



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

River Ridge Elementary School
 SPARTANBURG 5
 Grades: PK-4 Enrollment: 686
 Principal: Dr. Glenda P. Bigby
 Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
 Board Chair: Mr. Garry Harper

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	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

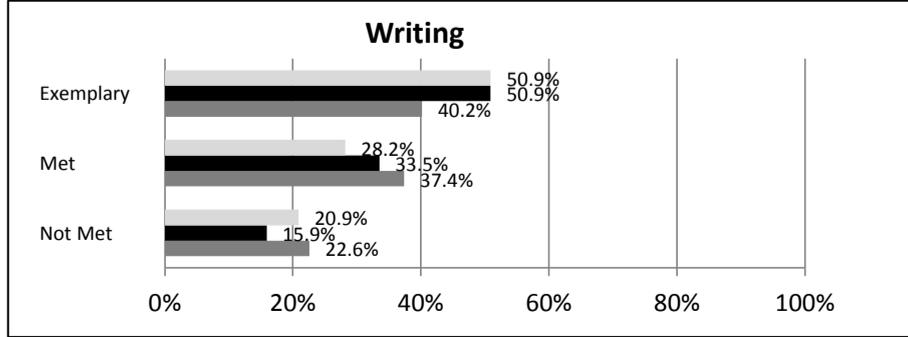
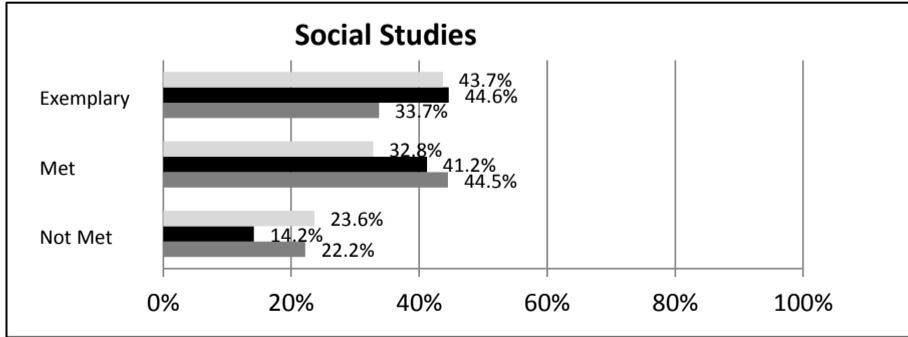
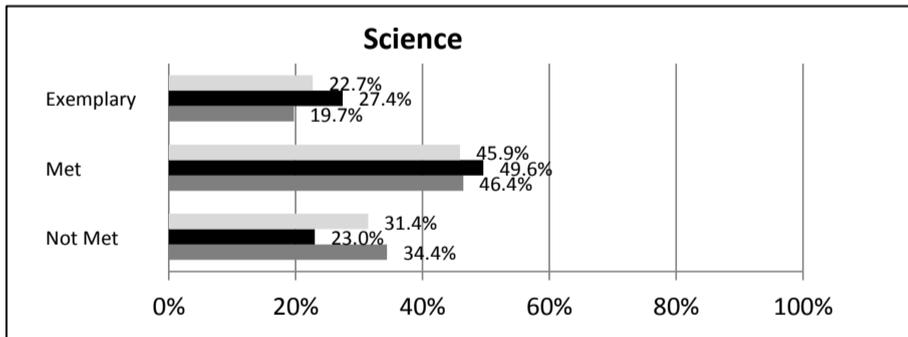
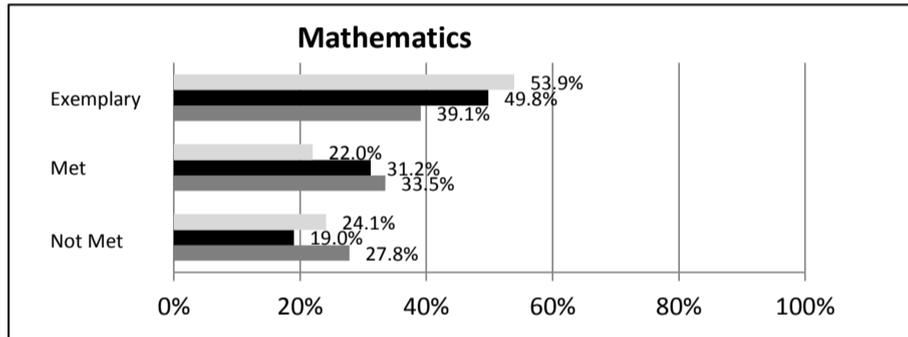
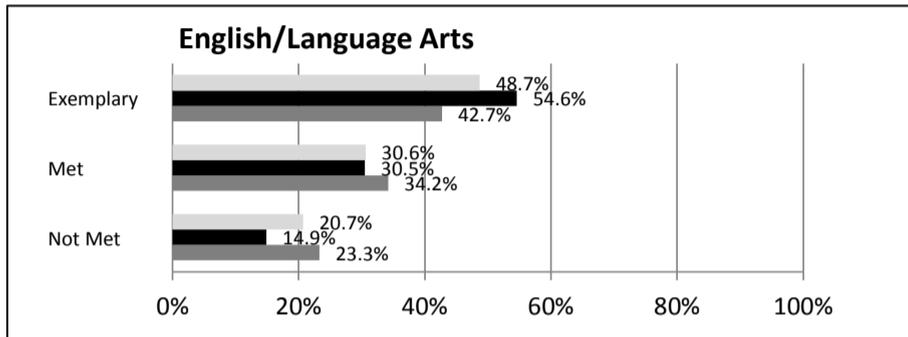
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
42	11	1	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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 686)				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 1.4%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.0%	No change	96.9%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.9%	Down from 9.6%	11.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.1%	Up from 8.6%	10.9%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	Down from 1.6%	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.3%	Down from 59.2%	64.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Up from 77.6%	82.4%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.6%	Down from 93.5%	90.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.0%	Down from 95.0%	95.6%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,080	Down 3.5%	\$48,499	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Down from 14.2 days	10.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.0 to 1	Down from 19.2 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 90.5%	91.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.9%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,564	Up 5.8%	\$7,103	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.7%	Down from 76.0%	67.6%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	74.6%	Up from 74.0%	67.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	93.3	Down from 96.0	92.4	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	109	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	81.6%	89.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.4%	89.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.5%	86.4%	73.2%

*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

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 686 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state of the art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Our mission is to develop responsible lifelong learners by providing meaningful and positive educational experiences for students to reach their maximum potential in an ever-changing world. We strive to meet the needs of each student.

This year our school continued to implement the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Student achievement is prioritized as we use curriculum-based student learning maps, differentiated instruction, balanced literacy, guided reading and math, and inquiry-based science and social studies.

Opportunities for students are abundant. Our Preschool Program involves three, four, and five year old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL, Reading Intervention Program, Gifted/Talented Program, Creations (Gifted Art Program), Character Education Program, Olweus and Accelerated Reading. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms and the use of digital cameras, hues, video cameras, scanners, SMART boards, IPADS, the IPAD Mobile Lab and Interwrite boards/projectors. Technology is integrated across all content areas to strengthen student achievement.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, Panda Patrol, school store workers, flag helpers, the Technology Team and the Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: Papa Johns, Publix, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Ingles, and Chick-Fil-A. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects which include Jump Rope for Heart, Pennies for Pasta (Leukemia), March of Dimes, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Palmetto Silver Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenn Greer, SIC Chair

Glenda Bigby, Principal

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