

Alexander Elementary School

1601 West Bramlett Road

Greenville, SC 29611

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	365 Students	
Principal	Leda L. Young	864-355-1000
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Roger Meek	864-233-8587

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Below Average	Below Average
2011	Below Average	Average
2010	Below Average	Average
2009	Below Average	Below Average
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.

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

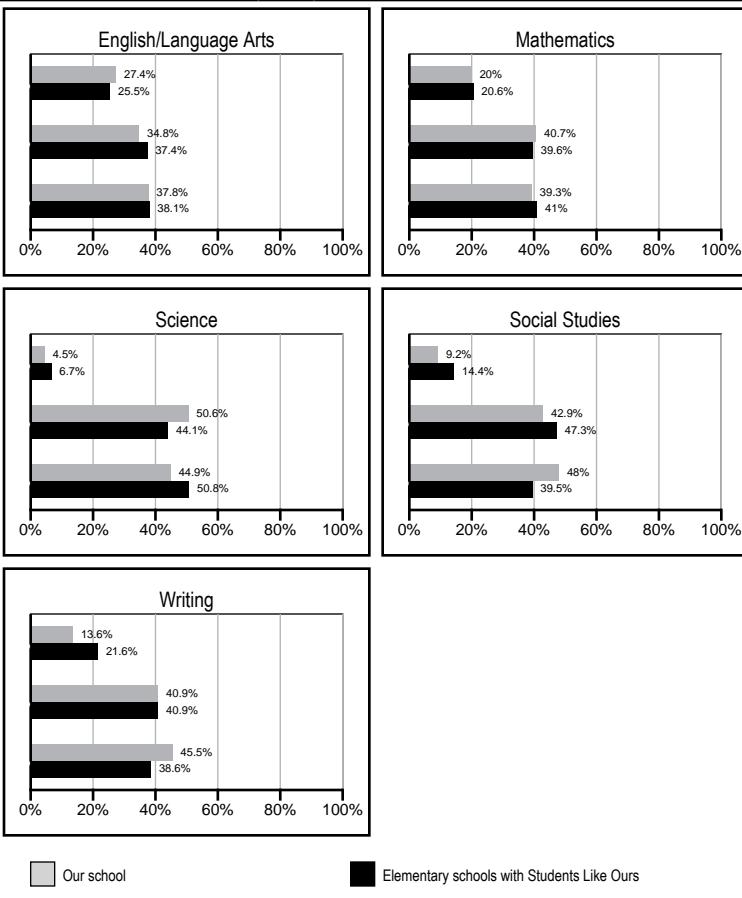
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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	5	59	40	16

* 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=365)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	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	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.7%	Up from 64.5%	62.5%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Down from 92.6%	84.7%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	92.2%	Down from 96.3%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,194	Down 1.9%	\$44,662	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Up from 10.6 days	9.4 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Up from 14.7 to 1	17.8 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	Down from 91.6%	90.6%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.2%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,392	Down 12.9%	\$8,399	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.9%	Up from 67.2%	66.2%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.2%	Up from 65.7%	62.9%	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

At Alexander Elementary we are committed to our mission of providing a safe, respectful environment where school and home promote high achievement for all learners.

The top priority at Alexander is academic achievement. Our goal is to move each student to proficient and advanced levels of learning. Students and staff set individual goals and monitor student progress through data notebooks and classroom data walls.

To aid in improving students' academic achievement within the school year, teachers used information provided from common assessments. Item analyses were used to determine skills which students had mastered. Students received small group instruction for re-teaching and acceleration. This year we implemented the Fountas and Pennell guided reading program which is designed to help individual students learn how to process a variety of increasingly challenging texts with understanding and fluency. We also continued with RTI (Response to Intervention) reading program for students reading below grade level.

The Alexander Eagle Choral Ensemble received an award for the Best Walking/Marching Unit in the 2011 Poinsette Christmas Parade. Students competed in the district's Battle of the Books winning the first round of competition.

Our students are supported by parents and community volunteers who can be found tutoring and serving as adult mentors. The Men who Read program was implemented this year. Each month male role models from the community read to male students in grades 2-5.

Alexander has strong student recognition programs including Terrific Kids, Perfect Attendance/, and Principal's Accelerated Reader winners and Student of the Year.

Alexander is a great place where there is a relentless focus on student achievement.

Soar High, Score High!

Leda L. Young, Principal
Melvin McDaniel, Chair, School Improvement Council

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	44	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.5%	78.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.2%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.9%	88.6%	75.0%

* 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	69.8
Overall Grade Conversion	D

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

Alexander Elementary 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	2.1%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.2%	5.1%
Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%
Student attendance rate	96.5%	94.0%*

* 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	638.6	627.5	603.9	601.9	100.0	100.0
Male	627.2	625.7	607.4	597.7	100.0	100.0
Female	649.2	629.1	601.0	605.8	100.0	100.0
White	649.3	640.5	613.6	610.8	100.0	100.0
African American	629.8	609.4	586.2	592.4	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	637.9	631.4	608.4	603.0	100.0	100.0
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	636.6	626.5	603.6	601.1	100.0	100.0
Subsidized meals	638.6	627.5	603.9	601.9	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	67	100	38.3	33.3	28.3	61.7
	4	50	100	43.2	43.2	13.6	56.8
	5	49	100	20.9	62.8	16.3	79.1
	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
	3	49	100	32.5	17.5	50	67.5
	4	58	100	40.4	38.5	21.2	59.6
2012	5	46	100	39.5	46.5	14	60.5
	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	67	100	40	31.7	28.3	60
	4	50	100	40.9	43.2	15.9	59.1
	5	49	100	34.9	37.2	27.9	65.1
	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
	3	49	100	37.5	37.5	25	62.5
	4	58	100	38.5	40.4	21.2	61.5
2012	5	46	100	41.9	44.2	14	58.1
	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
Science							
2011	3	37	100	46.9	37.5	15.6	53.1
	4	50	100	61.4	36.4	2.3	38.6
	5	23	100	47.6	47.6	4.8	52.4
	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
	3	23	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/A	44.4
	4	58	100	42.3	55.8	1.9	57.7
2012	5	20	100	42.1	42.1	15.8	57.9
	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
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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	30	96.7	37	37	25.9	63
	4	50	100	43.2	47.7	9.1	56.8
	5	26	100	50	45.5	4.5	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
	3	26	100	31.8	40.9	27.3	68.2
	4	58	100	48.1	48.1	3.8	51.9
2012	5	26	100	62.5	33.3	4.2	37.5
	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	48	100	30.2	67.4	2.3	69.8
	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
	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
2012	5	47	100	45.5	40.9	13.6	54.5
	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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