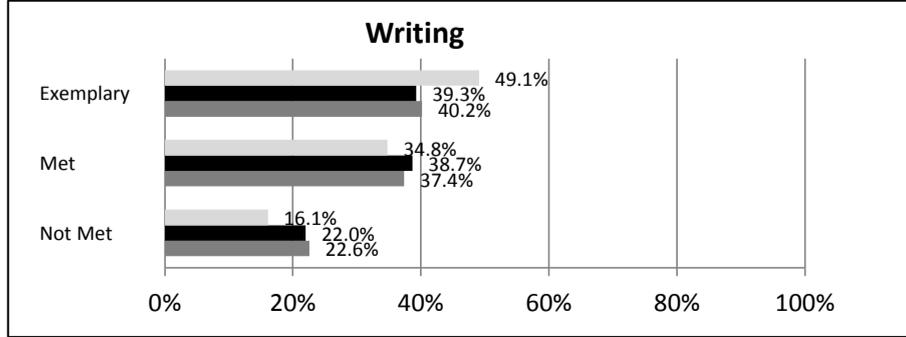
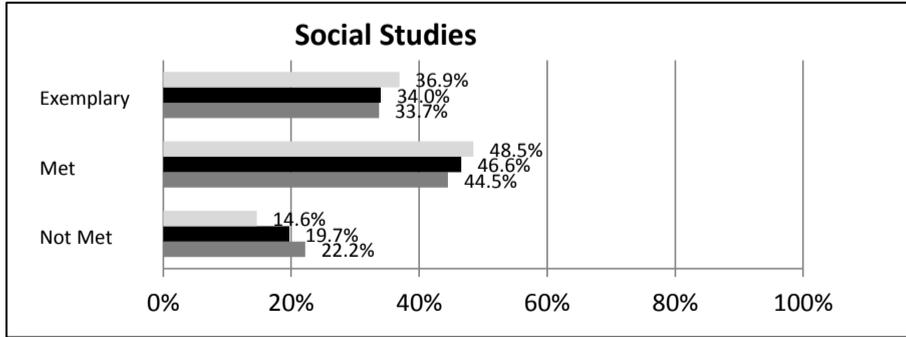
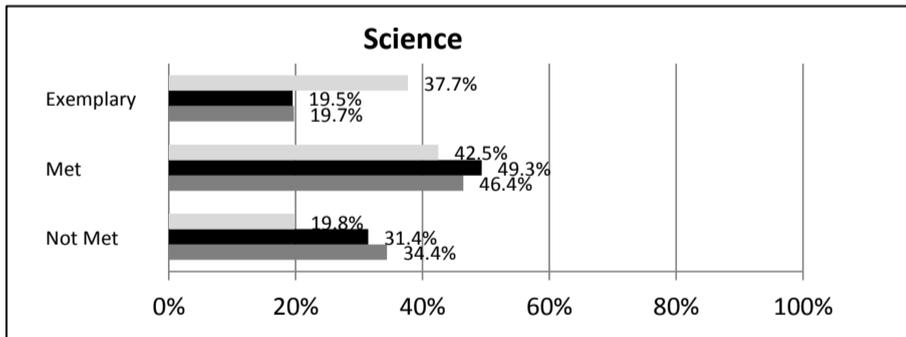
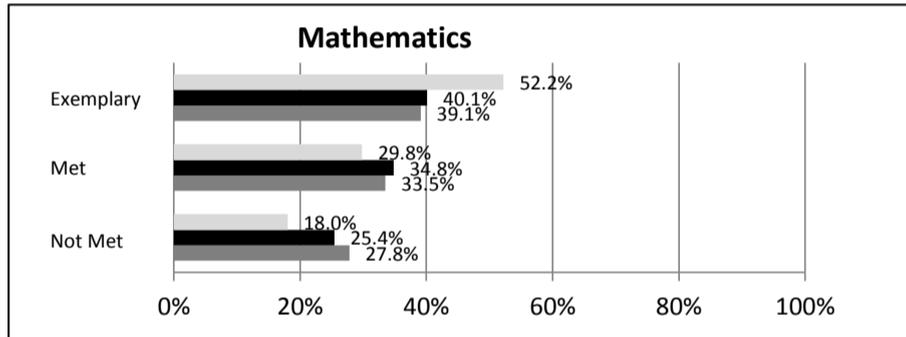
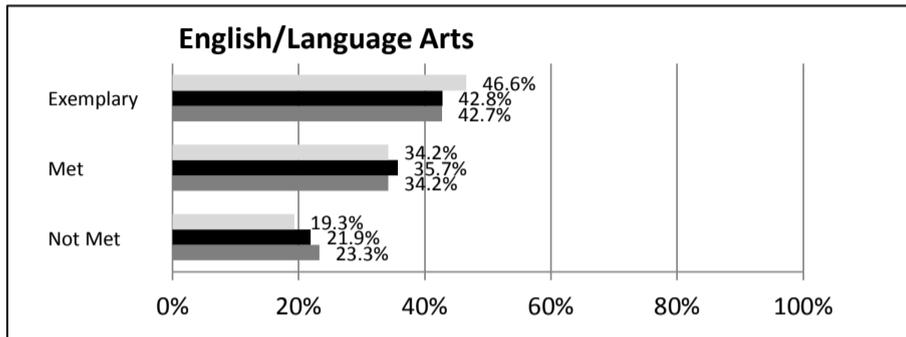
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
29	49	46	2	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.

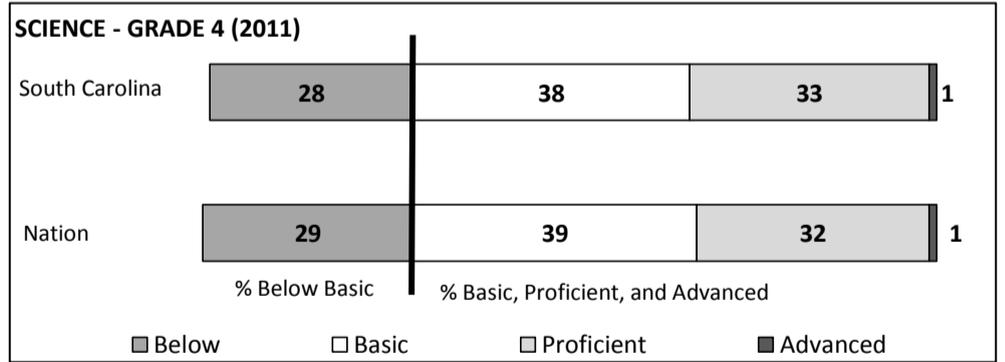
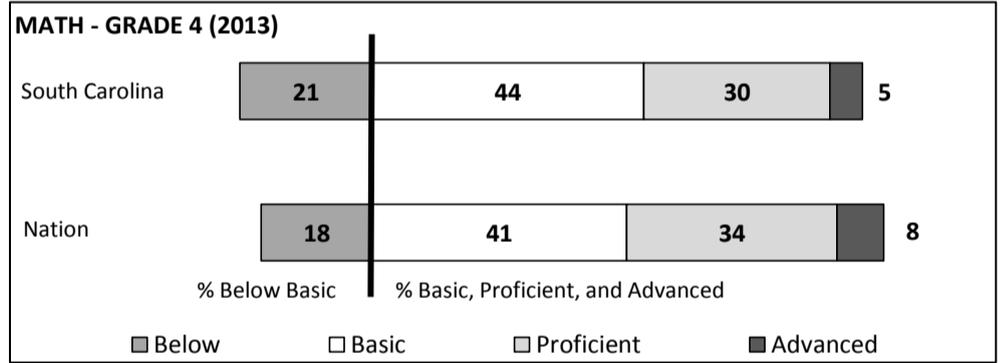
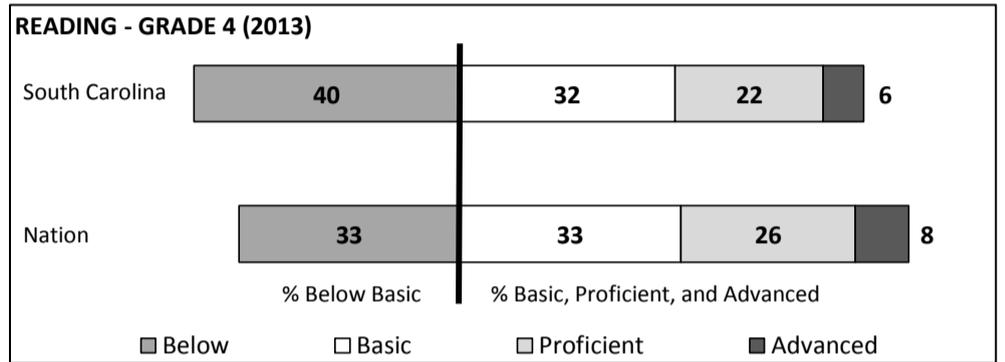
## SC PASS PERFORMANCE

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
<b>Students (n = 366)</b>				
Retention rate	0.6%	No change	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.1%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.3%	Up from 8.1%	7.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.7%	Down from 15.7%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Up from 0.3%	2.1%	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 = 26)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 55.6%	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	92.3%	Up from 85.2%	83.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Up from 83.1%	89.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.7%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,456	Up 0.5%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.4 days	Down from 15.6 days	10.9 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Down from 18.6 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Down from 91.6%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,537	Up 5.6%	\$7,506	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.4%	Down from 61.0%	66.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.9%	Up from 59.0%	66.1%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	92.5	Up from 87.2	87.1	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	66	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	92.4%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.4%	86.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.5%	63.7%

\*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**

Children at Cowpens Elementary School were “Wild About Learning” in 2013-2014. Students experienced many opportunities for growth by excelling in the classroom, developing relationships with friends and teachers, and becoming good citizens. We are proud of our “Good” Absolute Rating and our “Good” Improvement Rating, which are determined by student growth on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards test. Additionally, we received the Palmetto Silver Award in recognition of significant gains in student achievement. We are focused on providing an educational experience that offers quality individualized learning opportunities for every child.

Students received honors and recognition that include the Junior Beta Club, Governor’s Citizenship Award, Terrific Kids, the Kiwanis’ Multiplication Medallion Challenge, the Piedmont Regional Science Fair, BGC Youth of the Year, CES School-Wide Reading Challenge, Positive Behavior, Principal’s Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Outstanding Effort. Our students had opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities including Girls on the Run, 100 Mile Club, First Tee, musical performances, art shows and Boys and Girls Club.

Our teachers tailored their instruction to implement the new state standards in English Language Arts and Math. Teachers also prepared for the transition of the 1:1 Mobile Initiative in third through fifth grade. Eight of our teachers received grants to further enrich their classrooms. The school newsletter and Parent/Student Handbook, which extend our communication into the community, received an award for outstanding communications and public relation efforts by schools.

At CES, service to others is an important component of a student’s education. Our students were involved in activities to support others such as Winter Warmth for Kids, Giving Warmth the Heart, Children’s Assistance Fund, Meals on Wheels and St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon. Our student council provided meals for families and our Southern Signers Club made and delivered over 250 Easter baskets for the elderly. Students and teachers worked together to raise over \$10,000 for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

A dedicated faculty and staff, a community-minded student body, and a supportive community make Cowpens Elementary School the ideal place for children to learn and grow into productive citizens.

Cindy H. Snead, Principal

Rebecca Sparks, SIC Chairperson

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