

Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

1820 Hwy 29 South
Anderson, SC 29626

Grades	3-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	335 Students	
Principal	Leonard Galloway	864-260-5215
Superintendent	Betty Bagley	864-260-5000
Board Chair	Rick Bradshaw	864-224-5502

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Good
2010	Below Average	Average
2009	Average	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.

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

Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located

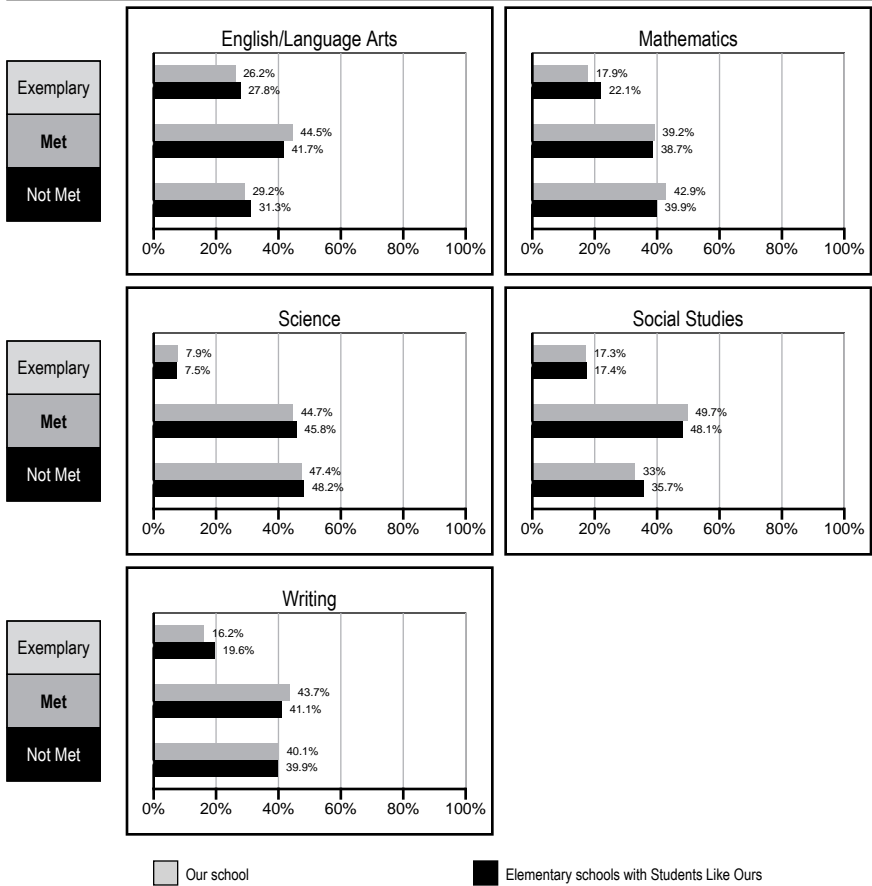
98%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	11	92	44	15

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

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=335)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Down from 96.8%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.4%	N/A	2.6%	7.2%
With disabilities	19.5%	N/A	13.4%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	N/A	3.0%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.0%	Down from 70.6%	60.7%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	72.0%	Down from 88.2%	75.9%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.9%	Down from 88.2%	84.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	N/R	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,992	Up 4.3%	\$46,183	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	2.6 days	Up from 0.4 days	10.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.5 to 1	Up from 17.0 to 1	18.0 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	N/R	89.6%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.4%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,182	Up 18.7%	\$8,297	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.0%	Up from 71.4%	66.5%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.0%	Down from 68.5%	64.0%	66.0%

* 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 325 students in 2012-2013 in grades 3-5. All students attend physical education, art, music, and computer classes as well as visit the media center on a weekly basis. In addition, our two resource teachers work diligently alongside the regular classroom teacher to help special education students master grade-level standards. Teachers at every grade level engage in collaborative planning sessions weekly to ensure they are delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. The learning community at Varenes is committed to student success. Varenes has received numerous awards including the Exemplary Writing, the Literacy Spot Award, Red Carpet Award, and recognition for meeting AYP. 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. However, we believe that the future holds unlimited possibilities.

Ms. Sheresa Goodine, SIC Chairperson
Mr. Leonard C. Galloway, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	99	41
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	84.8%	90.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.2%	85%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	61.5%	81.2%	90%

* 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 2013, 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	66.8
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

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	1.8%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.3%	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	641.4	625.3	599.7	625.1	100.0	100.0
Male	638.3	624.2	600.8	626.9	100.0	100.0
Female	644.8	626.5	598.5	623.1	100.0	100.0
White	649.0	636.2	608.8	634.1	100.0	100.0
African American	635.4	617.0	594.8	615.8	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	655.0	641.1	608.5	646.8	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	612.0	595.9	567.2	610.5	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	650.8	634.9	606.4	638.4	100.0	100.0
Subsidized meals	638.6	623.3	598.0	621.3	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	635.0	635.0	635.0	635.0	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							
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
2013	3	116	100	25.7	28.4	45.9	74.3
	4	93	100	37.5	52.5	10	62.5
	5	121	100	26.8	54.5	18.8	73.2
	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							
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
2013	3	116	100	36.7	37.6	25.7	63.3
	4	93	100	46.3	38.8	15	53.8
	5	121	100	46.4	41.1	12.5	53.6
	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
Science							
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
2013	3	58	100	37.7	43.4	18.9	62.3
	4	93	100	51.3	46.3	2.5	48.8
	5	61	100	50.9	43.9	5.3	49.1
	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

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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							
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
2013	3	59	100	33.9	39.3	26.8	66.1
	4	93	100	28.8	58.8	12.5	71.3
	5	60	100	38.2	47.3	14.5	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
Writing							
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
2013	3	119	99.2	38.7	38.7	22.5	61.3
	4	93	100	48.1	37	14.8	51.9
	5	124	100	35.3	53.4	11.2	64.7
	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

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