

Northwest Elementary School

840 Green River Rd.

Gaffney, SC 29341



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-5 Elementary	Principal:	Kathy Phillips
Enrollment:	494 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Quincie L. Moore
School Phone:	864-206-6727	Board Chair:	Ms. Cheryll D. Smith
School Website:	http://nwe.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/pages/NorthwestES		



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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

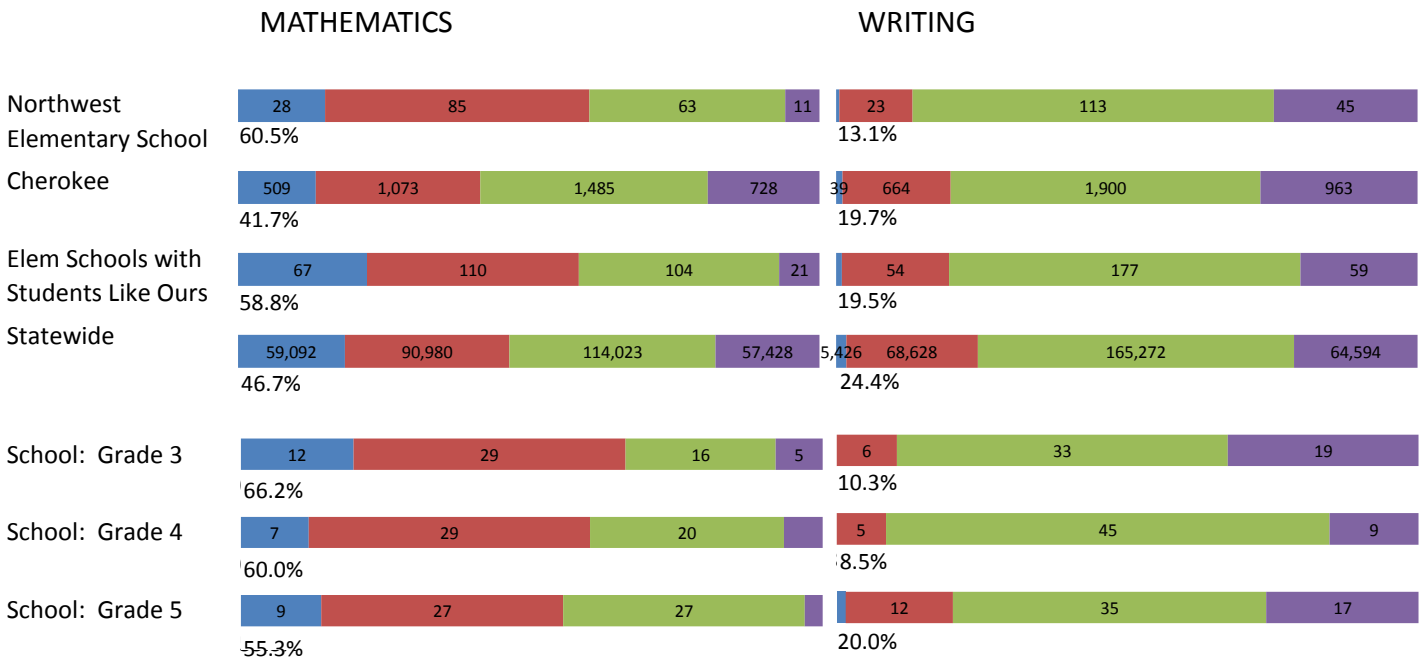
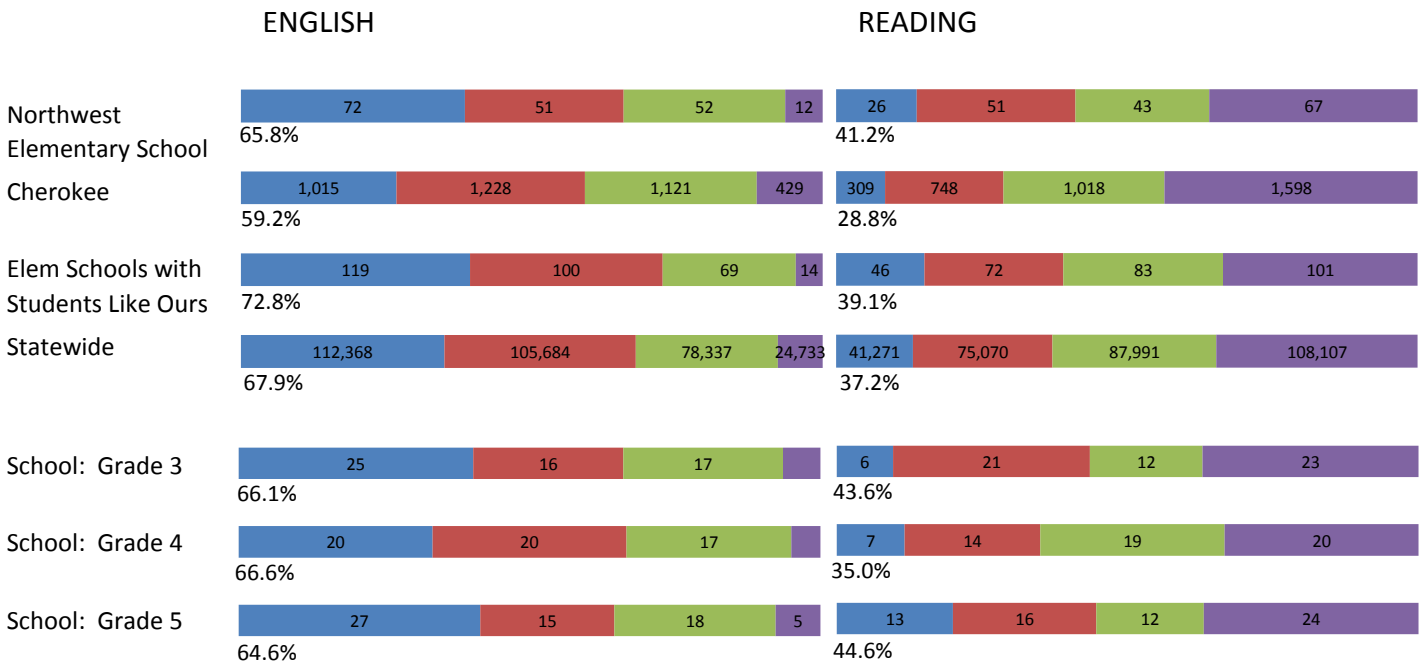
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Northwest Elementary School students believe in the Power of Learning. Our school family includes a dedicated faculty and staff, students who strive to be lifelong learners and families who support excellence in education. Our school report card absolute rating was good and our growth rating was average. Northwest Elementary School received an overall rating of A-98.5 in the ESEA federal accountability system this year. Our school was designated as a Title I School of Performance. Our students continue to show growth in all academic areas. The percentage of students who scored met or exemplary on SC PASS were 77% in ELA, 81% in Math, 74% in Science and 81% in Social Studies. Science and technology will be an instructional focus this year. Our curriculum is research-based and our goal for instruction is student engagement with focused lessons. Northwest Elementary School is preparing students for success in the future workforce by enabling them to acquire world class skills and develop important life and career characteristics that are the qualifications to become a SC graduate. Our faculty participated in professional development this year which included data analysis, technology training, and rigorous instructional practices. Our goal this year is to decrease the student – teacher ratio in our primary grades and to continue with classroom interventions to improve instruction. Our professional development will target guided reading and project- based learning throughout the year. Our parents have attended parent - teacher conferences on a regular basis and they are very involved in the Responsiveness to Interventions (RtI) process. The parenting sessions at school were well attended this year and our goal is to recruit more parent volunteers and increase parental involvement in our PTO next year. Northwest Elementary students have participated in service learning opportunities in our community and our business partnerships have provided a variety of incentives for our students. We strive to provide every student with a quality education and we raise the bar each year to encourage all students to reach their full potential. We are proud of our students and wish to thank our faculty, parents and community for their support of all the students at Northwest Elementary School. Kathy Phillips, Principal Gina Jolley, SIC Chairperson

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

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



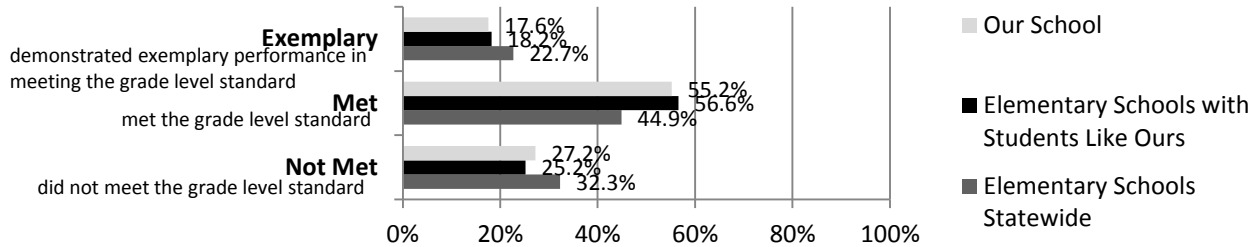
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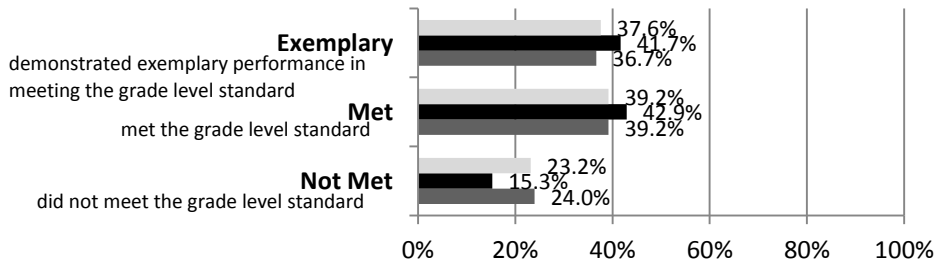
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
81.7	64.6
Social Studies SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
90.0	64.6

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 = 494)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	57.5	Down from 65.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.0	Down from 96.3%	96.1
With disabilities	10.1	Up from 9.5%	11.6
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	8.9	Up from 7.6%	9.8
Percentage of students retained	0.2	Down from 0.4%	0.9
Teachers (n = 32)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	59.4	Down from 64.5%	62.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	87.5	Down from 96.8%	84.3
Teachers returning from previous year	94.4	Up from 91.6%	89.3
Teacher attendance rate	93.7	Up from 89.1%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$49,590	Up 0.0%	\$50,364
Professional development days / teacher	11.7 days	Down from 12.8 days	10.2 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4
School			
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.0 to 1	Down from 18.4 to 1	20.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0	Up from 82.5%	90.2
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	89.7	Down from 100.0%	100.0
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	13.4
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	23.2	N/A	19.3
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	0.2	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	1.7
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,177	Down 1.5%	\$7,353
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.7	Up from 71.4%	66.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	71.0	Down from 71.9%	68.0

* 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	69	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.5	97.1	93.8
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3	97.1	95.9
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.5	92.7	87.5

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

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Excellent	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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