



Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

1820 Hwy 29 South
Anderson, SC 29626

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| Grades | K-5 Elementary School | |
| Enrollment | 376 Students | |
| Principal | Leonard Galloway | 864-260-5215 |
| Superintendent | Betty T. Bagley | 864-260-5000 |
| Board Chair | Mr. Al Norris | 864-226-1948 |

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2012 | Average | Average |
| 2011 | Average | Good |
| 2010 | Below Average | Average |
| 2009 | Average | Average |
| 2008 | Below Average | Below Average |

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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

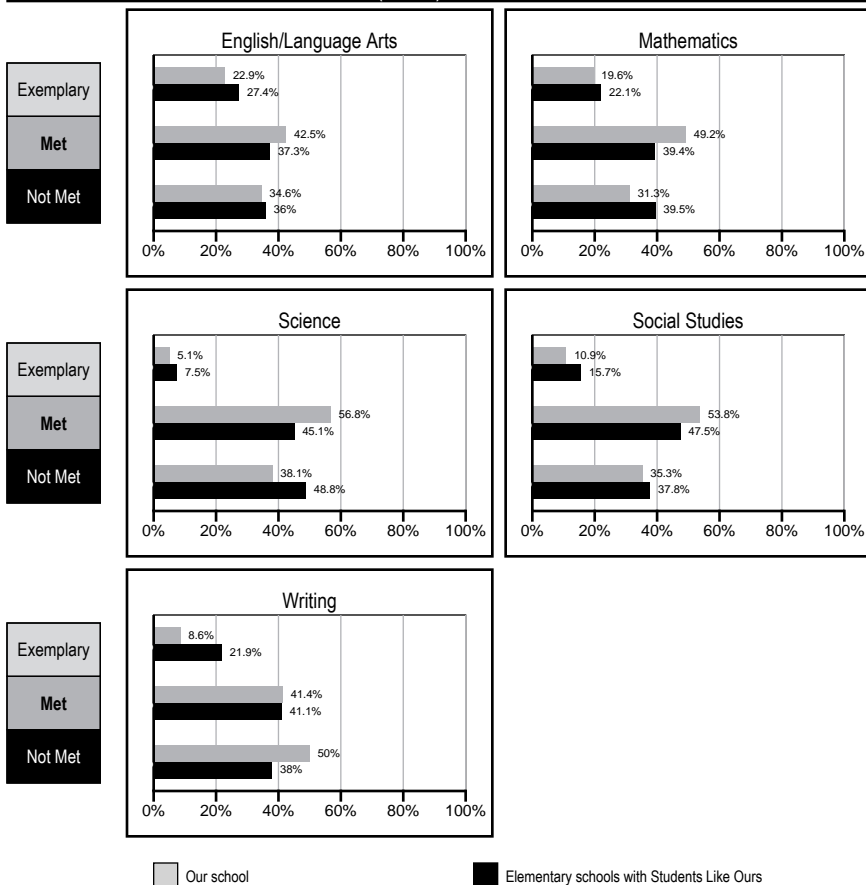
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 96.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| Excellent | Good | Average | Below Average | At-Risk |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 2 | 12 | 89 | 48 | 20 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

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| Exemplary | "Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard. |
| Met | "Met" means the student met the grade level standard. |
| Not Met | "Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard. |

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Students (n=376) | | | | |
| First graders who attended full-day kindergarten | 100.0% | No Change | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Retention rate | 1.0% | No Change | 1.3% | 1.0% |
| Attendance rate | 96.8% | Up from 96.7% | 96.3% | 96.6% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV |
| With disabilities other than speech | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV |
| Older than usual for grade | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=34) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 70.6% | Down from 72.7% | 62.5% | 63.0% |
| Continuing contract teachers | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV | N/AV |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 88.2% | Up from 87.8% | 85.3% | 88.7% |
| Teacher attendance rate | N/R | N/R | 95.3% | 95.1% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$46,973 | Up 2.3% | \$45,194 | \$47,210 |
| Professional development days/teacher | 0.4 days | Down from 10.8 days | 9.6 days | 10.5 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 2.0 | Up from 1.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 17.0 to 1 | Down from 17.6 to 1 | 18.2 to 1 | 20.0 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | N/R | N/R | 90.6% | 90.5% |
| 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 | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$7,735 | Down 1.3% | \$8,308 | \$7,247 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 71.4% | Up from 69.4% | 66.2% | 68.2% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 68.5% | Up from 68.4% | 63.1% | 65.7% |

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology is a Title One School located in Anderson, SC. We served approximately 415 students in 2011-2012 in grades K-5. All students attend physical education, art, music, and computer classes as well as visit the media center on a weekly basis. Two Reading Recovery teachers served first grade students who were identified as at-risk readers. In addition, our two resource teachers worked diligently alongside the regular classroom teacher to help special education students master grade-level standards. Teachers at every grade level engaged in collaborative planning sessions weekly to ensure they were delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. The learning community at Varenes is committed to student success.

Varenes has received numerous awards including the Literacy Spot Award, Red Carpet Award, and recognition for meeting AYP. During the 2011-2012 school year, Varenes was recognized as being an Exemplary Writing School. Through the hard work of our students, teachers, and faculty we were able to show our passion for writing. Communications and technology impacts our school greatly. We believe that effective communication skills are critical for our students to function in our global society. Technology has been used to enhance instruction at Varenes for many years. Students are engaged in technology-rich lessons that encourage them to become innovative thinkers and prepare them to compete in the future job market. Each grade level presents their students with year-end technology projects. Completion of these projects will ensure that our students are empowered to use communications and technology to reach their greatest potential. We believe that building a strong school-home network is vital to the success of our students. For that reason, we actively seek parental and community involvement in all school activities. Parents, students, and faculty/staff members have participated in various after-school events such as our math, literacy, and technology nights.

Through the tireless efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and community, Varenes is making great progress. The 2012-2013 school year begins a new journey at our school because we now serve students in grades 3-5 only. However, we believe that the future holds unlimited possibilities for our students and our community.

Mr. Leonard C. Galloway, Principal

Lenear Reeves, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 27 | 72 | 27 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 92.6% | 90.3% | 77.8% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 92.6% | 91.5% | 81.5% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 55.6% | 91.7% | 88.9% |

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Overall Weighted Points Total | 87.0 |
| Overall Grade Conversion | B |

| Index Score | Grade | Description |
|--------------|-------|---|
| 90-100 | A | Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations. |
| 80-89.9 | B | Performance exceeds the state's expectations. |
| 70-79.9 | C | Performance meets the state's expectations. |
| 60-69.9 | D | Performance does not meet the state's expectations. |
| Less than 60 | F | Performance is substantially below the state's expectations |

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology school has been designated as a:

- Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

| | Our District | State |
|---|--------------|-------|
| Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.3% | 2.6% |
| Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | 5.1% |

| | Our School | State Objective | Met State Objective |
|---|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | 0.0% | Yes |
| Student attendance rate | 96.8% | 94.0%* | Yes |

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group

| Subgroups | ELA Mean | Math Mean | Science Mean | Social Studies Mean | ELA % Tested | Math % Tested |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Grades 3-5 | | | | | | |
| All Students | 639.1 | 634.7 | 606.6 | 614.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Male | 633.0 | 634.7 | 602.7 | 615.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Female | 645.6 | 634.8 | 611.1 | 612.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White | 655.2 | 650.9 | 627.4 | 621.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| African American | 634.2 | 629.7 | 598.7 | 610.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| American Indian/Alaskan | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Disabled | 617.4 | 605.6 | 579.9 | 608.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Limited English Proficient | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Subsidized meals | 638.0 | 633.8 | 605.8 | 612.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) | 630.0 | 630.0 | 630.0 | 630.0 | 95.0 | 95.0 |

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

| | Grade | Enrollment 1st Day of Testing | % Tested | % Not Met | % Met | % Exemplary | % Met or Exemplary |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| English/Language Arts | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 3 | 66 | 100 | 24.1 | 44.8 | 31 | 75.9 |
| | 4 | 67 | 100 | 28.1 | 50.9 | 21.1 | 71.9 |
| | 5 | 63 | 100 | 26.3 | 54.4 | 19.3 | 73.7 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2012 | 3 | 60 | 100 | 37.3 | 21.6 | 41.2 | 62.7 |
| | 4 | 71 | 100 | 27.6 | 56.9 | 15.5 | 72.4 |
| | 5 | 75 | 100 | 38.6 | 45.7 | 15.7 | 61.4 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mathematics | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 3 | 66 | 100 | 41.4 | 43.1 | 15.5 | 58.6 |
| | 4 | 67 | 100 | 22.8 | 56.1 | 21.1 | 77.2 |
| | 5 | 63 | 100 | 35.1 | 50.9 | 14 | 64.9 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2012 | 3 | 60 | 100 | 45.1 | 29.4 | 25.5 | 54.9 |
| | 4 | 71 | 100 | 24.1 | 53.4 | 22.4 | 75.9 |
| | 5 | 75 | 100 | 27.1 | 60 | 12.9 | 72.9 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Science | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 3 | 35 | 100 | 45.2 | 41.9 | 12.9 | 54.8 |
| | 4 | 67 | 100 | 36.8 | 59.6 | 3.5 | 63.2 |
| | 5 | 32 | 100 | 32.1 | 60.7 | 7.1 | 67.9 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2012 | 3 | 30 | 100 | 53.8 | 30.8 | 15.4 | 46.2 |
| | 4 | 71 | 100 | 31 | 67.2 | 1.7 | 69 |
| | 5 | 37 | 100 | 38.2 | 58.8 | 2.9 | 61.8 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| | Grade | Enrollment 1st Day of Testing | % Tested | % Not Met | % Met | % Exemplary | % Met or Exemplary |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| Social Studies | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 3 | 31 | 100 | 22.2 | 51.9 | 25.9 | 77.8 |
| | 4 | 67 | 100 | 21.1 | 71.9 | 7 | 78.9 |
| | 5 | 31 | 100 | 17.2 | 55.2 | 27.6 | 82.8 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2012 | 3 | 30 | 100 | 32 | 44 | 24 | 68 |
| | 4 | 71 | 100 | 29.3 | 62.1 | 8.6 | 70.7 |
| | 5 | 38 | 100 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 5.6 | 52.8 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Writing | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 3 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 4 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 5 | 64 | 100 | 26.3 | 42.1 | 31.6 | 73.7 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2012 | 3 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 4 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 5 | 74 | 100 | 50 | 41.4 | 8.6 | 50 |
| | 6 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 7 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 8 | N/A | N/AV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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