



SC Annual School  
Report Card  
Summary

Ambler Elementary School  
PICKENS COUNTY  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 261  
Principal: Dr. J. Carlton Lewis  
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.  
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

**PERFORMANCE** Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

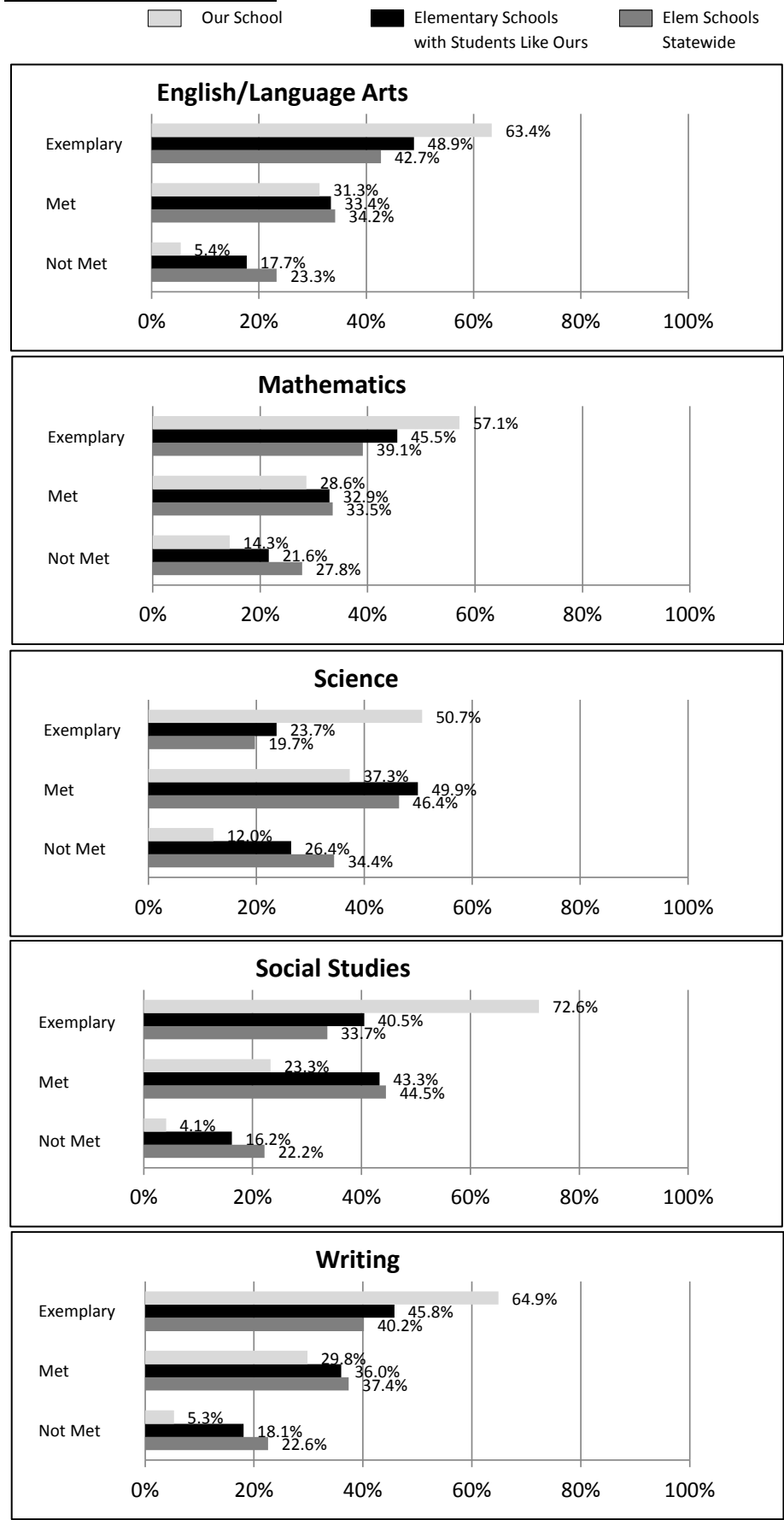
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM |                          |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade                                | Accountability Indicator |
| 2014 | Excellent       | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | A                                         | N/A                      |
| 2013 | Excellent       | Excellent     | GOLD                           | GOLD            | A                                         | N/A                      |
| 2012 | Excellent       | Excellent     | GOLD                           | N/A             | A                                         | N/A                      |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 47        | 35   | 12      | 1             | 0       |

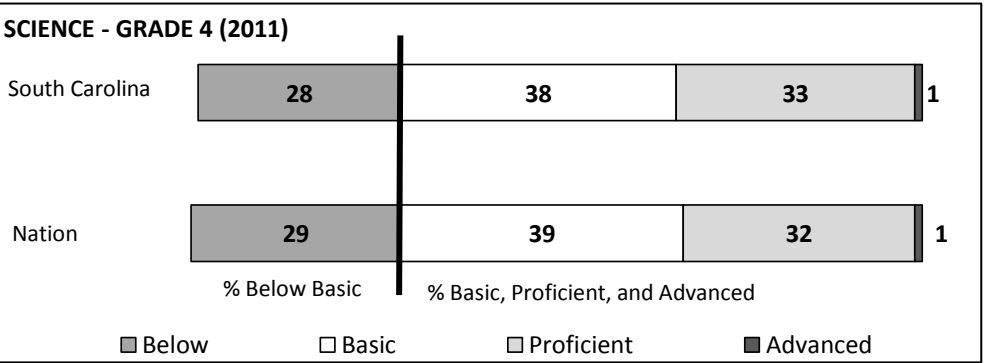
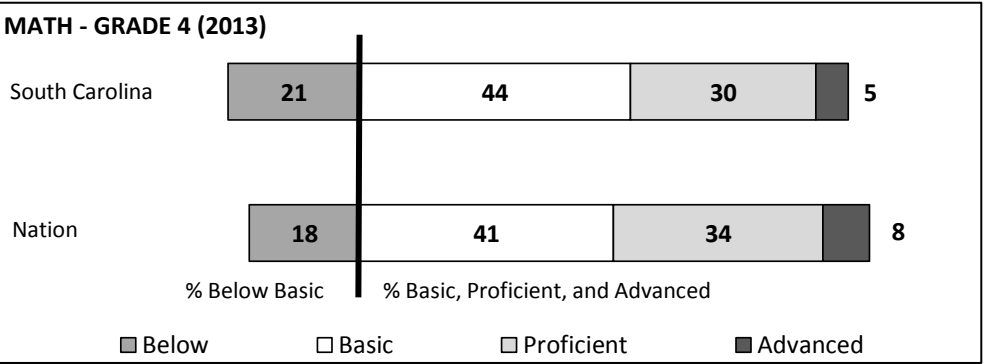
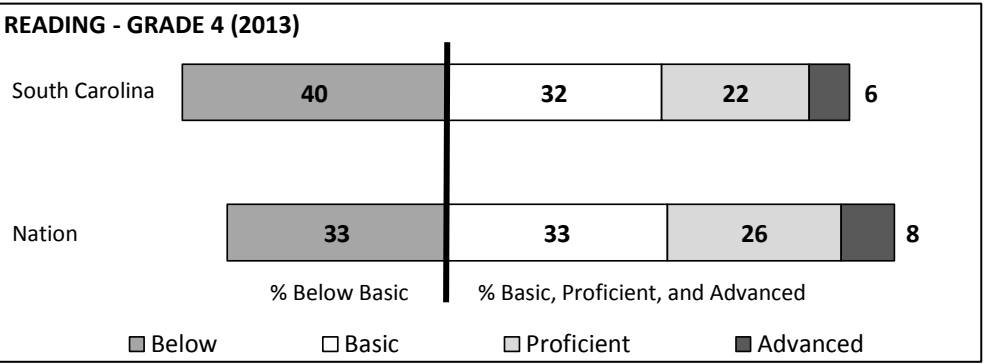
\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP\*

\*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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SCHOOL PROFILE

|                                                                              | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary<br>Schools with<br>Students Like<br>Ours | Median<br>Elementary<br>Schools |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Students (n = 261)                                                           |            |                       |                                                     |                                 |
| Retention rate                                                               | 0.8%       | Down from 1.3%        | 1.0%                                                | 1.0%                            |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 96.2%      | Down from 96.9%       | 96.5%                                               | 96.5%                           |
| Served by gifted and talented program                                        | 8.9%       | Down from 14.6%       | 9.4%                                                | 7.3%                            |
| With disabilities                                                            | 16.3%      | Up from 13.0%         | 12.5%                                               | 12.5%                           |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 1.9%       | Down from 2.4%        | 1.8%                                                | 1.8%                            |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | No change             | 0.0%                                                | 0.0%                            |
| Teachers (n = 18)                                                            |            |                       |                                                     |                                 |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 66.7%      | Up from 58.8%         | 64.1%                                               | 62.3%                           |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 88.9%      | Up from 82.4%         | 85.6%                                               | 81.2%                           |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 95.2%      | Up from 92.3%         | 90.3%                                               | 88.4%                           |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 97.0%      | Up from 93.2%         | 95.2%                                               | 95.3%                           |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$47,625   | Down 0.2%             | \$49,667                                            | \$47,902                        |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | No change             | 0.0%                                                | 0.0%                            |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 7.3 days   | Down from 8.5 days    | 11.6 days                                           | 10.9 days                       |
| School                                                                       |            |                       |                                                     |                                 |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 14.0       | Up from 13.0          | 6.0                                                 | 4.0                             |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 18.9 to 1  | Up from 17.9 to 1     | 20.3 to 1                                           | 19.9 to 1                       |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 92.6%      | Up from 88.5%         | 90.6%                                               | 90.7%                           |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Good       | No change             | Good                                                | Good                            |
| SACS accreditation                                                           | Yes        | No change             | Yes                                                 | Yes                             |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 100.0%     | No change             | 100.0%                                              | 100.0%                          |
| Character development program                                                | Average    | No change             | Excellent                                           | Excellent                       |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$8,828    | Down 16.6%            | \$7,249                                             | \$7,680                         |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 60.0%      | Down from 63.0%       | 67.6%                                               | 66.8%                           |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 59.6%      | Up from 59.0%         | 66.8%                                               | 66.0%                           |
| ESEA composite index score                                                   | 100.0      | No change             | 91.2                                                | 85.7                            |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 17       | 36        | 18       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 97.3%     | 94.5%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 94.2%    | 100.0%    | 100.0%   |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 100.0%    | 77.7%    |

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ambler is a K4-grade 5 school nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We served 260 students in the 2013-2014 year. The school's mission statement summarizes our commitment to our students: "Ambler Elementary School, committed to academic excellence, will provide a strong foundation for all students by ensuring a safe, nurturing environment where staff, family, and community work together to emphasize relevant and challenging learning experiences. This has been another successful year at Ambler. Our students performed well academically and were engaged in several service learning projects in the community to help improve the citizenship of our students. We believe that Ambler is the best kept secret in our district. We continued our K4 half-day program to help serve 19 children and help prepare them for K5. We continued our Wildcat Den Afterschool Program from 2:30-4:30 P.M. We continued our Wildcat Citizens Recycling Program through the leadership of Tina Kelly, our guidance counselor. We continued the use of incentive tags to help praise and encourage our children. Ambler received the Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department of Education for the Absolute Rating and a Perfect Score of 100 (A+) based on PASS test scores. Our 5th grade Jet Toy Team earned first place in the district competition for Artistic Design. Through the leadership of Guidance Counselor Tina Kelly, Ambler received a \$2500 Palmetto Pride Grant to help start a Little Free Library in front of our special school. Courtney Vaughan was selected as our Teacher of the Year. Sherry Crawford was selected as our Support Staff Person of the Year. Deanna Brown was selected as our Volunteer of the Year.

Barbara Whitesides, SIC Chair and Dr. Carlton Lewis, Principal

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