

AJ Whittenberg Elementary School of Eng.

420 Westfield Street
Greenville, SC 29601



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:	Dr. Megan D. Mitchell-Hoefer
Enrollment:	535 students	Superintendent:	Mr. W. Burke Royster
School Phone:	864-452-0500	Board Chair:	Mrs. Lisa Wells
School Website:	http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/ajw/		



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 ...

A J Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by using a unique engineering-focused curriculum to provide hands-on learning opportunities, exploration, inquiry-based instruction, as well as a safe and nurturing learning environment.

A. J. Whittenberg is the only elementary school in South Carolina that offers an engineering-focused curriculum for all students. Beginning in pre-kindergarten, students learn the Engineering Process and apply this to a problem-based curriculum. The school leverages the many international corporations with engineering expertise in the Upstate to bring real-world engineers into the classrooms on a regular basis. These business partnerships offer a wealth of benefits to AJW students including expert instruction, field trips, mentoring, career path development and other support that brings learning to life throughout the school. Special programs such as Lego Robotics, Coder Club, Engineering "eWeeks", Lunch n' Learns and STEAM-focused festivals enrich learning for students of all ages.

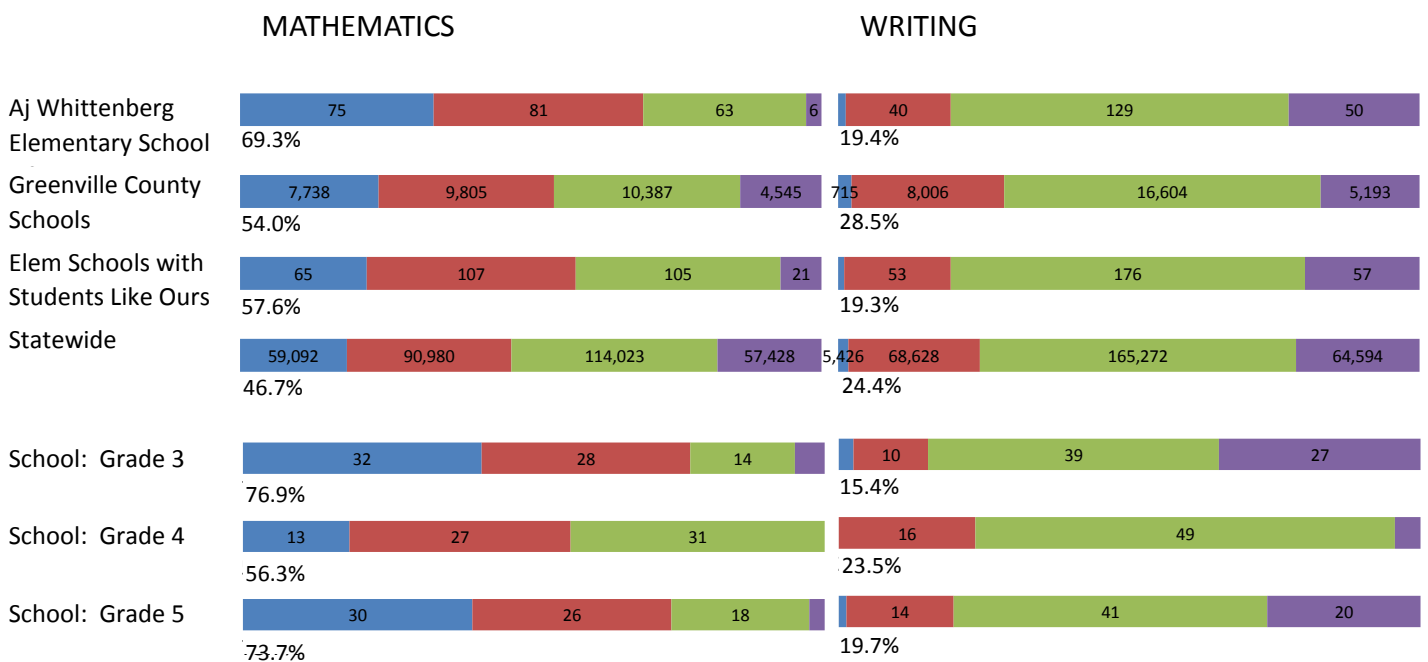
Opened in the fall of 2010, the school has consistently achieved top results and rankings at both state and federal levels. One reason for this success is the effective use of technology to empower learning throughout the school. Younger students have sets of iPads, a SMART table and desktop computer in every classroom. They also access STEM and computer labs on a regular basis. Beginning in second grade, every student receives one-for-one technology which is used for homework and throughout the school day. Digital microscopes and other purpose-specific tools add rigor and engagement in STEAM labs and classrooms.

AJW Elementary is co-located with Greenville's Salvation Army Corps Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center. This enables AJW students to receive free instruction in tennis, golf and swimming as well as many other healthy lifestyle activities as an extension of their physical education. A CATCH school, AJW is certified as a Healthy Living School by LiveWell Greenville.

The school is named for Abraham Jonah Whittenberg, a civil rights activist. His efforts, along with others, became a catalyst that led to the integration of Greenville County Public Schools.

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



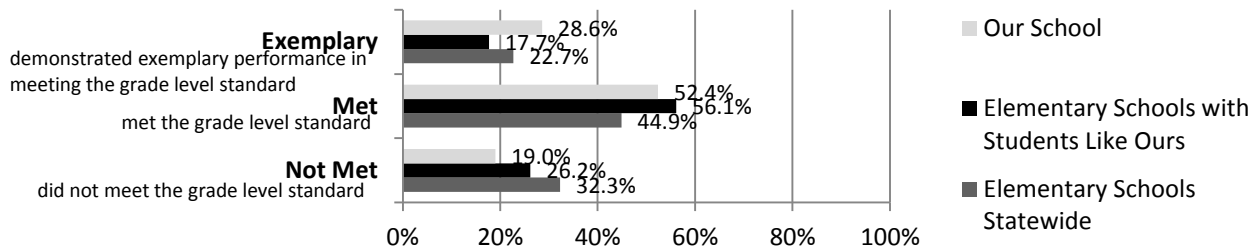
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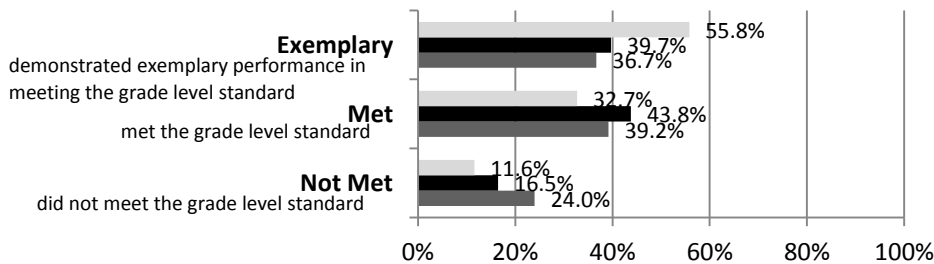
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
83.1	78.9
Social Studies SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
91.5	85.5

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 = 535)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	60.8	Down from 62.6%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.9	Down from 97.6%	96.1
With disabilities	8.4	Down from 9.4%	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	14.6	Down from 15.5%	9.5
Percentage of students retained	1.2	Down from 3.2%	0.8
Teachers (n = 30)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	70.0	Up from 63.3%	63.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	83.3	Up from 73.3%	82.5
Teachers returning from previous year	83.6	Up from 82.5%	88.1
Teacher attendance rate	92.8	Down from 95.5%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$47,449	Up 2.8%	\$49,905
Professional development days / teacher	1.6 days	Down from 13.4 days	10.5 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.3 to 1	Up from 20.7 to 1	20.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5	Down from 92.1%	89.7
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	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	9.0	N/A	13.6
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	16.0	N/A	20.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.1	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	1.8
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,674	Down 1.8%	\$7,294
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0	Up from 54.9%	66.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	56.6	Up from 55.7%	68.1

* 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	28	73	15
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4	76.7	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4	73.6	100.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.5	93.1	93.3

* 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	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	N/A

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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