

Montessori Community School

2122 Wood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29414



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	PK-8 Elementary	Principal:	Kimberly Hay
Enrollment:	232 students	Superintendent:	Mr. Michael L. Bobby, Acting Superinte
School Phone:	843-769-0346	Board Chair:	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats
School Website:	http://montessori.ccsdschools.com/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Montessori Community School (MCS) is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing an authentic Montessori environment in which students have the resources, support and guidance to construct their learning and development.

At MCS, students develop the qualities of perseverance, self-efficacy and a work ethic through a rigorous academic program, community service and independent learning. The Montessori methodology encourages collaboration and teamwork to develop critical thinking, problem-solving and interpersonal skills. Students are provided many opportunities for choice and creativity, enhancing student ownership of their learning. And during their three-year cycle in each classroom, students hone leadership skills as they progress from being the youngest members of the community to the oldest.

Integrated into the curriculum are field trips into the community for "real life" experiences, longer trips lasting three days for students in the Upper Elementary and Middle School, and community service projects of the students' choice. MCS provides instruction in Spanish starting at age 3 and Spanish I for eighth grade students as well as Algebra I for advanced math students. After-school activities include Chess Club, Guitar Club and Chorus.

Keys to the success of students in a Montessori environment are intrinsic motivation and self-direction. Through the use of work plans and independent work time during the school day, the students practice time-management and practical skills related to life and career success – work completion, cooperation, conflict mediation, focus and self-regulation.

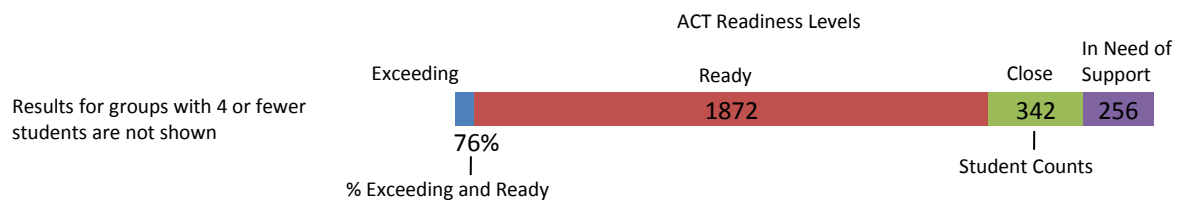
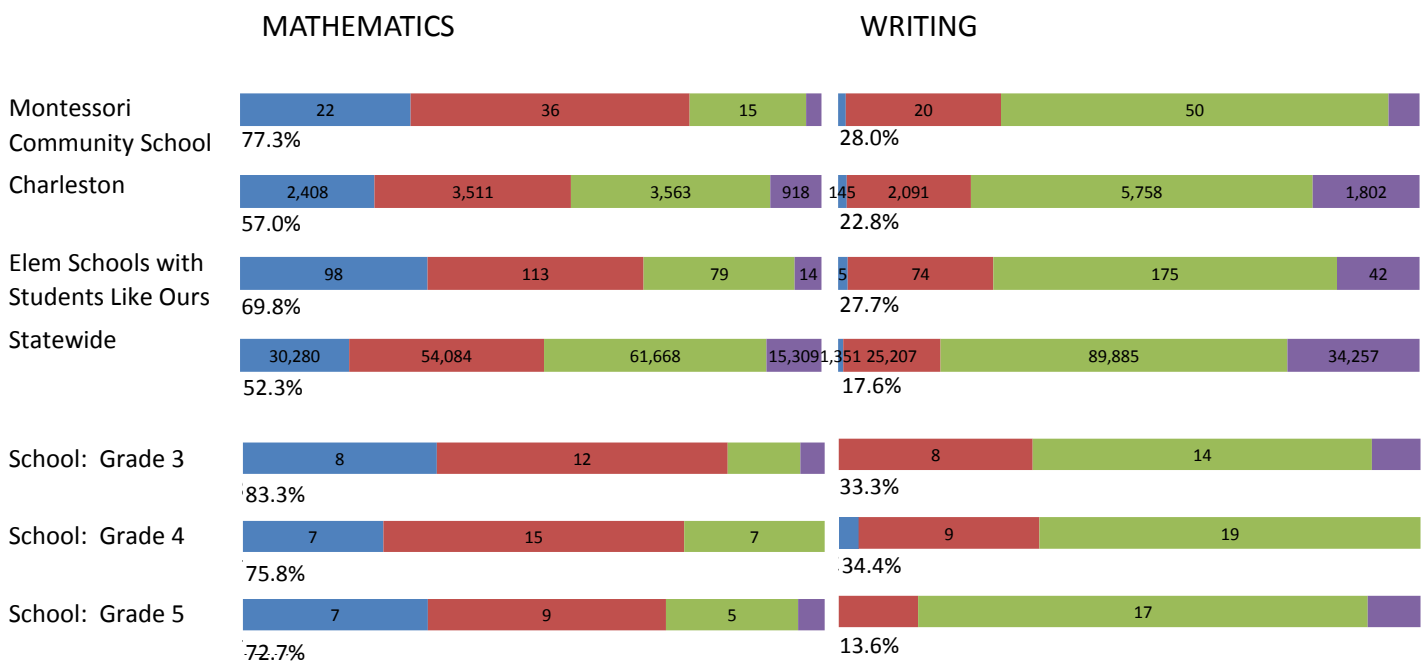
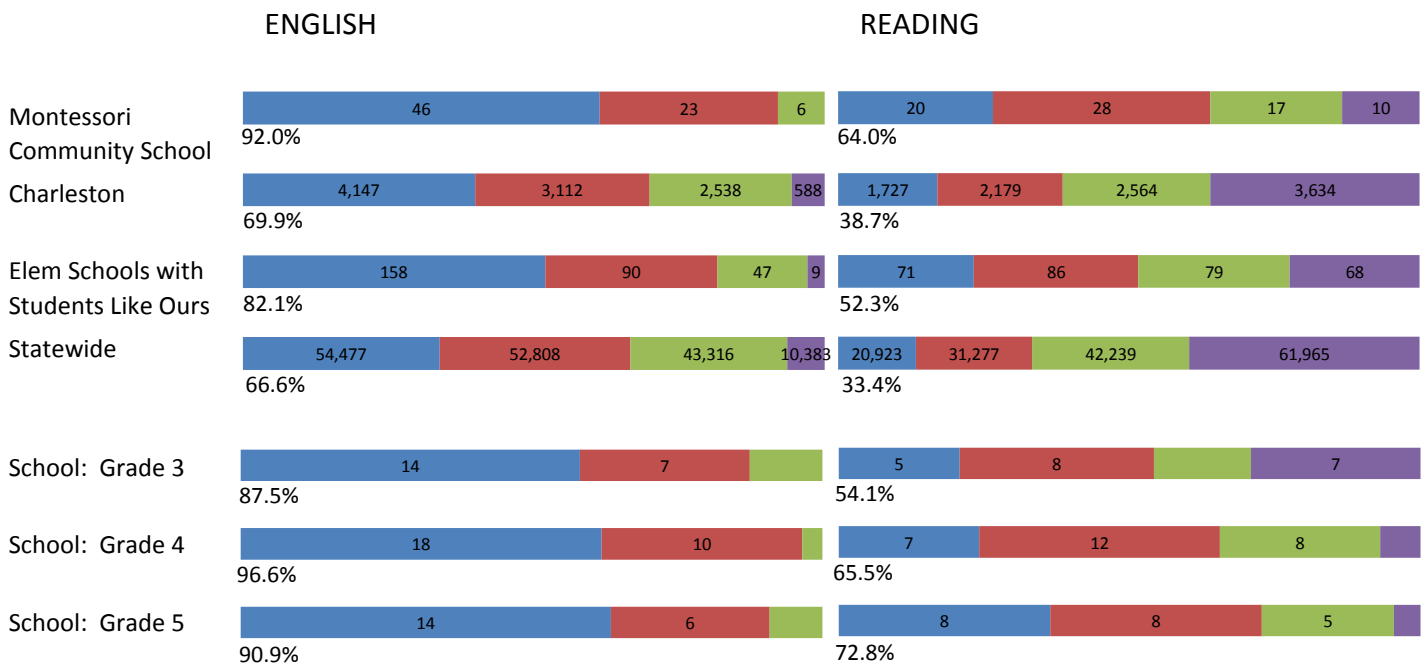
At MCS, classroom teachers have both state certification and Montessori certification. Many of our teachers also hold Masters Degrees and National Board certification. Teachers regularly attend professional development on Montessori philosophy and methods and on South Carolina curricula.

MCS embodies a community spirit among students, parents and faculty. A shared philosophy toward learning and a commitment to Montessori education has enabled us to have a common vision for our MCS students and a strong, positive school culture.

Kimberly Hay, Principal
Mary Elise Marcy, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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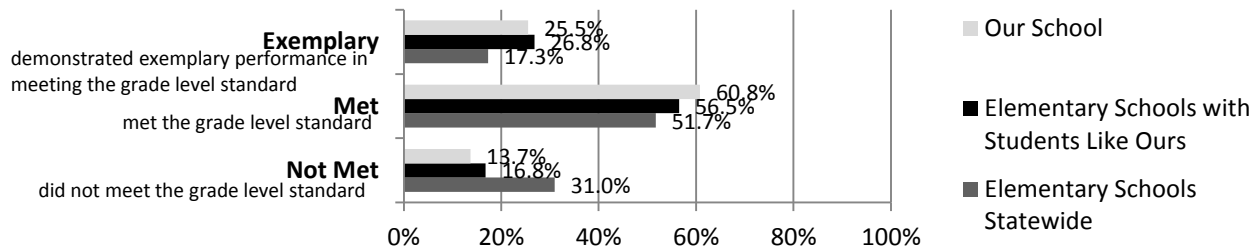
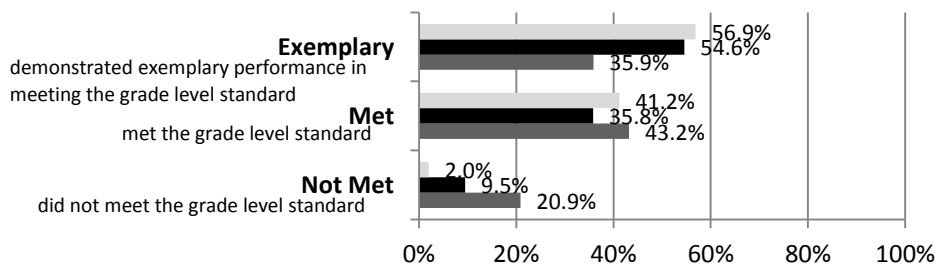
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
79.3	95.5

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
100.0	95.5

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

"Exemplary": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

"Met": student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

"Not Met": student did not meet the grade level standard.

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 232)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	33.1	Down from 35.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.2	Down from 97.2%	96.6
With disabilities	3.1	Up from 1.9%	9.6
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	31.3	Down from 31.9%	14.8
Percentage of students retained	0.0	No change	0.6
Teachers (n = 17)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	52.9	Down from 53.3%	64.7
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	70.6	Down from 73.3%	87.4
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	89.7
Teacher attendance rate	97.1	Up from 95.2%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$44,560	Down 1.4%	\$50,519
Professional development days / teacher	12.7 days	Up from 12.4 days	11.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.8
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	13.0 to 1	Down from 16.8 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/A	N/A	89.9
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	No	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	100.0
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	6.0	N/A	12.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	28.1	N/A	17.2
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.2	N/C	2.1
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.3	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.3	Up from 3.8%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$16,566	N/A	\$7,289
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0	N/A	68.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	65.1	N/A	69.2

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	22	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	95.5	94.4
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	90.4	100.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0	90.9	88.9

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A

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Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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