

North Elementary School

1100 Roddey Drive
Lancaster, SC 29720



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

Enrollment: 690 students

School Phone: 803-283-9918

School Website: <http://nes.lancastercsd.com>

Principal: Keishea M. Mickles

Superintendent: Dr. Richard E. Moore

Board Chair: Robert Parker



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.

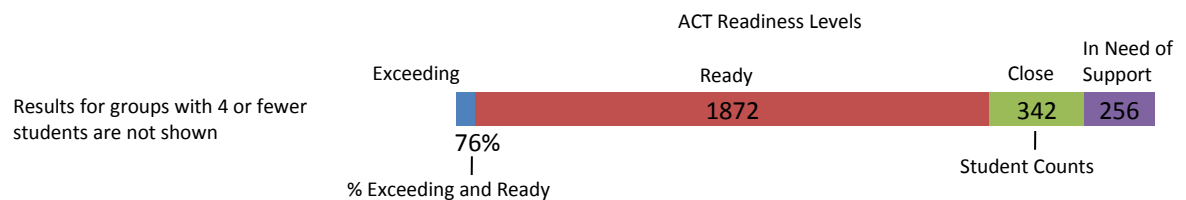
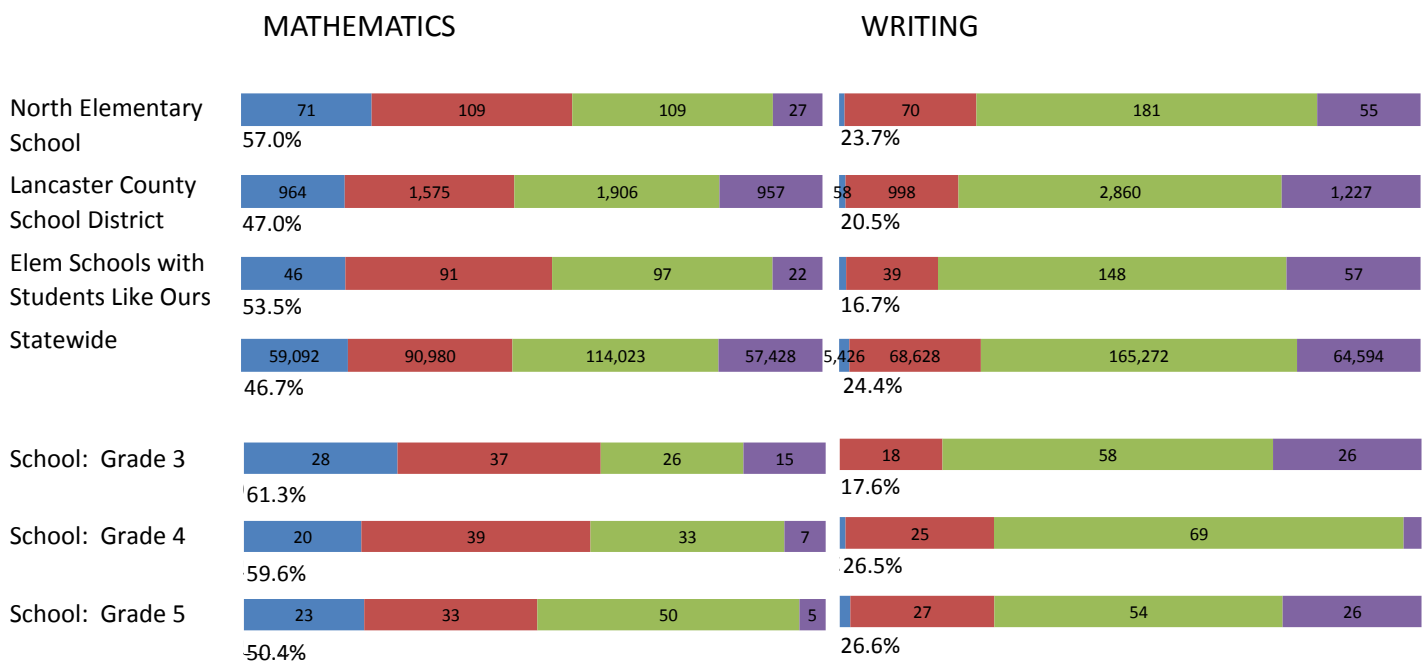
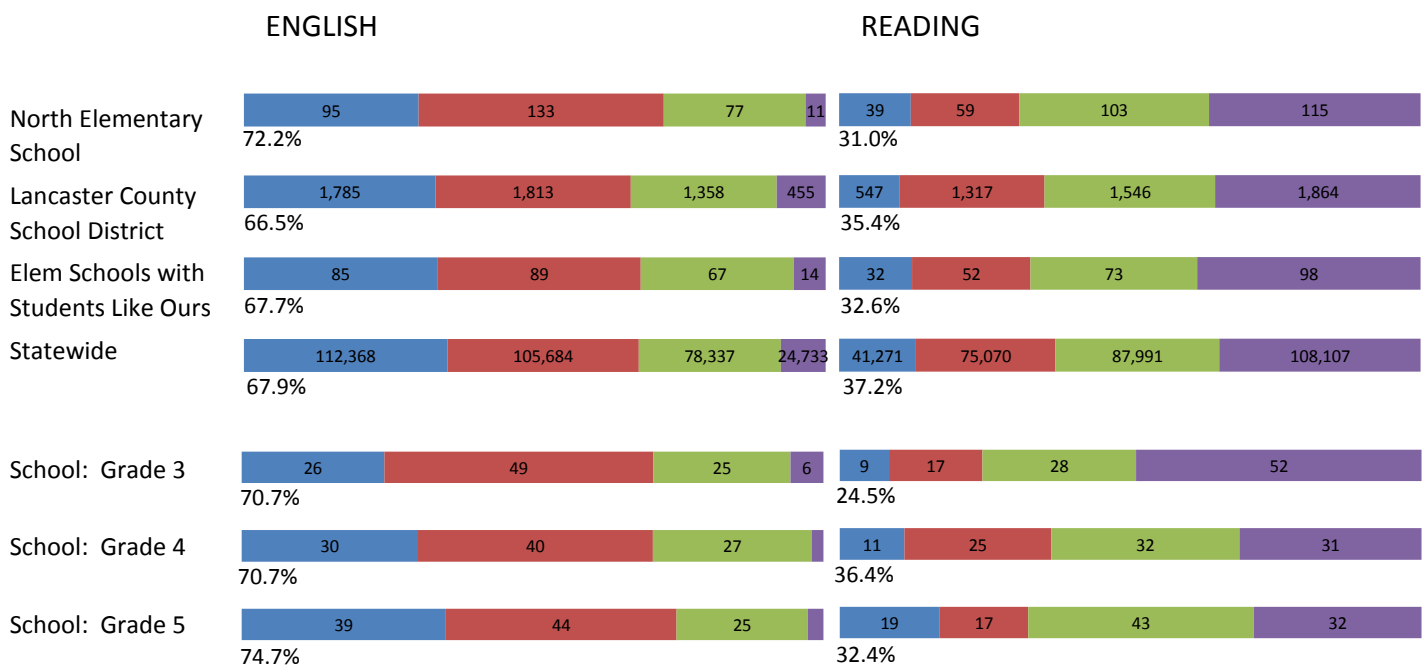
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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

It has been an academically successful sophomore year for me as principal at North Elementary School. We have celebrated many accomplishments this school year as we together geared up to keep the momentum going, created new memories, reached for new goals, and met new challenges. I am honored to be part of a community that embraces our district's mission of, "Putting Children First." Thanks to the hard work of our North families and our PTA, we have focused our energy on updating technology in our classrooms. Students now have access to 90 iPads to enhance their learning and many of our teams have written grants for additional iPads to use in a small group setting. We have also updated our current Smartboards in seven classrooms and replaced them with the latest 70-inch flat screen panels. In addition to these changes, we continue to update desktop computers in our classrooms and labs. It is our goal to maintain the updating of our technology as we best prepare our 21ST century learners to be college and career ready. Presently, we have approximately 700 students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. We are home to a diverse community of resilient, active learners who demonstrate an understanding of and appreciation for the six pillars of good character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship). As a reminder of the importance of making appropriate choices and achieving their personal best, each day our students followed the pledge to the American Flag with the North Knight Pledge, which reads as follows: As a North Knight, "I promise to be a responsible, hard-working, life-long learner." Enhancing and improving literacy skills continues to be a focus in all aspects of the school curriculum. Our literacy rich curriculum this year is directly aligned with the new South Carolina State Standards in each core subject area. Our staff works diligently to differentiate instruction based on the needs of each individual child. Through cooperative and engaged learning experiences, children who come from many different cultures make new friends and stretch their imaginations. The collective efforts of all staff members insure that every child will succeed. The efforts of our dedicated faculty and staff helped us attain Palmetto Gold again this year! As always, we continue to have high expectations for each North Knight. We are fortunate that our entire North family embraces our "lifelong learning" mission and that parents, students and teachers work together to ensure every child is receiving the best education we can provide. We are grateful to our dedicated group of volunteers and mentors for the time and hard work they bestow to make our school a wonderful place for teachers and students to work and learn. Keishea M. Mickles, Principal; Jamekia D. Ford, SIC Chairman

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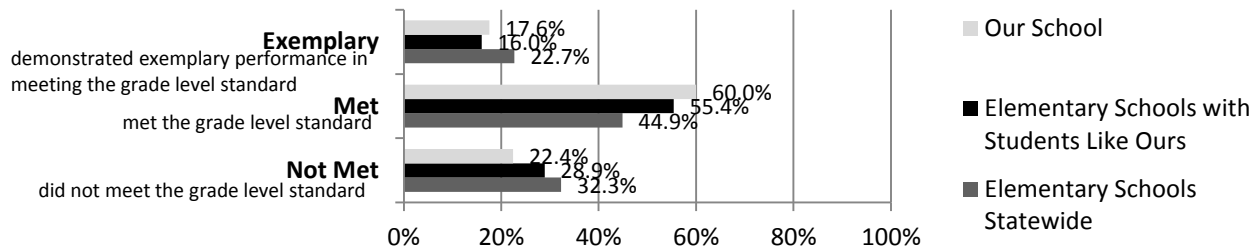
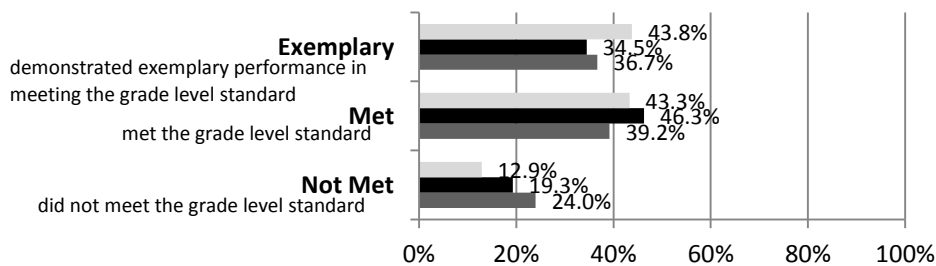
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

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

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
87.9	68.5

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
91.9	82.9

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 = 690)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	70.0	Down from 73.6%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.4	No change	95.9
With disabilities	10.7	Down from 11.3%	12.9
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	7.9	Down from 8.8%	7.7
Percentage of students retained	1.1	Up from 0.0%	1.2
Teachers (n = 42)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	59.5	Down from 63.4%	60.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	64.3	Down from 78.0%	83.9
Teachers returning from previous year	84.6	Down from 89.5%	89.1
Teacher attendance rate	96.0	Up from 94.5%	94.8
Average teacher salary*	\$45,629	Down 4.3%	\$48,353
Professional development days / teacher	2.9 days	Down from 8.7 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.6
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Up from 19.4 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1	Up from 89.7%	89.5
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 99.9%	100.0
Character development program	Good	Up from Fair	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	10.0	N/A	15.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	17.4	N/A	21.0
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	0.4	N/C	1.0
District-issued technology devices per teacher	0.0	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.1	Down from 6.3%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,573	Down 0.6%	\$7,624
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.8	Up from 73.5%	67.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	75.0	Up from 74.0%	68.5

* 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	55	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3	I/S	I/S

* 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	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Good

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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