



Erwin Elementary

1477 Locustwood Avenue
Lancaster, SC 29720

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	459 Students	
Principal	Jane B. Gaston	803-285-8484
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Board Chair	Mr. Robert Parker	803-286-6972

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	Average
2010	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.

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

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

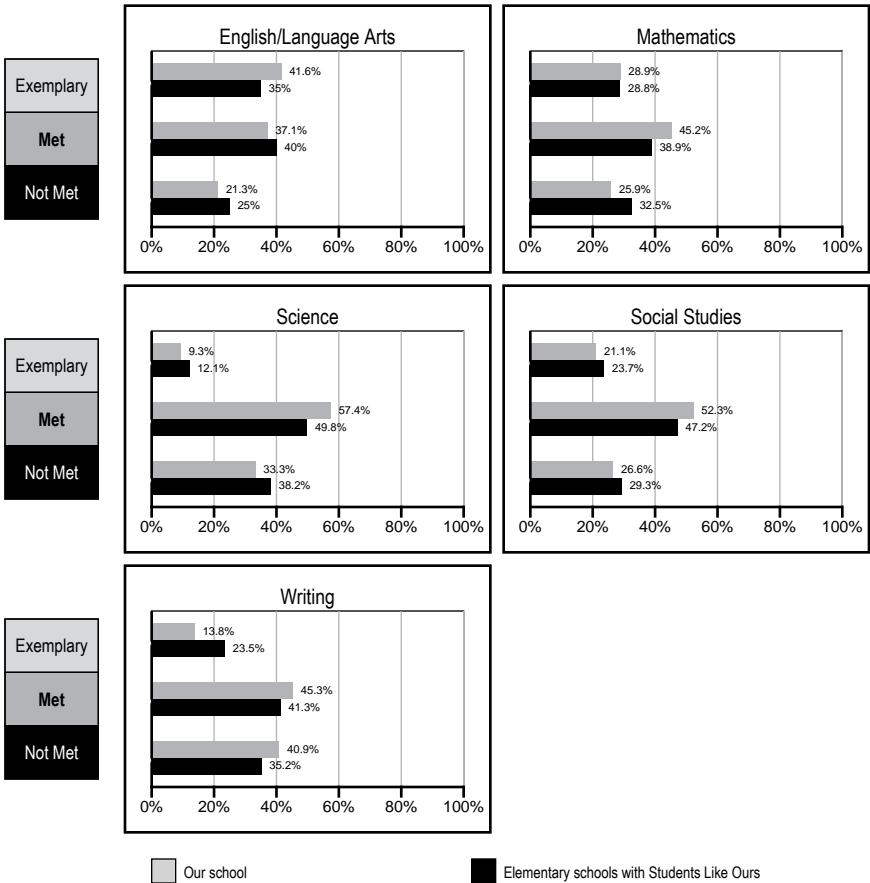
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 97%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	14	94	17	3

* 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=459)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 2.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.5%	No Change	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.9%	N/A	4.8%	7.2%
With disabilities	9.3%	N/A	14.1%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	N/A	2.6%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.6%	Down from 57.1%	60.4%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Down from 89.3%	82.1%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.1%	Down from 87.9%	87.4%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 94.7%	94.7%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,360	Up 3.3%	\$47,233	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	16.3 days	Up from 11.9 days	11.3 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 24.3 to 1	19.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 90.6%	89.5%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,898	Up 6.3%	\$7,608	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.0%	No Change	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.0%	Down from 69.2%	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

"Live to love, love to learn, and live to love learning" sets the stage for our attitude and atmosphere at Erwin Elementary and serves as our mission statement. We strive to create a positive environment that promotes both challenging academic standards and outstanding school citizenship. As visitors walk through the halls of the school, they are able to observe students actively using technology such as SmartBoards, tablets, and computers as they utilize programs such as KidBiz, Study Island, and Classworks.

Numerous programs are available to students to provide creative outlets and to promote positive character development. Students may be involved in activities such as Relay for Life Events, Drama Club, Art Therapy, BEARS exercise program, Girls on the Run, Kindergarten Chorus, Elementary Chorus, Study Buddies, A.C.E. Club, Student Council, Junior Achievement, Choral Festival, Reading Counts, E-mail Pals, and the Babbling Bears Morning Program.

Continuous improvement in statewide testing has occurred each year that PASS has been administered. Our focus continues to be to provide opportunities for academic improvement by engaging students in learning before, during, and after school. Some activities offered before or after school include the following: math lab, writing programs, fitness programs, Homework Center, and computer classes. By offering additional programs, we are able to expand instruction of curriculum standards and offer assistance to students who need additional help while offering more challenging activities to others.

Our faculty and staff continue to become stronger as they take advantage of the many professional development opportunities. All teachers completed training in technology initiatives and Literacy By Design professional development. We strive to provide quality instruction while maintaining an atmosphere that encourages individual differences and allows students to just be children.

Supportive parents, enthusiastic students, and creative teachers make our atmosphere one of playfulness and friendliness. Our welcome mat sums up our beliefs and supports our mission statement as it reads, "Little People, Big Dreams, and Bright Futures at Erwin Elementary."

Jane B. Gaston, Principal
Virginia Faulkner, Chair of School Improvement Council

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	62	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	100%	98.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	98.4%	94.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	100%	94.4%

* 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	80.9
Overall Grade Conversion	B

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

Erwin 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	6.2%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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	657.3	641.0	611.7	629.7	100.0	100.0
Male	653.3	639.5	609.9	628.6	100.0	100.0
Female	660.8	642.4	613.2	630.6	100.0	100.0
White	678.3	659.7	629.7	644.1	100.0	100.0
African American	642.4	628.2	602.0	618.8	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	648.2	634.0	606.5	623.9	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	66	100	28.1	28.1	43.8	71.9
	4	67	100	18	44.3	37.7	82
	5	72	100	35.3	38.2	26.5	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
2013	3	76	100	20.5	30.1	49.3	79.5
	4	66	100	30.6	38.7	30.6	69.4
	5	76	100	17.4	42	40.6	82.6
	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
Mathematics							
2012	3	66	100	39.1	34.4	26.6	60.9
	4	67	100	18	45.9	36.1	82
	5	72	100	26.5	54.4	19.1	73.5
	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	76	100	39.7	37	23.3	60.3
	4	66	100	22.6	48.4	29	77.4
	5	76	100	20.3	47.8	31.9	79.7
	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
Science							
2012	3	31	100	38.7	45.2	16.1	61.3
	4	67	100	29.5	60.7	9.8	70.5
	5	35	100	31.3	43.8	25	68.8
	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	39	100	32.4	56.8	10.8	67.6
	4	66	100	40.3	51.6	8.1	59.7
	5	40	100	22.2	69.4	8.3	77.8
	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
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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	35	100	39.4	42.4	18.2	60.6
	4	67	100	23	59	18	77
	5	37	100	30.6	55.6	13.9	69.4
	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	37	100	13.9	61.1	25	86.1
	4	66	100	35.5	45.2	19.4	64.5
	5	38	100	31.4	51.4	17.1	68.6
	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
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	73	91.8	46.8	40.3	12.9	53.2
	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
2013	3	79	98.7	48	45.3	6.7	52
	4	67	97	46	39.7	14.3	54
	5	73	94.5	27.7	50.8	21.5	72.3
	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

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