

Discovery School of Lancaster County

302 West Dunlap Street

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: K-5 Elementary**Enrollment:** 107 students**School Phone:** 803-285-8430**School Website:** <http://dis.lancastercsd.com>**Principal:** Thomas H. McDuffie**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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

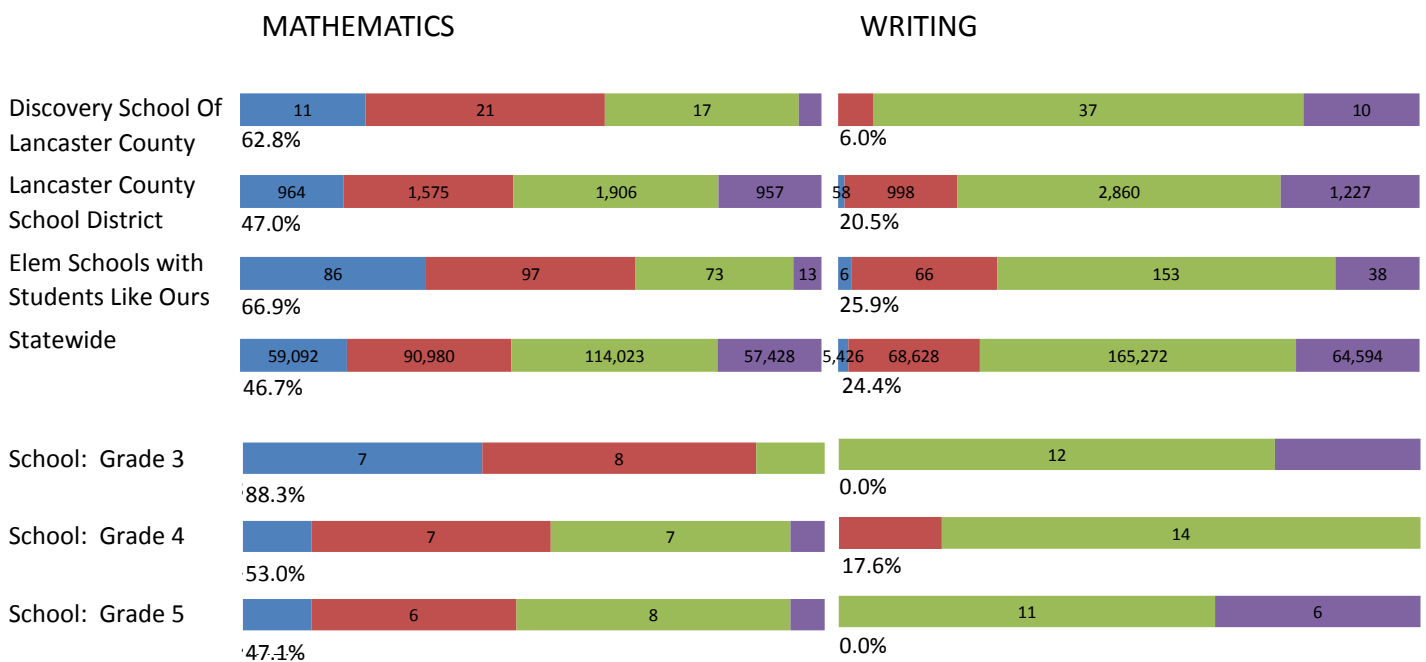
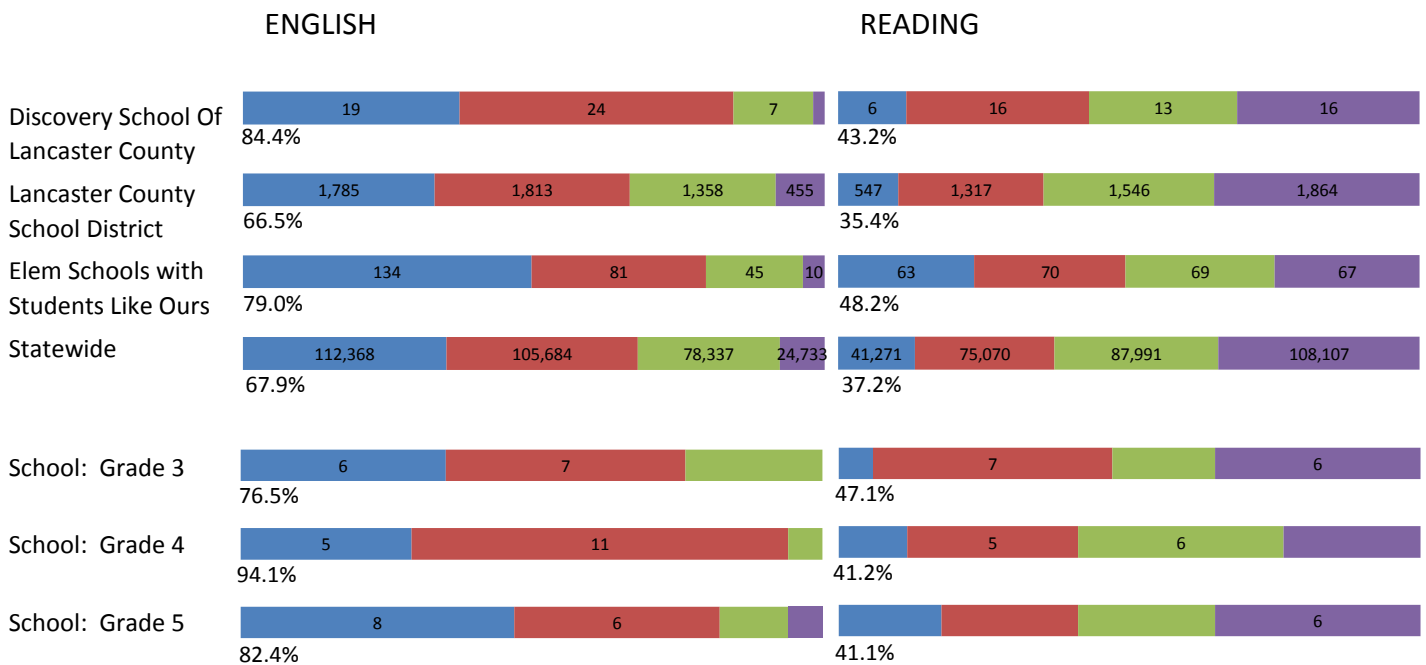
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Our school enables all students to develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by encouraging our students to be self-motivated problem solvers and lifelong learners. Discovery School's exemplary faculty and staff blend rigorous Core Knowledge standards and state standards with reasoning skills, allowing our students to incorporate creativity and innovation in both problem-based and project-based learning opportunities. Emphasis is placed on traditional content learning (ELA, math, science, and social studies) along with the fine arts (music, creative movement, visual arts, and drama) and world languages (Spanish and Japanese). Through our annual theme-based festival, students demonstrate world class skills such as: critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, teamwork, communication, and research (use of media and technology) utilizing a variety of unique presentation formats. Discovery students learn exemplary life and career characteristics including: integrity, self-direction, perseverance, work ethic, interpersonal skills, and global perspective, through school-wide implementation of programs such as Love and Logic and Positive Discipline.

* 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



ACT Readiness Levels



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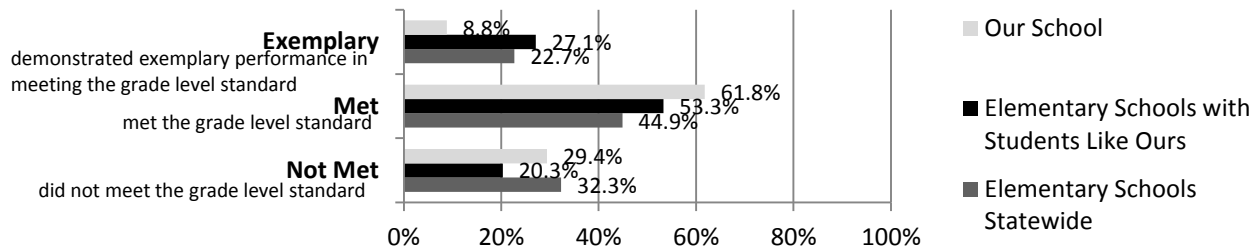
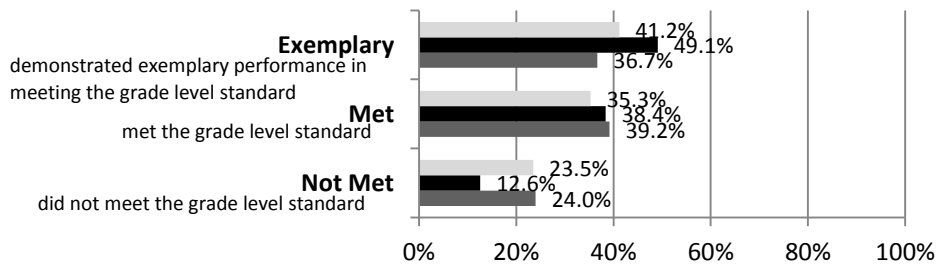
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

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

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
64.7	76.5

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level	
4th grade	5th grade
76.5	76.5

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 = 107)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	41.1	Down from 43.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.6	Down from 97.1%	96.4
With disabilities	10.3	Down from 13.2%	10.1
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	17.8	Down from 17.9%	13.1
Percentage of students retained	0.0	No change	0.7
Teachers (n = 8)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	50.0	No change	60.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	66.7	No change	84.3
Teachers returning from previous year	77.8	Up from 61.1%	89.4
Teacher attendance rate	97.5	Down from 97.7%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$42,028	Up 5.7%	\$50,017
Professional development days / teacher	14.9 days	Up from 9.8 days	12.1 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.9
School			
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 14.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	No change	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6	Down from 92.6%	90.1
Opportunities in the arts	Fair	Down from Good	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	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	13.0	N/A	12.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	45.8	N/A	18.8
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	2.1	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	4.2	N/C	1.7
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	16.7	Down from 33.3%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,558	Up 7.6%	\$7,719
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.6	Up from 65.4%	66.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	66.0	Up from 65.8%	67.3

* 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	18	17	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	94.2	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	70.6	85.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0	88.3	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	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

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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