



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitesville Elementary School
 Berkeley County
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 879
 Principal: Julia Denning
 Superintendent: Dr. Rodney Thompson
 Board Chair: Doug Cooper

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	B	Reward
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

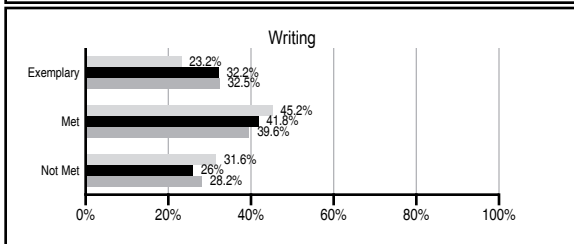
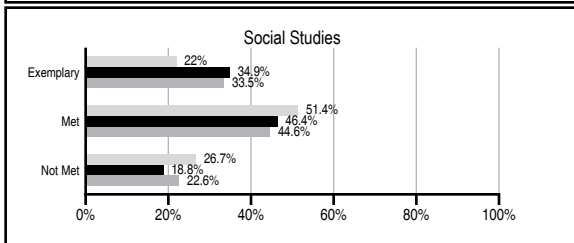
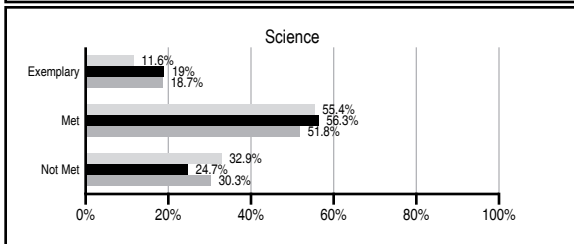
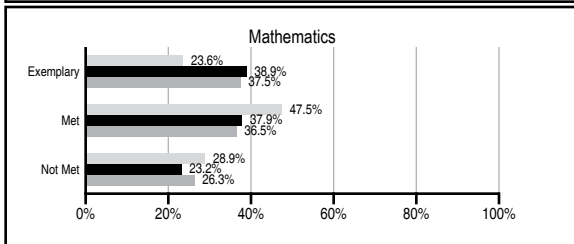
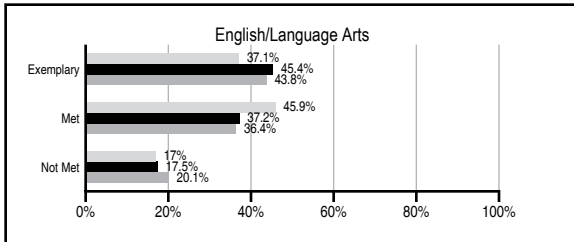
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
26	44	46	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School
 Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
 Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC 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.

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Whitesville Elementary School [Berkeley County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=879)				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	1.3%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.6%	96.2%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.6%	N/A	8.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	13.7%	N/A	13.6%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.4%	N/A	2.3%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.4%	Up from 55.8%	62.5%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	54.5%	Down from 59.6%	85.7%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.5%	Down from 81.3%	89.2%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.3%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,952	Down 1.0%	\$48,608	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Down from 3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Down from 14.0 days	11.1 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	No Change	90.0%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	77.0%	Down from 93.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,687	Down 12.9%	\$7,075	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.0%	Up from 65.1%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.0%	Up from 63.5%	66.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	78.5	Down from 87.1	88.1	88.0

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	118	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.1%	73.8%	74.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	75.8%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.2%	83.2%	77.6%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitesville Elementary serves students in Head Start through 5th grade. The school is located in a high growth area between Moncks Corner and Goose Creek. Our enrollment soared to a high this year of 1,075 students. We continue to be excited about our academic progress. Again this year, the State Department of Education awarded our school the Silver Palmetto Star for our academic growth as measured through the state assessment program. Our staff continues to strive to provide our students with many varied opportunities to excel.

Our academic focus for the staff this year has been to gain a better understanding of the new Common Core State Standards. Our students and parents saw a shift in our instructional strategies and use of instructional materials. This shift will have our students better prepared for college and the workforce. One such notable shift was in the amount of books our students read. Our library circulation was at an all-time high. There was an increase of 20,000 books check out. We are reading! Individual students' needs were met through the implementation of various programs that included having an interventionist work with small groups to address areas of weakness. We also utilized our computer lab software to target weaknesses and capitalize on student strengths. We utilized instructional coaches to help support the teachers in their professional growth. Students were engaged in a variety of activities outside the classroom. We offered chorus and art club to many of our students. Several of our chorus students excelled to the All County Chorus and All-State Chorus. Several of our Art students displayed art at the Fair and Northwoods Mall. Students in 4th and 5th grade led the daily WES News show. Our special education and PE departments hosted another school for a special bowling activity for special needs students.

Whitesville values community engagement. This year we had a number of guest speakers from the community present to our students. We took a wide range of field trips out into the community to have students gain 1st hand experience with the curriculum they were studying. We are appreciative of the support local businesses and organizations have provided us. Our community gave back to Whitesville in a very generous way this year. This past summer, Freedom Church and Calgary Baptist Church provided classroom supplies for student use. TCB Corporation, in Ridgeville, provided funding for new musical instruments. BP Fabric of America provided funds for our visual arts program. Students and staff had opportunities to give back to the community by donating to the American Heart Association (Hoops for Heart) and to the local children's emergency shelter, Callen Lacey. Our community is invited to take an active role in the planning and monitoring of school improvement through membership on our School Improvement Council.

We are extremely pleased with our students' and staff's successes and look forward to the 2013-14 school year.

Julia Taylor, Principal
Leila O'Neal, SIC chair

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