



Bethany Elementary School

337 Maynard Grayson
Clover, SC 29710

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	374 Students	
Principal	calub.courtwright@clover.k	803-810-8800
Superintendent	Marc J. Sosne	803 810 8000
Board Chair	Mack McCarter	803 810 8000

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	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

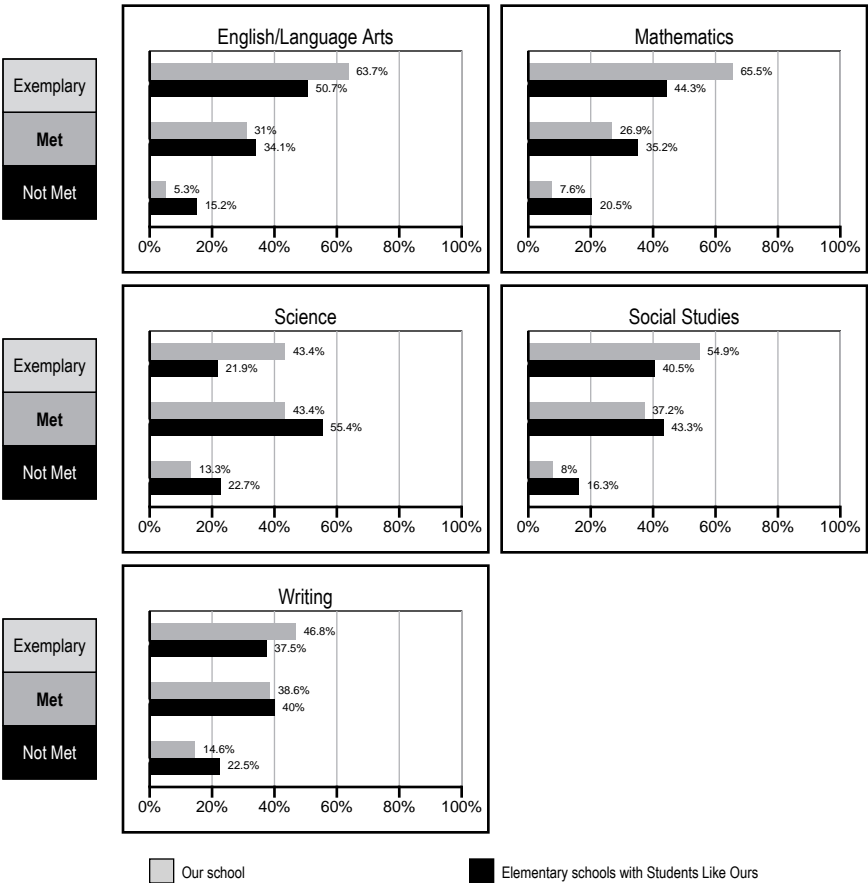
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 98.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
39	38	15	0	1

* 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=374)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	0.8%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 97.0%	96.4%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.7%	N/A	9.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	7.1%	N/A	12.1%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	N/A	1.5%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	79.3%	Down from 80.0%	64.1%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	86.2%	Down from 90.0%	86.8%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.5%	Up from 90.0%	89.9%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Down from 98.2%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$54,221	Down 0.8%	\$49,350	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	14.0 days	Down from 14.6 days	12.0 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	Down from 18.3 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Down from 93.7%	90.2%	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 99.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,524	Down 4.2%	\$7,148	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 68.8%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.0%	Down from 66.5%	66.0%	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

Bethany Elementary School is a pre-k through 5th grade school serving about 400 students. Bethany's mission is to prepare each child for a successful and productive future. We will continue to assess our strengths and weaknesses for school improvement. Bethany will continue to set new goals for improved student performance and will continue to focus attention on student achievement, teacher quality and parent involvement.

Academic excellence and student engagement continue to be the focus of Bethany Elementary School. The Bethany community, staff, and students are proud of their accomplishments and are committed to the belief that all children can be successful in school. High expectations for student performance are evident. Bethany students continue to score above the state average on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards and have been recognized for academic excellence.

While academics are our focus special programs and initiatives beyond the classroom are available through other avenues such as student council, safety patrol, science club, art club, Girls on the Run, boys' sports club, recycling club, cup stacking club, chorus, Accelerated Reader, Math Superstars, and the Academically Gifted program give students more opportunities in advancing their skills.

Character education is an important part of our school with administrators and teachers emphasizing a new character trait each month. Students in grades 3—5 participated in stations during a Career Day at Bethany. The students were exposed to eight different careers.

Bethany's goal is to ensure that students demonstrate competency in the core academic areas and exhibit the qualities of responsible and productive members of society. Staff development opportunities are provided on an ongoing basis to enhance classroom instruction. During the 2012—2013 school year, our teachers participated in district-wide collaboration sessions, vertical planning at the school level, and other professional development specific to teacher needs. Our teachers continue to study areas of need and interest and collaborate effectively with their colleagues.

Parent and community involvement are the cornerstones of our school's character. This is obvious as one attends special events such as the family picnic or "COW" (Celebrating Our Work) night at Bethany. A dedicated and involved PTO and SIC continue to provide leadership and vision in the quest for excellence at our school. As we move forward, the school and community remain committed to the success of all students served at Bethany.

Calub Courtwright, Principal; Stephanie Splawn, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	65	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	95.4%	94%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	95.3%	90%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	90.7%	94%

* 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	100.0
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

Bethany 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	0.5%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.6%	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	686.0	682.3	653.6	667.1	100.0	100.0
Male	685.7	682.1	653.9	669.4	100.0	100.0
Female	686.5	682.6	653.3	663.8	100.0	100.0
White	687.0	683.6	654.7	669.5	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	673.3	667.7	644.1	658.3	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	53	100	3.9	19.6	76.5	96.1
	4	51	100	7.8	33.3	58.8	92.2
	5	40	100	5.1	41	53.8	94.9
	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	55	100	1.9	20.4	77.8	98.1
	4	58	100	7.3	30.9	61.8	92.7
	5	68	100	6.5	40.3	53.2	93.5
	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
Mathematics							
2012	3	53	100	13.7	19.6	66.7	86.3
	4	51	100	5.9	27.5	66.7	94.1
	5	40	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	100
	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	55	100	5.6	13	81.5	94.4
	4	58	100	10.9	32.7	56.4	89.1
	5	68	100	6.5	33.9	59.7	93.5
	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
Science							
2012	3	27	100	19.2	26.9	53.8	80.8
	4	51	100	3.9	70.6	25.5	96.1
	5	21	100	4.8	28.6	66.7	95.2
	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	27	96.3	19.2	34.6	46.2	80.8
	4	58	100	12.7	41.8	45.5	87.3
	5	35	100	9.4	53.1	37.5	90.6
	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

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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	26	100	8	32	60	92
	4	51	100	2	45.1	52.9	98
	5	19	100	5.6	66.7	27.8	94.4
	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	28	100	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	100
	4	58	100	10.9	30.9	58.2	89.1
	5	33	100	10	40	50	90
	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	40	100	2.6	48.7	48.7	97.4
	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	55	100	9.3	20.4	70.4	90.7
	4	59	98.3	22.2	48.1	29.6	77.8
	5	68	100	11.3	46.8	41.9	88.7
	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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