



LATTA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

134 Latimer Street
Latta, South Carolina

Grades	PK-1 Primary School	
Enrollment	327 Students	
Principal	Dollie Morrell	843-752-2711
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Board Chair	Betty Jo Johnson	843-774-1412

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Good
2009	Excellent	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 10/31/2011. Primary Schools with Students like Ours are primary schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

Performance Rating Criteria

Prime instructional time	87.4%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.7 to 1
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.9%
Percent of parents attending conferences	100.0%
Days of professional development devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills working with children less than eight years old	3.6 days

Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)

	Not pursuing accreditation
X	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and School
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
Students (n=327)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	3.3%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 97.0%	95.5%	95.3%
With disabilities other than speech	0.0%	Down from 2.1%	1.0%	0.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.5%	Down from 78.9%	58.0%	62.9%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	No Change	94.7%	90.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.9%	Down from 93.9%	90.7%	89.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	No Change	95.1%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,571	Down 2.0%	\$47,044	\$46,658
Professional development days/teacher	12.1 days	Up from 6.7 days	12.7 days	15.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	6.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.7 to 1	Down from 24.7 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Down from 90.7%	89.9%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,082	Down 4.6%	\$7,385	\$7,129
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	78.5%	Down from 79.0%	70.8%	69.6%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	75.7%	Up from 75.1%	68.8%	66.4%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Latta Early Childhood Center is a school with big ideas! Our faculty and staff are dedicated to giving each and every child the best possible education using innovative scheduling, intervention and assistance for children and parents, and the latest technology available. Although research shows that socioeconomic level and academic success go hand in hand, LECC is working on overcoming these challenges by using many creative ideas and applying best practices and the latest research. We implemented innovative scheduling which makes small group instruction in language arts and math possible in grades 5K and 1. Every classroom is equipped with a VISTA system which includes an interactive SMART Board, Light Speed sound system, mounted projector and document camera. These systems are used to enhance instruction and motivate and involve students in the learning process. The school employs two certified special education teachers who serve as interventionists providing additional instruction through the SRA Reading Mastery Program. The school has implemented a school-wide, supplementary, multi-age reading program which is available to all kindergarten and first grade students. School begins at 7:45 and ends at 2:15 for students. Breakfast is served daily to all students in the classroom.

Norma Coote, SIC Chairperson

Dollie Morrell, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%

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School Adequate Yearly Progress

YES

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for "All Students" and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as meeting the statewide target for "All Students" for attendance or graduation rate.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	1.7%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	4.4%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.6%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year