



Whitehall Elementary--A Global Communication School

702 Whitehall Rd.
Anderson, SC 29625

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	502 Students	
Principal	Kevin Snow	864-260-5255
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	Excellent	Excellent*
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Good	Excellent
2009	Average	Average
2008	Average	Below Average

* The School's 2012 Growth Rating was raised one level because of substantial improvement in the achievement of students belonging to historically underachieving groups of students. The Growth Rating may or may not have been affected by the performance of these groups in prior years.

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

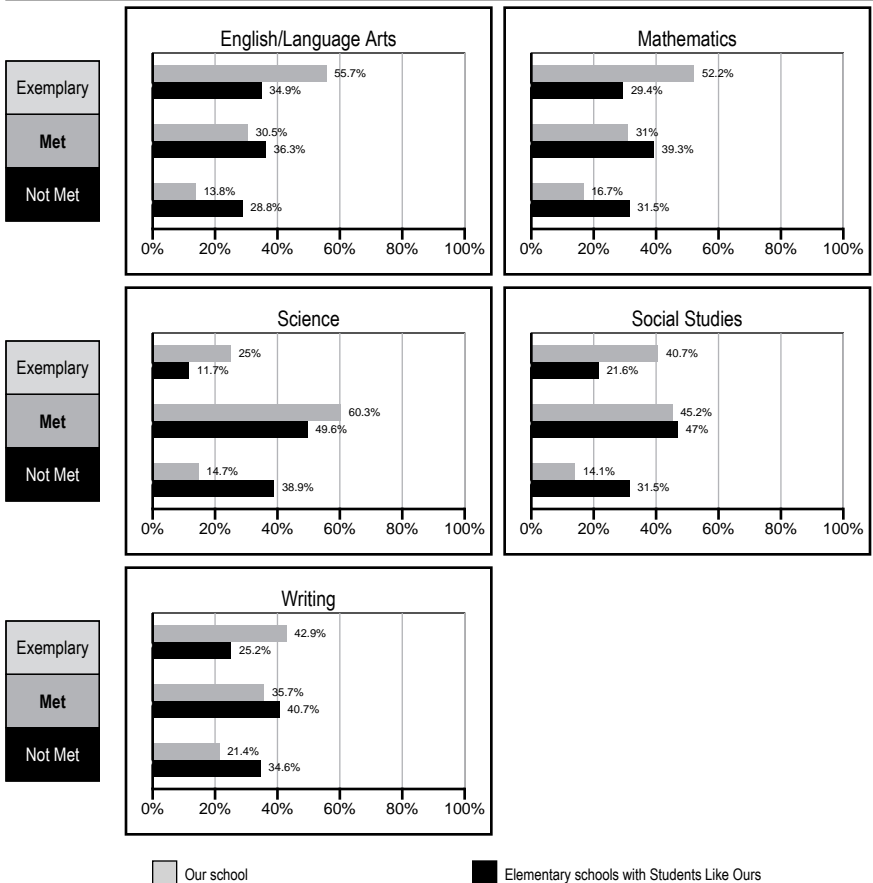
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 97.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	20	90	15	4

* 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

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.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=502)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 97.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 3.0%	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.6%	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=37)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	40.5%	Up from 36.7%	61.1%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	78.3%	Up from 76.8%	88.2%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	94.8%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,651	Up 1.7%	\$46,258	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Up from 7.4 days	10.8 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.9 to 1	Down from 17.9 to 1	19.3 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	89.7%	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**	\$7,219	Up 11.6%	\$7,497	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.2%	Up from 66.2%	67.6%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.0%	Down from 65.5%	64.4%	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

The faculty and staff of Whitehall Elementary School are committed to serving children according to their individual needs and helping them develop to their fullest potential. In addition to a rigorous curriculum, we teach our students to respect their own and other's talents, skills, and cultural backgrounds. During the 2011-2012 year, Whitehall Elementary served 502 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Two emotionally disabled classes were housed at the school to meet the needs of district students. Whitehall Elementary is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCASI). The school's five-year improvement plan focuses on the following goals: 1) Increase student achievement for all demographic groups based on Similar Schools data and at all levels on PASS, 2) Improve school climate by increasing the level of students' personal and social responsibility, increasing parent involvement and increasing teacher morale, and 3) Increase the teacher retention rate. In an effort to address these goals, professional development for teachers, curriculum initiatives, and other activities have been implemented. In March 2012, Whitehall Elementary was given approval by the Anderson Five Board of Trustees to become a Global Communication magnet school. The Global Communication theme has three main components; foreign languages, communication through technology, and cultural studies. The goal of the school's theme is to prepare students to participate more fully in a global society. On the 2011 Annual School Report Card issued by the State Department of Education, Whitehall made great strides. Its "Absolute Rating" moved from "Good" in 2010 to "Excellent" in 2011. There are only a handful of Title 1 schools across the state that have been rated "Excellent." This was quite an accomplishment! Whitehall's "Growth Rating" moved from "Excellent" in 2010 to "Good" in 2011. Whitehall did not make AYP, as measured by the Federal Government's "No Child Left Behind" law. This is because a school must meet 100% of its objectives. The school met sixteen out of seventeen objectives. Whitehall has much of which to be proud! Staff dedication and sustained effort have produced results. The faculty and staff of Whitehall remain committed to its mission of developing responsible, knowledgeable, and ethical students by providing challenging learning opportunities. This year, two teachers wrote and were funded for a \$5000 grant to build a "Senses Garden" in the school's courtyard. Whitehall students participated in an Artist-in-Residency program that focused on developing musical creativity in students. Student art was placed on display at the Anderson County Arts Center. Students also participated in a number of service learning activities to give back to the community. In addition to being an Exemplary Writing School, a Schools of Promise school, and a Red Carpet school, the Whitehall community is proud of this year's accomplishments. Whitehall Elementary continues to be a school where "Learning is an Adventure and Character Counts!"

Kevin Snow, Principal

April Williams, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	69	66
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	97.1%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.9%	95.7%	87.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.4%	94.2%	89.4%

* 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.

Overall Weighted Points Total	88.0
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

Whitehall Elementary--A Global Communication School 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	96.4%	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	676.8	671.2	639.5	652.0	99.1	100.0
Male	679.4	674.2	644.6	656.9	98.3	100.0
Female	673.6	667.5	632.7	646.5	100.0	100.0
White	697.7	690.3	658.6	662.0	98.9	100.0
African American	660.2	649.3	623.6	640.0	99.0	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	628.9	613.4	595.7	600.0	94.6	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	669.2	664.3	632.4	645.5	98.8	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	71	100	10.9	31.3	57.8	89.1
	4	79	98.7	21.4	37.1	41.4	78.6
	5	82	98.8	20.3	41.9	37.8	79.7
	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	72	98.6	12.5	10.9	76.6	87.5
	4	74	98.7	11.9	41.8	46.3	88.1
	5	75	100	14.3	38.6	47.1	85.7
	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
Mathematics							
2011	3	71	100	20.3	25	54.7	79.7
	4	79	100	14.1	43.7	42.3	85.9
	5	82	98.8	18.9	27	54.1	81.1
	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	72	100	15.4	23.1	61.5	84.6
	4	74	100	14.7	39.7	45.6	85.3
	5	75	100	20	30	50	80
	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	34	100	30	33.3	36.7	70
	4	79	100	16.9	66.2	16.9	83.1
	5	40	100	26.3	50	23.7	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	37	100	18.2	51.5	30.3	81.8
	4	74	100	14.7	69.1	16.2	85.3
	5	37	100	11.4	51.4	37.1	88.6
	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
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PASS Performance By Grade Level

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Social Studies							
2011	3	37	100	5.9	41.2	52.9	94.1
	4	79	100	15.5	42.3	42.3	84.5
	5	42	97.6	19.4	41.7	38.9	80.6
	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	35	100	15.6	25	59.4	84.4
	4	74	100	11.8	58.8	29.4	88.2
	5	38	100	17.1	37.1	45.7	82.9
	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
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	80	98.8	26	45.2	28.8	74
	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	21.4	35.7	42.9	78.6
	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
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