



Mt. Zion Elementary School

3464 River Rd.
Johns Island, SC

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	221 Students	
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

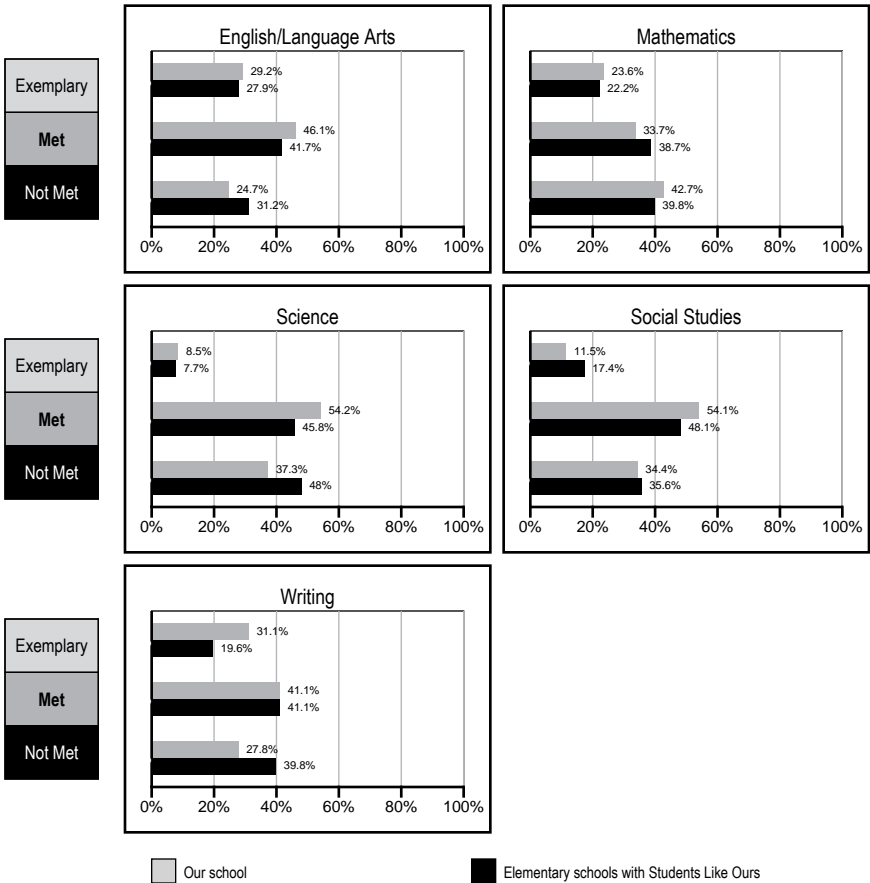
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 96.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	12	93	45	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=221)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.4%	N/A	2.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	10.5%	N/A	13.4%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	N/A	2.9%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=22)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.5%	Up from 36.4%	60.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	No Change	76.2%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Down from 94.2%	84.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 98.2%	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,141	Up 7.1%	\$46,154	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Up from 6.0 days	10.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 7.0	3.3	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.0 to 1	Down from 19.9 to 1	17.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 93.6%	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%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,066	Up 12.2%	\$8,292	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 66.2%	67.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	No Change	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

The mission of Mt. Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided with a high- quality education through curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

Our work in coming years will focus on implementing personalized learning strategies as outlined in the RISC (Reinventing Schools Coalition) Model. We are excited that we will be able to offer educational experiences for our students that are truly individualized.

We invite our entire community to join us in achieving our mission. The faculty, staff, and students of our school look forward to your continued support.

Deborah Fordham, Principal

Darlene Waters, SIC

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	25	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	100%	72.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	88%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	80%	63.7%

* 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	62.0
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

Mt. Zion 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	95.0%	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	649.4	628.4	610.5	620.6	100.0	100.0
Male	649.7	635.7	611.9	628.0	100.0	100.0
Female	649.0	620.2	609.0	612.3	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	646.7	625.8	607.5	622.2	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	648.7	627.5	610.3	618.5	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	35	100	45.5	18.2	36.4	54.5
	4	34	100	18.2	42.4	39.4	81.8
	5	30	100	28.6	39.3	32.1	71.4
	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	39	100	21.2	39.4	39.4	78.8
	4	34	100	36.4	42.4	21.2	63.6
	5	28	100	14.3	53.6	32.1	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							
2012	3	35	100	48.5	39.4	12.1	51.5
	4	34	100	15.2	51.5	33.3	84.8
	5	30	100	32.1	42.9	25	67.9
	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	39	100	57.6	24.2	18.2	42.4
	4	34	100	36.4	39.4	24.2	63.6
	5	28	100	28.6	42.9	28.6	71.4
	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
Science							
2012	3	19	100	50	44.4	5.6	50
	4	34	100	21.2	63.6	15.2	78.8
	5	14	100	46.2	46.2	7.7	53.8
	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	19	94.7	43.8	43.8	12.5	56.3
	4	33	100	43.8	53.1	3.1	56.3
	5	14	100	14.3	64.3	21.4	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

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

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Social Studies							
2012	3	17	100	37.5	43.8	18.8	62.5
	4	33	100	9.4	56.3	34.4	90.6
	5	16	100	26.7	66.7	6.7	73.3
	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	20	100	52.9	35.3	11.8	47.1
	4	34	97.1	18.8	68.8	12.5	81.3
	5	14	100	50	35.7	14.3	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
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	29	96.6	33.3	48.1	18.5	66.7
	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
2013	3	41	97.6	30.3	39.4	30.3	69.7
	4	34	94.1	29	48.4	22.6	71
	5	28	89.3	20	36	44	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

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