



## Goose Creek Primary School

200 Foster Creek Road  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

<b>Grades</b>	PK-2 Primary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	955 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Kathy Sullivan	843-820-8008
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Rodney Thompson	843-899-8600
<b>Board Chair</b>	Doug Cooper	843-819-3320

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2013</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>
2012	Excellent	Good
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Good	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.

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**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
10	2	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/15/2013. Primary Schools with Students like Ours are primary schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

**Performance Rating Criteria**

Prime instructional time	88.0%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%
Percent of parents attending conferences	99.9%
Days of professional development devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills working with children less than eight years old	19.5 days

**Types Of Accreditation (More Than One May Apply)**

	Not pursuing accreditation
	Conducting a self-study
X	South Carolina Department of Education
X	Southern Association of Colleges and School
	American Montessori Society
	National Association for the Education of Young Children

**School Profile**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Primary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Primary School
<b>Students (n=955)</b>				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 2.0%	1.6%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.0%	95.4%	95.5%
With disabilities	12.6%	N/A	10.9%	10.4%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	N/A	0.8%	1.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=66)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%	Down from 61.3%	63.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	54.5%	Down from 64.5%	85.3%	84.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 84.6%	90.9%	90.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.2%	Down from 94.9%	93.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,888	Down 2.7%	\$48,792	\$47,358
Professional development days/teacher	20.6 days	Up from 11.3 days	14.0 days	12.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.5	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	22.1 to 1	21.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 90.5%	88.5%	89.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,922	Down 14.2%	\$7,057	\$6,939
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.0%	Up from 64.0%	69.5%	69.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.0%	Up from 61.2%	66.5%	66.0%

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

## Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

In the fall of 2012 the Goose Creek Primary faculty and staff welcomed just over 1100 students. Our Open House event drew the largest crowd ever with over 80% of our parents in attendance. In support of the BCSD community engagement goal many of our teachers participated in the back-to-school Stuff the Bus rally which not only generated supplies for our schools, but garnered enthusiasm for the beginning of another successful school year. Our commitment to community engagement continued as we offered a variety of Family Night events throughout the year to raise awareness of our academic programs, curriculum and standards. Each grade level held a "Showcase" event where parents learned how our students' instructional program is guided by the rigorous Common Core State Standards. Students also performed reader's theaters, wrote poetry and shared their writing portfolios with their parents during this event.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention and school readiness we continued to prepare 120 students for kindergarten through enrollment and participation in the Child Development Program for four-year-olds. The teachers and assistants completed numerous hours of specialized training to further hone their skills in working with preschoolers.

One of the most exciting additions to our school this year was our School-wide Health and Wellness program created by the school wellness committee headed by Coach Daryl Norris. Mr. Norris was successful at initiating a health and physical fitness component to our Otter's Den after-school program. His efforts were also appreciated by the staff as he lead fitness activities for staff members after school. Under his leadership, our school was the recipient of the BP Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant. We were also one of the 12 BCSD schools recognized by the MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness for improving policies and practices related to health and wellness. Families were also invited to get in on the action during three months of Family Fitness Challenge Nights. All of these accomplishments spearheaded by Coach Norris helped propel him to the honor of Goose Creek Primary's Rookie Teacher of the Year. Additionally he was selected as the Berkeley County School District Rookie Teacher of the Year.

During the introductory year of our District's Common Core State Standards (CCSS) implementation our teachers collaborated in Professional Learning Teams to learn effective research-based instructional strategies. Many hours of after-school training were attended by our teachers who sought to raise the rigor of instruction for their students. Additionally, three more teachers obtained their Gifted and Talented endorsement. Ms. Ali Little was honored by her peers with the GCP Teacher of the Year recognition.

This year our second graders "went live" on our GCP Morning News Program which helped increase their self-confidence, leadership and speaking skills. Goose Creek Primary continued to appreciate their partnership with Charleston Southern University's Athletic Department as our students enjoyed reading to team members.  
 Kathy Sullivan, Principal                      Jennifer Tobias, SIC/PTO Chair

Evaluations by Teachers

	Teachers
Number of surveys returned	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%

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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	59.9
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

Goose Creek Primary 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	2.2%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.2%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.5%	94.0%*	Yes

\* Or greater than last year

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