

Blacksburg Elementary

402 Hardin Street
Blacksburg, SC 29702



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:	3-5 Elementary	Principal:	Rita Martin
Enrollment:	341 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Quincie L. Moore
School Phone:	864-206-6518	Board Chair:	Ms. Cheryll D. Smith
School Website:	http://bes.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/pages/Blacksburg_Elementary		



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.

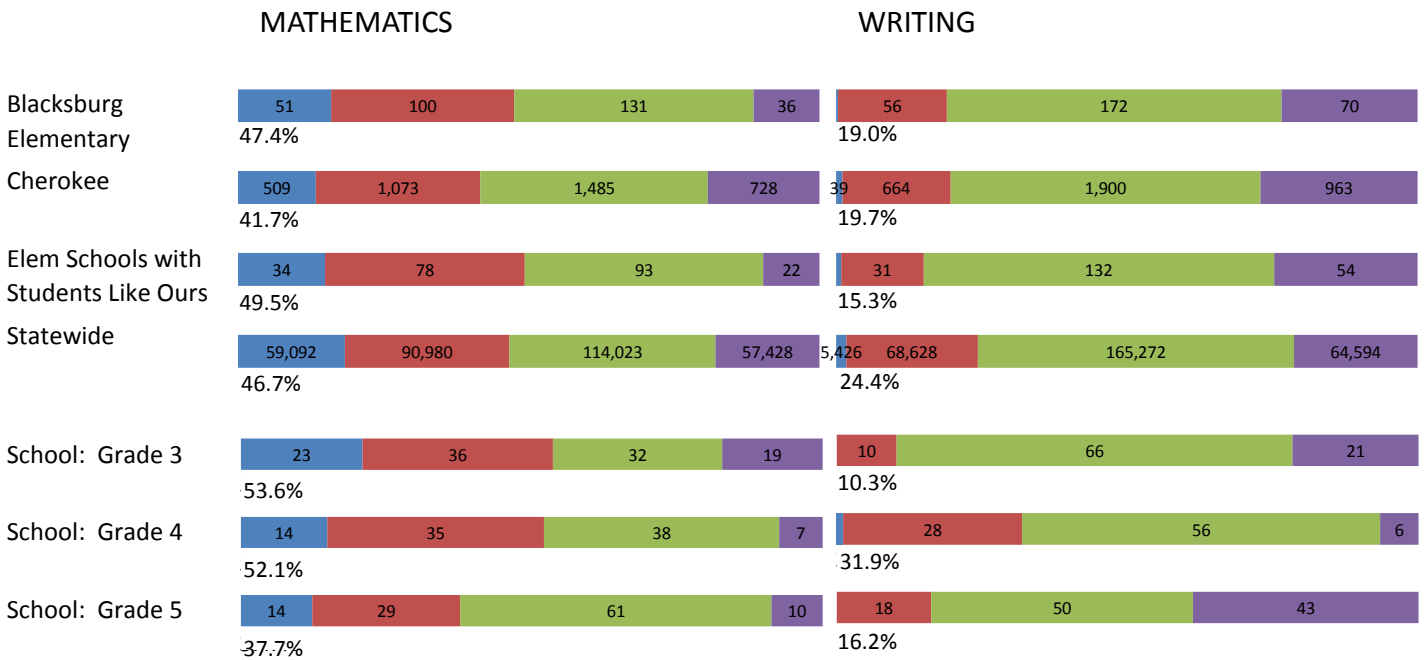
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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Blacksburg Elementary School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing students with a learning environment that meets their unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs. We are committed to the belief that all students can experience success and we strive for this in the areas of academics, citizenship, service and the arts. BES offers these opportunities through classroom instruction time along with enrichment activities that include National Junior Beta Club, Student Council, Honors Choir and Singing Wildcats, Grade Level Dance Teams, Walk and Read, DARE, Character Education, Robotics Team, Camp Giorno, and Know(2). To ensure that we remain current as educators, staff members participate in various learning opportunities throughout the year to help better prepare them for the ever-changing needs of their students. A focus on special needs, state standards, differentiation, project-based learning, engagement, rigor, and data analysis occurred throughout the year. The Profile of the South Carolina Graduate guides us in our endeavors to cultivate students that can be successful. Our guidance counselor teaches the character education program "Core Essentials" sponsored by Chic-fil-A. Our students show growth in all areas of this program throughout the school year whether it be from offering an appropriate hand shake to encouraging others. They continuously exhibit their compassion for helping others as they gather items and monies that are donated to Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, Iron City Ministries, Cherokee County Humane Society, and summer feeding program. At BES, technology plays an important role in daily classroom instruction where teachers utilize two fully equipped computer labs, iPads, laptops, and tablets to enrich student learning. Teachers remain current on technology use through monthly staff development opportunities provided by a district technology instructor. Our SIC and administration work to provide incentives for students and staff such as providing funding for grade level field trips, a special lunch for our staff during Teacher Appreciate Week, or upgrading our facilities. Our Teacher of the Year is Ms. Krystal McRobie and Support Staff of the Year is Mrs. Jackie Martin. Mrs. Tina Blackwell is the Distinguished Teacher of Reading. All of our teachers are highly qualified with current South Carolina certification. Rita Martin, Principal Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson

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



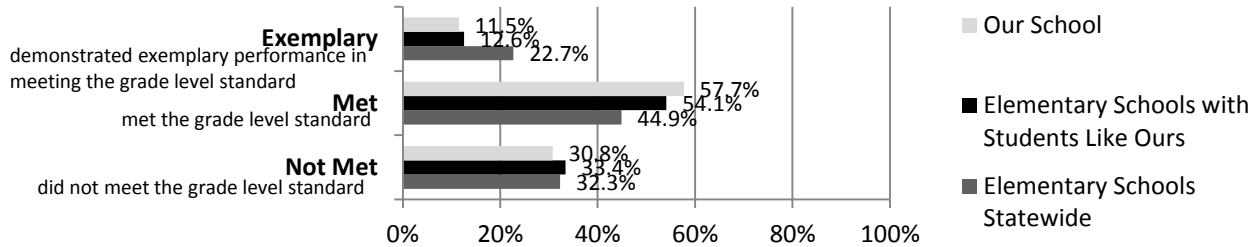
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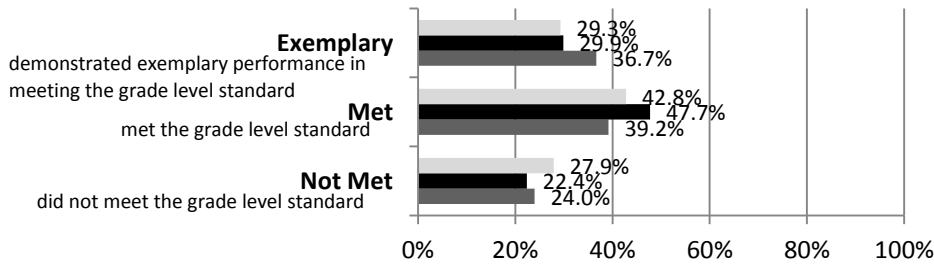
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
81.9	58.8

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
89.4	57.9

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 = 341)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	78.0	Down from 79.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.5	Down from 96.7%	95.6
With disabilities	11.3	Up from 7.8%	13.6
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	13.1	Down from 13.6%	6.4
Percentage of students retained	0.9	Up from 0.0%	1.5
Teachers (n = 24)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	58.3	Down from 59.3%	58.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	83.3	Up from 77.8%	80.9
Teachers returning from previous year	86.8	Down from 87.9%	88.3
Teacher attendance rate	92.8	Down from 94.5%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$49,704	Up 2.0%	\$48,269
Professional development days / teacher	6.6 days	Down from 13.5 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	5.0	No change	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	N/A	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5	Down from 89.6%	89.2
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	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	18.0	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	26.5	N/A	25.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	1.0
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,434	Up 4.1%	\$7,814
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.1	Up from 67.0%	65.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	67.9	Up from 67.8%	67.1

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	119	102
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	85.7	85.3
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	88.2	82.6
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.4	84.9	77.7

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	At-Risk
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

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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