



Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School

1825 Remount Road
North Charleston, SC

Grades	PK-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	282 Students	
Principal	Janice H. Malone	(843) 745-7109
Superintendent	Dr. Nancy J. McGinley	843-937-6319
Board Chair	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats	843-529-2457

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Average	At-Risk
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Average	At-Risk
2010	Average	At-Risk
2009	Average	Good

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

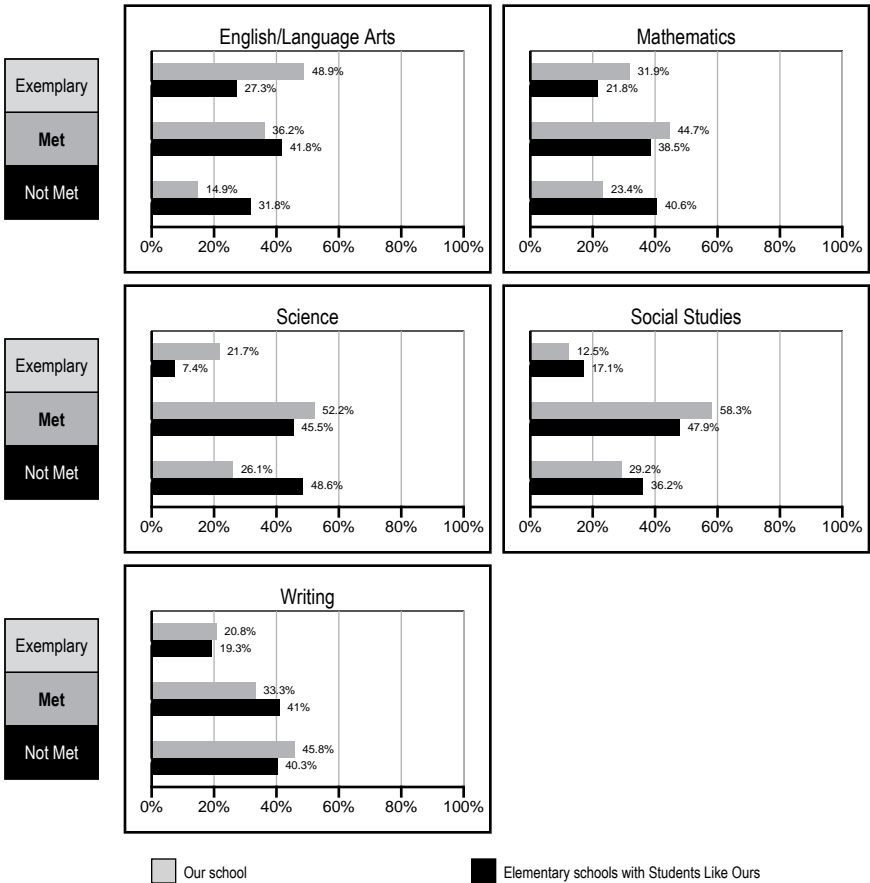
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | .%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	10	85	43	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=282)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 97.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.6%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	0.3%	N/A	2.6%	7.2%
With disabilities	6.9%	N/A	13.3%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	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	48.0%	Down from 48.1%	59.8%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Up from 74.1%	74.7%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.2%	Down from 84.4%	84.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	92.9%	Down from 97.0%	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,096	Up 3.6%	\$46,095	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	16.4 days	Up from 15.2 days	10.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 15.4 to 1	17.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 93.4%	89.6%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,118	Up 26.0%	\$8,478	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.0%	Down from 69.6%	66.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.0%	Down from 66.8%	63.5%	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

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 2012-13 school year consists of 368 students; 66% African American, 22% Hispanic, 8% Caucasian, and 4% other. Dunston Primary, a small community school where 97.80% of its students receive free and reduced lunch, achieved the honor of being a National Distinguished Title I Reward School for Progress, the Palmetto Gold Award, and an ESEA rating of 99.5 in 2012 for the first time in its history.

Upon entering our building, one is immediately impressed and pleasantly surprised with the spirit of our school culture in which teaching and learning thrive. Parents, local businesses, and community participation are encouraged and welcomed. We are very appreciative of our dedicated PTA and School Improvement Council.

M. F. Dunston Primary has far exceeded expectations, leaping from an "Average" to "Excellent" absolute rating in one year. Student achievement in 2012 continued to improve in the areas of English/Language Arts (77.5% exemplary/ met), math (85.0% exemplary/ met), Science (68.1% exemplary/met), and Social Studies (88.9% exemplary/met). Parent and student satisfaction surveys indicated great improvement and student attendance increased to over 95%. Effective instruction, a systematic discipline plan, consistency and continuity, laser-like focus on data, and maintaining high expectations for all contributed greatly to our success.

Research-based interventions at the earlier grades have proven to be very effective, with fewer students needing Tier 2 and 3 interventions in the areas of reading and math. The use of support staff in providing small group instruction and one-on-one tutoring has ensured 100% of all Tier 2 and 3 students' needs were addressed. The Mastery Teaching Model/Explicit Direct Instruction, CHAMPs, and PBIS initiatives have proven to be very effective in providing the framework teachers need to succeed.

While we are very proud of our accomplishments, there is more to do until student gains are systemic and consistent from year to year. We will continue to focus our professional development goals on the use of explicit direct instruction, integrating science and social studies with reading and math to enhance listening, speaking, writing, vocabulary, and comprehension.

As we continue our academic and behavior goals, we will work harder to increase parental involvement and community engagement. It takes all stakeholders working together to achieve the most. At Dunston we believe, "I Win, You Win, We All Win!"

Janice H. Malone, Principal

Stephanie Strange, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	55	39
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	90.9%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.1%	87%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.5%	80%	94.9%

* 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 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	93.0
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 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	3.1%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.2%	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	657.2	640.9	621.1	621.4	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
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	656.5	639.0	622.5	623.1	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	657.7	641.9	621.1	622.4	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	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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	59	100	14.9	36.2	48.9	85.1
	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
2013	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	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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	59	100	23.4	44.7	31.9	76.6
	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
2013	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	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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	28	100	26.1	52.2	21.7	73.9
	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
2013	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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Social Studies							
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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	31	100	29.2	58.3	12.5	70.8
	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
2013	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/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
2013	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	59	100	45.8	33.3	20.8	54.2
	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
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