

South Elementary School

900 Patriot Street
Dillon, SC 29536

Grades	PK-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	249 Students	
Principal	Louise Goings	843-774-1210
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Board Chair	Fitzgerald Lytch	843-774-5454

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	Average	Below Average
2011	Average	Below Average
2010	Average	Average
2009	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>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

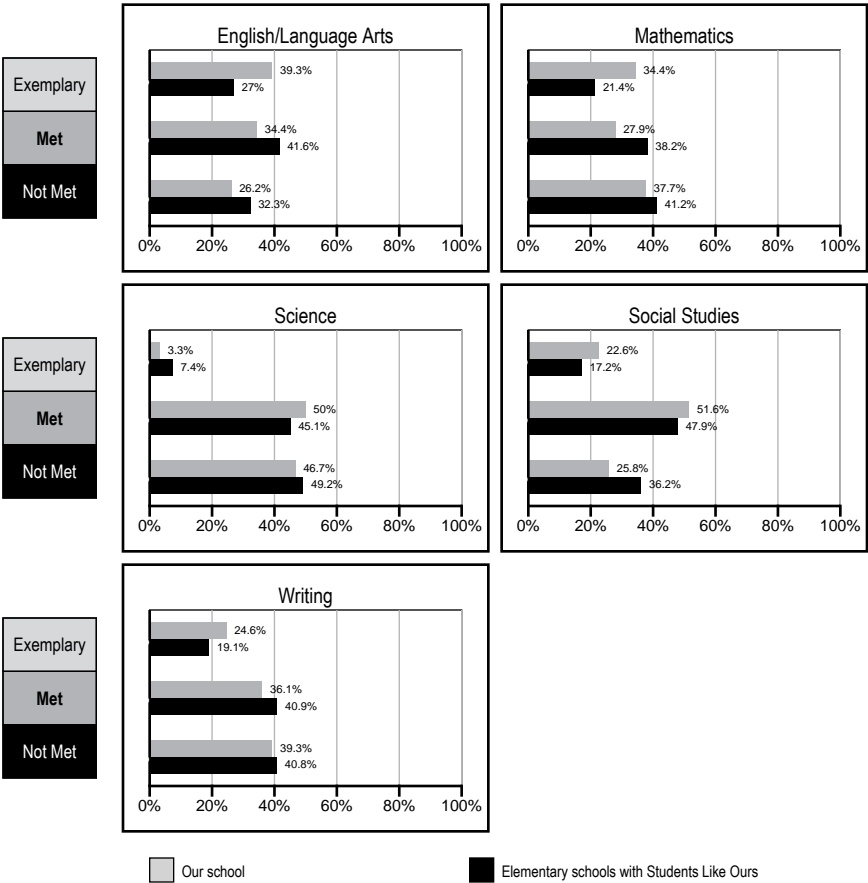
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | .%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	9	73	39	13

* 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=249)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	2.9%	Up from 2.1%	1.1%	0.9%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.2%	95.9%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.4%	N/A	2.5%	7.2%
With disabilities	11.0%	N/A	13.4%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	6.7%	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=16)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Down from 64.7%	60.0%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	93.8%	Up from 88.2%	73.7%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.1%	Down from 82.4%	84.4%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 95.9%	94.9%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,338	Up 1.6%	\$45,939	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Up from 0.8 days	10.4 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	17.8 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.5%	Up from 92.7%	89.6%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	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**	\$6,192	Up 13.2%	\$8,612	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.0%	Up from 71.6%	67.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.0%	Down from 68.6%	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

South Elementary School serves students in grades pre-kindergarten through third grade. The school is a Title I Schoolwide Project site due to the high number of students on free and reduced lunch status. Ninety-five to ninety-eight percent of the students fall into this category each year. The student population averages 85% African-American, 10% White and 5% other.

The South Carolina Academic Standards are used as the basis for all instructional activities in the third grade. Common Core State Standards are used in grades Kindergarten through second grade. Teachers meet weekly to plan standards based lessons to help prepare the students for the next grade level and for the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards Test (PASS) that is administered to all third grade students in March and May.

During the 2012 – 2013 school year, a new kindergarten assessment was implemented. Common Core State Standards math benchmarks were used in first and second grade along with Common Core State Standards pacing guides. Parents were invited to attend kindergarten orientation programs, Parent Day conferences, P.T.O. Open House meetings, Breakfast with the Author programs, PASS Parent Night meetings, American Education Week activities, and academic conferences. Home/school relations were enhanced by weekly classroom newsletters, monthly reading and math home/school connection newsletters and teacher calls/notes. Students were recognized weekly for displaying positive character traits through the school's Kids with Character Program.

English Language Arts, math science, and social studies served as the core curriculum in all classrooms during the past year. Supplies and materials were purchased to support goals identified in the school's Title I Project. Technology was effectively used to motivate the students. Promethean Boards were used in all classrooms. Class sets of Laptop computers and iPads were available for teacher check-out. Efforts such as these helped lower the retention rate at South Elementary School.

Dr. Louise Goings, Principal Robin Floyd, SIC Chairman

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	63	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.5%	100%	89.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.4%	100%	86.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.2%	100%	89.2%

* 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	56.1
Overall Grade Conversion	F

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

South 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	N/A	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.0%	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	645.6	627.2	594.0	625.3	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	655.1	631.1	605.7	624.8	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	644.7	624.7	594.2	623.7	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	645.6	627.2	594.0	625.3	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	58	100	21.2	26.9	51.9	78.8
	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
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	67	100	26.2	34.4	39.3	73.8
	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
	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	N/A
Mathematics							
2012	3	58	100	32.7	34.6	32.7	67.3
	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	3	67	100	37.7	27.9	34.4	62.3
	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
8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2012	3	29	100	38.5	46.2	15.4	61.5
	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	3	34	100	46.7	50	3.3	53.3
	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
8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	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	29	100	38.5	46.2	15.4	61.5
	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	33	100	25.8	51.6	22.6	74.2
	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
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	66	100	39.3	36.1	24.6	60.7
	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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