



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-7 Elementary	Principal:	Melissa Mccloud
Enrollment:	156 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Rick Maxey
School Phone:	843-397-5719	Board Chair:	Joe DeFeo
School Website:	http://www.theacademyofhope.org/		



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.

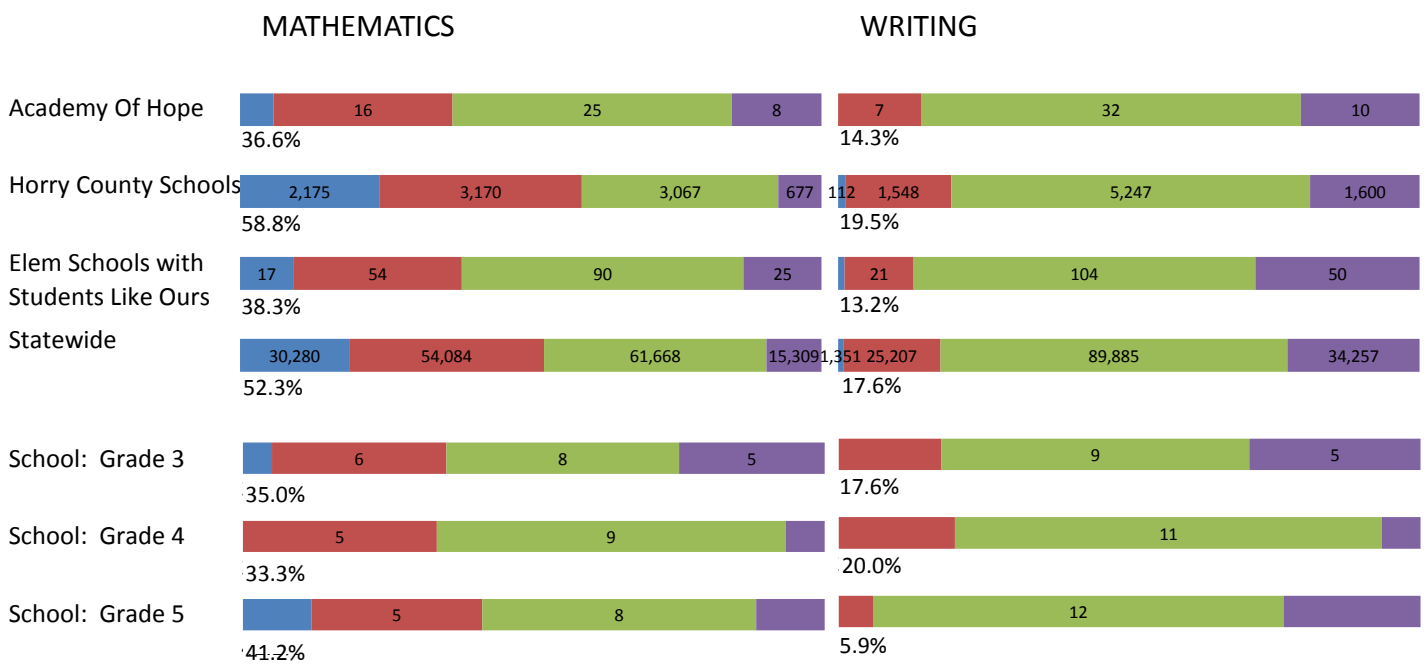
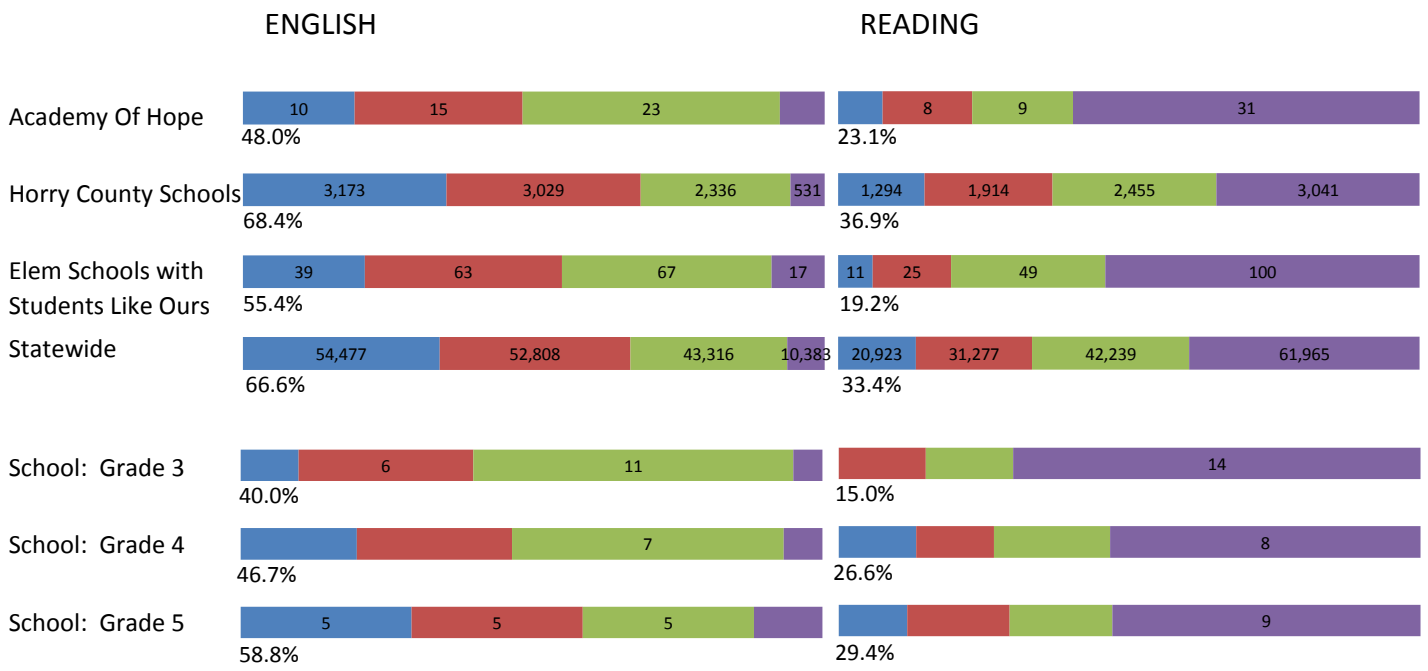
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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

Academy of Hope had a wonderful 2014-2015 school year. Deanna Brown was named Teacher of the year. Under the direction of Waymon Edmonds and Dr. Marvin Keene Our Robotics Program for students in grades 3-6 made it to the State Championship for the second year in a row. Our student chorus was showcased during the annual Spring chorus showcase. This was the first year of the "Meet the Neighbors" Programs. This year, the faculty and staff went out to meet each of our surrounding neighbors. We introduced ourselves and personally distributed fruit baskets as a thank you for supporting Academy of Hope and Horry County Schools. Students enrolled and completed an additional week of learning by attending intercession school in October which was taught by our dedicated teachers. Several staff members attended the National Charter Schools Convention (New Orleans, Louisiana). Our amazing school sponsored a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross. During the month of February the students made & distributed special hearts for the residents of Agape Nursing Center. We also collected can goods and helped to ensure that 20+ students had a visit from Santa. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Lastly, we were approved by the SC Department of Education to become a Licensed CDEP Preschool provider. We appreciate your support and look forward to another wonderful year!

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



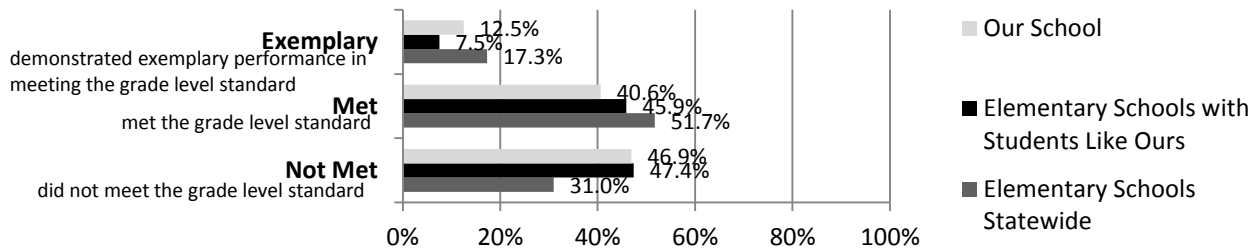
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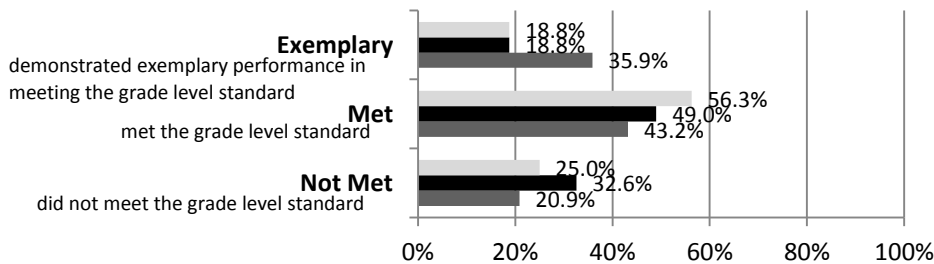
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
26.7	76.5
Social Studies SCPASS	
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
86.7	64.7

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 = 156)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	89.7	Up from 86.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.8	Down from 96.6%	95.4
With disabilities	15.5	Up from 12.3%	13.1
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	5.8	Up from 2.5%	3.6
Percentage of students retained	0.0	Down from 0.8%	1.5
Teachers (n = 12)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	58.3	Up from 46.7%	58.6
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	83.3	Up from 60.0%	75.0
Teachers returning from previous year	78.8	N/A	83.5
Teacher attendance rate	92.1	Down from 96.2%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$36,750	Down 4.9%	\$46,399
Professional development days / teacher	12.4 days	Down from 13.8 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	10.0	N/A	1.5
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.5 to 1	Up from 12.9 to 1	18.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.6	Down from 92.5%	89.2
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Good	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6	Down from 100.0%	100.0
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	15.0	N/A	15.6
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	25.9	N/A	29.7
Bandwidth capacity per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	0.8
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	2.1
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.7	Up from 0.0%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,419	Up 19.4%	\$8,324
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	46.8	Up from 38.6%	65.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	48.8	Up from 39.4%	66.5

* 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	15	11	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	90.9	100.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.3	100.0	100.0

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

State Ratings History of School

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

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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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