

School Summary Report River Ridge Elementary School 2016-2017



Dear Parents,

The School Improvement Council and the faculty and staff of River Ridge Elementary School have prepared this Summary Report for you and the community members interested in our school. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student at River Ridge Elementary School. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of our students. We appreciate your support and value your input. We encourage you to let us know of any questions or suggestions you may have concerning these activities.

This report provides you with a copy of our mission statement and summarizes the goals developed by our School Renewal Plan. It lists activities and programs being implemented to achieve these goals. Assessment data which includes SC Ready and PASS test scores for grade three and grade four students in 2015-2016 are discussed. We also included information about our MAP assessment that is given to all students in kindergarten through grade 4 in the fall and in the spring. We have also included additional information describing awards and recognitions for our school and faculty and a listing of our school's programs and opportunities for students.

We are proud of our students and their accomplishments and strive to continue to maintain this excellence in education by working hard to achieve all goals and strategies outlined in our five-year improvement/renewal plan. Thank you for the valuable part you play in this educational success.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of River Ridge Elementary School is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

Goals and Strategies for 2016-2017

Goal #1

We will improve student achievement.

Strategies:

Balanced Literacy Model

Reading Intervention Program- LLI

Analysis of all Assessment Data

Problem Solving Strategies

Critical Thinking Skills/DOK

Math Manipulatives

Cooperative Learning Opportunities

Standards-Driven Curriculum-SCCCRS

Hands-On Science/STEAM Use of Graphic Organizers

Emphasis on Vocabulary Instruction

Differentiated Instruction

Use of Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmarks

Comprehension Strategy Instruction

Guided Reading/Guided Math

Performance Tasks in ELA/Math

Summer Programs (District-wide)

Goal # 2

We will increase participation in activities that promote life-long learning and personal responsibilities.

Strategies:

Character Education Program

Red Ribbon Week

Student Leadership- Morning News Crew/ Panda Patrol/Flag

Team/Student Council/ School Store Helpers

School Technology Team

Service Learning Opportunities

River Ridge Rules! (School-wide Behavior Plan)

Olweus Anti-Bullying Program

Walk to School/Fitness Awareness

Field Days

Terrific Kid

Multiplication Medallion Awards for Grade 3 Students Math Super Stars (Grade 2 Addition/Subtraction Facts)

First Tee Program

School-wide Dreambox Challenge for Math Achievement

PANDA Pride Celebrations

Goal #3

We will assist and encourage parents in becoming more involved in their child's education.

Strategies:

Math/Science/Technology Family Night

Literacy Night

Parent Conferences/Parent Link/Calls

School Spirit Activities

PTO Membership/Involvement

Class Newsletters/ Parent Information Newsletters

Open House Nights

Volunteer Opportunities-Field Days/Walk to School

ESOL Classes (MTCC)

SDE Needs Assessment

School Web-site/ D5 App/Parent Portal/Remind

Peach Jar Schoology

School Improvement Council

Goal #5

We will work together to ensure the safety of all students.

Strategies:

Safety Drills

Visitor Sign-In/School Check-in

School-wide Safety Committee

Secured Entrances-Visitors must be buzzed in.

Access to Resource Officer

School-wide Emergency Plan

Safety Walk-throughs

Nurse/ First Responders

Security Cameras

Playground Radios

Safety Responder Bags (Recess/Field Trips)

AED (Located in Front Lobby)

CPR Trained (Numerous Faculty/Staff)

Safety Drills/Secured Classrooms (Locked)

Goal #4

We will provide opportunities for students to broaden their understanding of and competency in the use of new technology for the purpose of education.

Strategies:

Classroom Computers/Laptops

Computer Lab- Scheduled Class Time/Flex Time

Promethean Boards in all Classrooms

1:1 Laptops in Grades 3 and 4

Active G/Web Cams

Video Camera/Digital Camera

Curriculum-related Software

iPads (1:2 in K5/1st/2nd)

PowerPoint

1-1 Model Classrooms for Technology (2 in 3rd/2 in 4th)

Hue Cameras

Keyboarding- (Schoology/Instruction)

Robotics Club

Goal #6

We will develop and provide activities to promote appreciation for the arts and other cultures.

Strategies:

Cinco de Mayo

Artists-in-Residence

Field Trips- Theater/Ballet

Multicultural Activities

Foreign Language Class-Spanish

Spring Art Show

Chorus

Grade Level Performances

State Honors Chorus

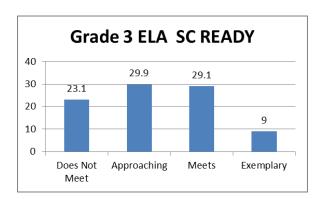
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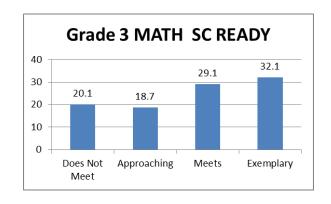


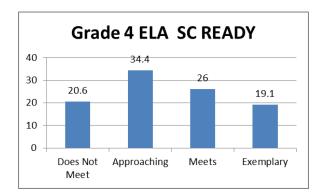


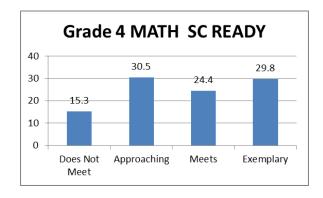
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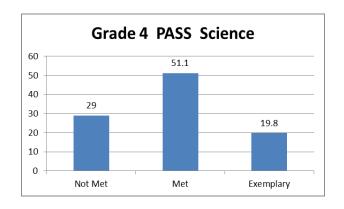


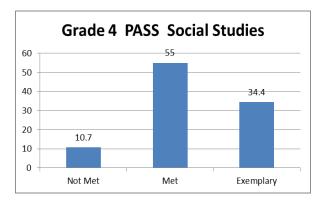






PASS Grade 4 Science/Social Studies





River Ridge Elementary School Accomplishments

River Ridge was named as a "**Palmetto Gold**" school for 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014., 2015

River Ridge was named as a "Palmetto Silver" school for 2010.

River Ridge was named an "Exemplary Writing School" in 2001-2002 and in 2004-2005.

River Ridge received the "**Healthy Schools Award**" in four categories for 2001-2002 and in six categories for 2002-2003.

River Ridge Elementary School was named a "**Schools of Promise**" school in 2000-2001 and renewed this honor in 2002-2003.

River Ridge received an EXCELLENT/Good rating on the School Report Card.

River Ridge Elementary School Staff Recognition

Anna Taylor was named as River Ridge's "Teacher of the Year" for 2016.

Leslie Acree was named as River Ridge's "Support Employee of the Year" for 2016.

Business Partnerships

Ingles Supermarket, Sonic, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Publix, Zaxby's, Papa John's Pizza, Firehouse Subs, and Chick-Fil-A are River Ridge Elementary School's Partners in Education.

Our service learning partners are Midway Residential Home, Carpenter's Table, and Middle Tyger Community Center.

Our PTO continues to provide financial support for numerous activities such as our Artists-in-Residence, purchasing devices for technology integration, our Red Ribbon Week activities, RRES family events and our book celebrations. Thank you, PTO!!!!

Programs				
Resource	Early Intervention			
Pre-school Speech	Response to Intervention		Spanish	
Speech-Language/Articulation	Thinking Maps	SCHOOL BUS PO	PANDA Packs	
Reading Intervention	River Ridge Afterschool Program		Olweus	
English as a Second Language	Comprehensive Related Arts			
Creations-Art	School Nurse			
Gifted/Talented	Parent Education			
Guidance	Technology			
Character Education	Three-Year Old PCD Program			

Opportunities for Students				
Morning Show (Daily News Broadcast)	School Store Workers/Flag Helpers	Panda Patrol		
Drama Club	Circle of Friends	Talent Show		
Grade Level Study Buddies	PTO Sponsored Events	Student Council		
Math/Science Family Night	Honors Chorus (4 th)	Olweus		
Book Fair Family Night	Art Displays- District Office/Art Center	Garden Club		
Patches' Writing Pals	Kid of Character	Terrific Kid		
Service Learning Projects	Foreign Language-Spanish	Good News Club		
Spring Art Show	Grade Level Performances	Updated Technology		