



Matilda F. Dunston Elementary

1825 Remount Road

N. Charleston, SC 29406

Grades	PK-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	339 Students	
Principal	Janice H. Malone	843-745-7109
Superintendent	Dr. Nancy J. McGinley	843-937-6319
Board Chair	Mr. Chris Fraser	843-725-7200

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Average	At-Risk
2010	Average	At-Risk
2009	Average	Good
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk

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

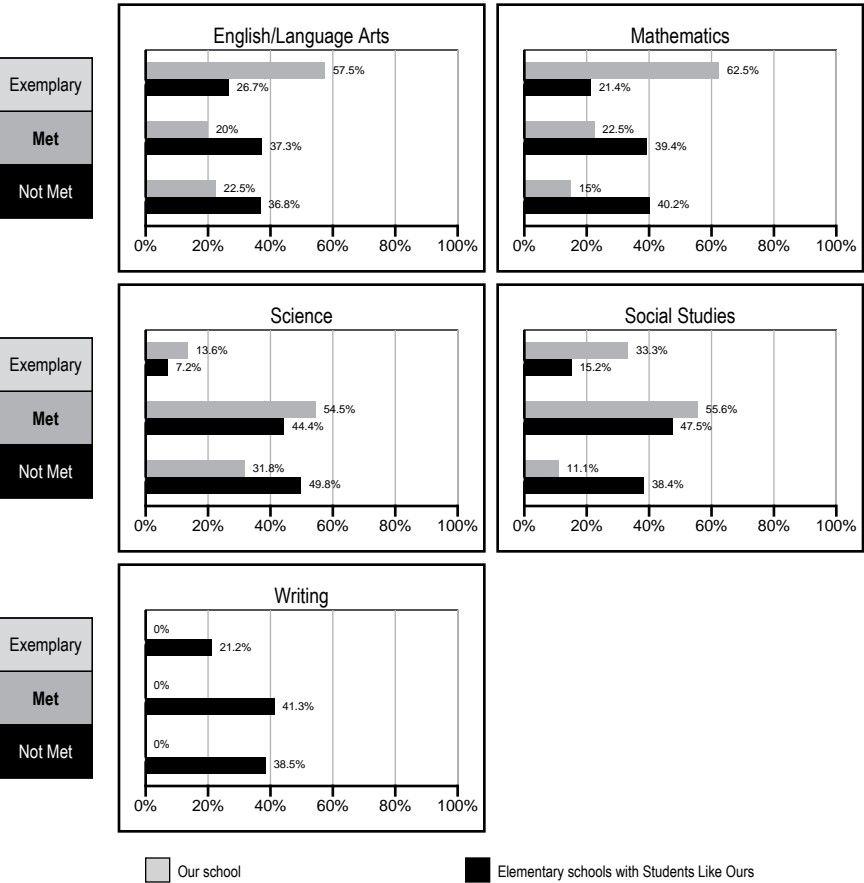
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | .%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
2	8	77	47	19

* 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=339)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	97.3%	Up from 96.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 1.7%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 93.9%	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=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.1%	Down from 57.1%	62.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Up from 82.1%	85.3%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 98.0%	95.5%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,578	Up 4.9%	\$44,974	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Up from 14.7 days	9.5 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.4 to 1	Up from 14.4 to 1	18.1 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.4%	Up from 91.9%	90.7%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 99.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,238	Down 11.8%	\$8,388	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.6%	No Change	65.9%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.8%	Up from 63.8%	62.8%	65.7%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Matilda F. Dunston Primary School serves pre-kindergarten through third grade students and their families located in an urban section of North Charleston. The enrollment during the 2011-12 school year consists of 371 students; 69.0% of the students are African American, 0.3% are Asian, 24.6% are Hispanic, 5.9% are Caucasian, and 0.3% are of other races. At Dunston, 94.4% of the students receive Free/Reduced Price lunch; 21.5% are limited English Proficient students. Upon entering our building, one is immediately impressed and pleasantly surprised with our bright, positive, safe, child-centered atmosphere, guided and supported by a dedicated and talented staff.

Based on the 2011 state report card, Dunston Primary School has maintained its absolute rating of "Average" for the past three years. Each classroom reflects a child-centered, developmentally appropriate environment for learning. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support is one pillar of our success and provides the school wide structure needed in order to increase student achievement. Our systematic use of common vocabulary to address expectations for behavior and success is quite evident throughout the building as our students move about in a manner that is orderly, respectful, and safe for all.

At Dunston, we are committed to the success of each child. The CORE team is very effective in responding to student concerns as identified by classroom teachers and other staff. Our teachers and administrator monitor student progress regularly. Research-based interventions at the earlier grades continue to yield positive results with less students needing Tier 2 and 3 interventions in the areas of reading and math. The use of support staff in providing small group and one-on-one tutoring has ensured 100% of all Tier 2 and Tier 3 students' needs are met.

While we are very proud of our accomplishments, there is much that has to be done until the gains are systemic and consistent from year to year. AYP goals in 2011 were met in all areas except student attendance. A number of student and parent incentives are in place to increase student attendance and parent involvement. We will continue to focus our professional development goals on the use of explicit direct instruction, integrating science and social studies to enhance vocabulary and comprehension, CHAMPs, Reading/ Writing Workshops, and Everyday Math.

The school is organized to ensure a family friendly environment. Parent, local business, and community participation are encouraged and welcomed. We are very appreciative of our dedicated PTA, community partners, and School Improvement Council, our Dunston Family Council.

At Dunston, we say, "Practice Makes Permanent". We will continue to work collectively to make the love of learning permanent.

Janice H. Malone, Principal

Stephanie Strange, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	7	49	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.7%	87.8%	96.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	71.4%	81.6%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.4%	85.7%	96.8%

* 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	99.5
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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

Matilda F. Dunston Elementary 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	4.3%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.3%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.6%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
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Grades 3-5

All Students	659.5	672.3	611.7	634.6	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	659.5	672.3	611.7	634.6	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	64	100	33.3	44.4	22.2	66.7
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
2012	3	47	100	22.5	20	57.5	77.5
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
Mathematics							
2011	3	64	100	42.6	37	20.4	57.4
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
2012	3	47	100	15	22.5	62.5	85
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
Science							
2011	3	33	100	66.7	18.5	14.8	33.3
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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
2012	3	23	100	31.8	54.5	13.6	68.2
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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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Social Studies

2011	3	31	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	55.6
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	24	100	11.1	55.6	33.3	88.9
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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