

Washington Street Elementary

325 Washington Street
Hartsville, SC 29550

Grades	1-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	322 Students	
Principal	Ms. Valerie M. Sawyer	843-383-3141
Superintendent	Dr. Rainey H. Knight	843-398-5100
Board Chair	Warren Jeffords	843-326-5970

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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

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

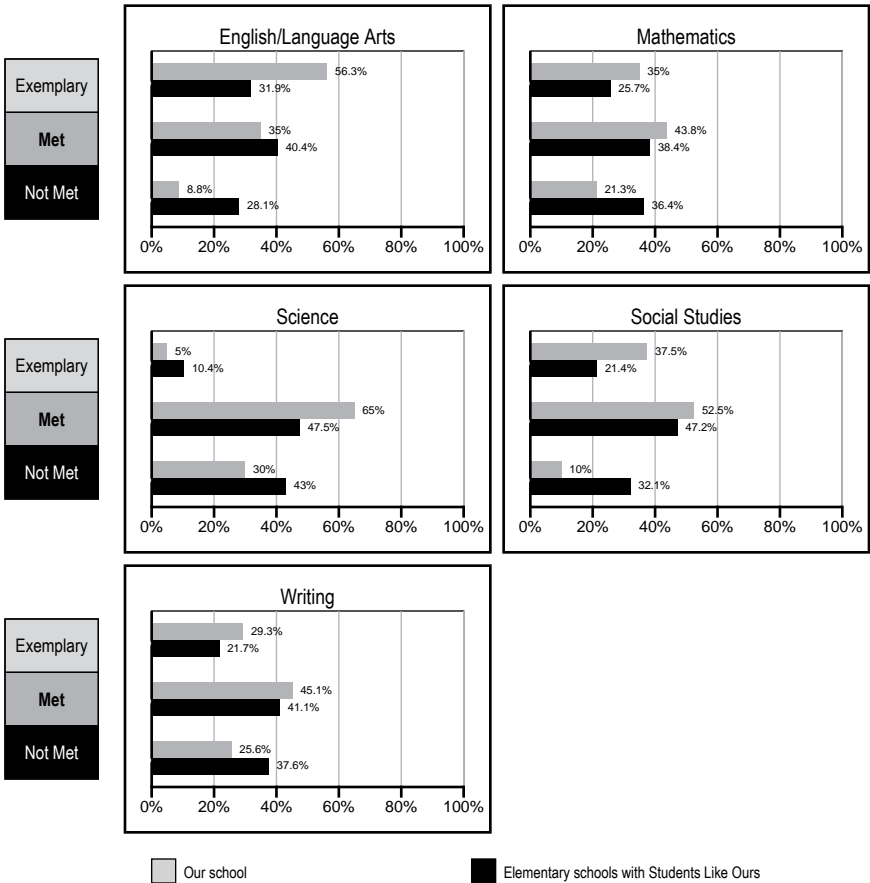
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 100%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
7	15	108	25	11

* 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=322)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	98.7%	Up from 92.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	6.8%	Up from 6.4%	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.8%	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.2%	N/A	4.1%	7.2%
With disabilities	16.1%	N/A	13.3%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	N/A	2.8%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 65.0%	60.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	80.0%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8%	Up from 82.6%	85.6%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.1%	94.8%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,803	Up 1.7%	\$46,619	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	15.6 days	Down from 28.0 days	10.5 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.3 to 1	Down from 23.0 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 87.5%	89.5%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,636	Up 11.4%	\$7,667	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 65.4%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Down from 64.4%	65.0%	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 Washington Street Elementary School motto, "We Strive for Excellence" continues to provide the motivation that our school community uses to inspire all students to achieve at higher levels. As a Title I school, located in Hartsville, SC and a part of the Darlington County School system, Washington Street's commitment to the success of all students creates the foundation for the teaching and learning that occurs in our school.

We are very proud of our achievements as a school community. Receiving a grade of "A" on our ESEA/Federal Accountability Report, as well as an overall rating of "Good" on our South Carolina State Department of Education Report Card for the 2011-2012 school year, proves that we are a school that puts students and their academic achievement first. These achievements could not have been accomplished without the dedicated focus of our staff, quality professional development, and the continued implementation of best practices in instruction in all core subject areas.

Washington Street Elementary also continues to encourage family and community involvement in our school by promoting our belief that children benefit most when all of the adults in their lives work together to ensure their academic and social achievement. By hosting a variety of family and student-centered events throughout the school year, we strive to keep our stakeholders informed of our progress and enlist our entire school community in supporting our students. Our participation in the Comer School Development Program, as sponsored by Sonoco of Hartsville, has provided our entire school community with valuable information to use in developing pathways to success and strategies for problem-solving at our school.

Cooperation and commitment are the pillars that support all that we do for our students at Washington Street Elementary. We will continue to strive to promote a positive and productive learning environment that will place our students on the road to higher achievement and continued success.

Mrs. Letitia Wingate-McLeod, School Improvement Council Chairman
Ms. Valerie M. Sawyer, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	78	21
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.3%	100%	81%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.3%	98.8%	86.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75%	95.1%	90.5%

* 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	91.3
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

Washington Street 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	0.0%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.7%	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	667.6	648.6	616.0	650.0	100.0	100.0
Male	663.0	644.9	616.8	644.5	100.0	100.0
Female	671.7	651.9	615.2	654.9	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	656.9	628.4	607.4	636.3	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	661.7	643.8	614.1	641.5	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	91	97.8	16.9	36.1	47	83.1
	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
	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	90	100	11.9	33.3	54.8	88.1
	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	91	100	24.7	40	35.3	75.3
	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
2013	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	90	100	23.8	41.7	34.5	76.2
	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
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	46	100	45.5	36.4	18.2	54.5
	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	45	100	33.3	61.9	4.8	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
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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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2012	3	46	97.8	36.6	29.3	34.1	63.4
	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
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	45	100	11.9	50	38.1	88.1
	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
	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
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	93	94.6	25.6	45.1	29.3	74.4
	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
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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