



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Simpsonville Elementary  
 Greenville County  
 Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 791  
 Principal: Jan James  
 Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
 Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

## 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	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	Gold	Silver	A	N/A
2011	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

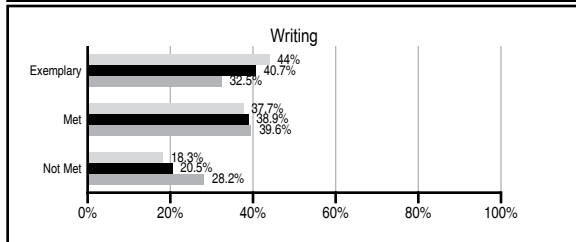
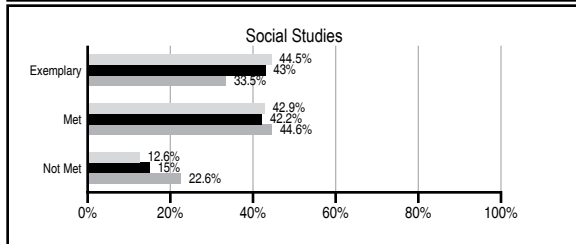
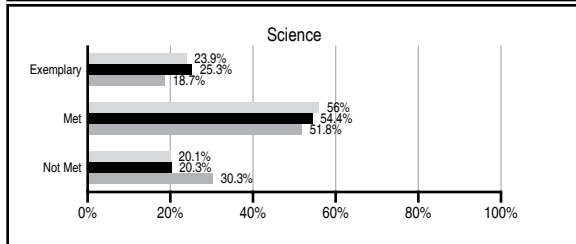
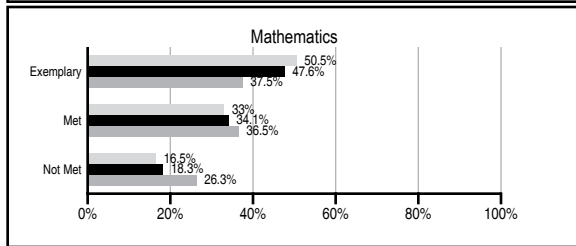
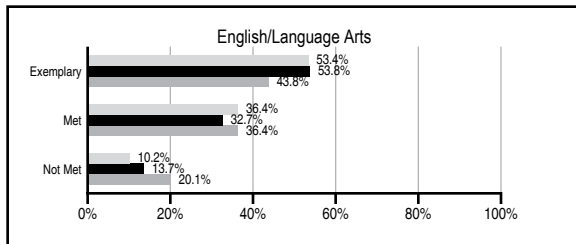
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
41	19	4	1	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.

### Abbreviations Key

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# Simpsonville Elementary [Greenville County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=791)</b>				
Retention rate	1.3%	Up from 0.5%	0.8%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.0%	96.7%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.3%	N/A	10.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	12.7%	N/A	11.3%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	N/A	1.4%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=45)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.9%	Down from 51.2%	64.4%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	91.1%	Up from 90.7%	82.5%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.5%	Down from 96.1%	89.6%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 95.9%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,656	Up 0.9%	\$49,245	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	5.5 days	Down from 8.4 days	10.5 days	11.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.3 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.7%	Down from 92.7%	90.8%	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 97.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,857	Up 2.4%	\$6,871	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.0%	Down from 69.7%	69.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.0%	Down from 69.0%	67.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	95.2	Up from 91.8	91.3	88.0

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	119	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	92.5%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	88.3%	92.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.7%	92.4%	90.9%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Simpsonville Elementary earned our first Palmetto Gold Award for the 2012 for an Excellent rating in overall achievement and a Good growth rating. We also earned a Silver Closing the Gap award for our Hispanic students' achievement and federal rating of A. We use test data, state standards, common core standards, district goals, and school goals to develop our strategic plan. Our mission is "Preparing students to be productive, respectful, and responsible." One of our top priorities is to raise the academic challenge and performance of each student by increasing the percentage of students scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS tests, even as the standards are set progressively higher. On the 2012 PASS Reading 81% of our students scored Met or Exemplary and 82.7 % of our students scored Met or Exemplary in Math, which are gains over 2011 scores. We are providing a school environment conducive to learning by promoting character education, as well as civic responsibility. We have enhanced public understanding and support of our school by involving parents and volunteers as partners in our school programs such as Junior Achievement, our morning math program, Hispanic Family Night, Project Fit America, and small group tutoring. Parents have access to current school information through our website. Students have collected canned goods, brought clothing for the Cool Kids Closet, donated stuffed animals for Cuddles for Kids, brought pet food for animal shelters, and raised over \$5,000 for the Heart association. We also sponsor the Blood Mobile during our spring carnival.

Success will be measured by standardized tests like MAP, PASS, ITBS, and AIMSWEB, student classroom performance, logs of teacher conferences, PTA meetings, and staff development. Our vision is to help each child reach his or her full potential by providing creative and challenging learning opportunities. Field trips at each level enrich our curriculum. Simpsonville Elementary has a heritage of strong academic performance. We use a balanced literacy program for reading and will begin Fountas and Pinnell strategies next year. PowerWriting, Every Day Counts math program, Larson's Math, RTI program, academic enrichment, and strong standards-based core instruction contribute to students' success. We have a strong staff who manage their classrooms effectively. We have the support of our parents and our community as evidenced by hundreds of volunteer hours each year. We won a state Red Carpet Award in 2010. Being a "family-friendly" school is important to us. We will continue to keep our standards high by analysis of test data and team planning, and will maintain an atmosphere where children love to come to school to learn.

Jan James Principal Sandra Lane SIC Chairman

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