



# School Summary Report River Ridge Elementary School 2022-2023



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 addressed in 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 2021-2022 are discussed. 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.

Please follow us on *Twitter* and like us on *Facebook*. Both of these media networks provide more information about River Ridge for all stakeholders!!

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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## 2022-2023 School Improvement Council

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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

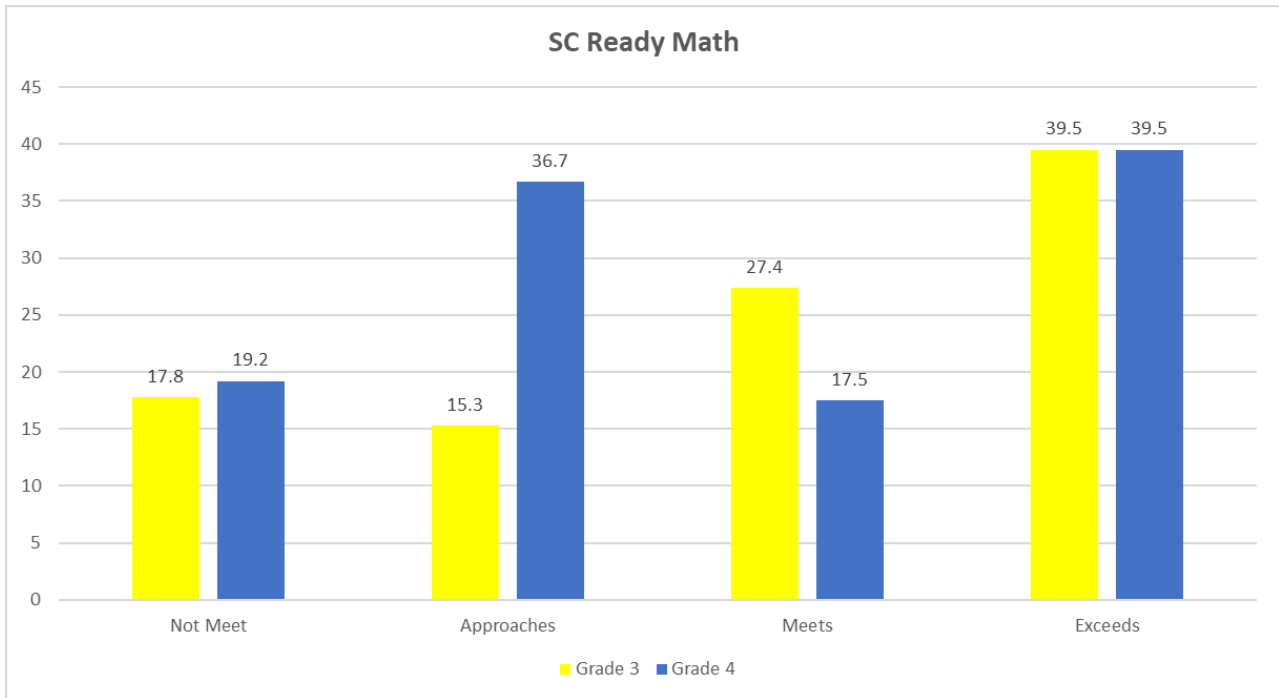
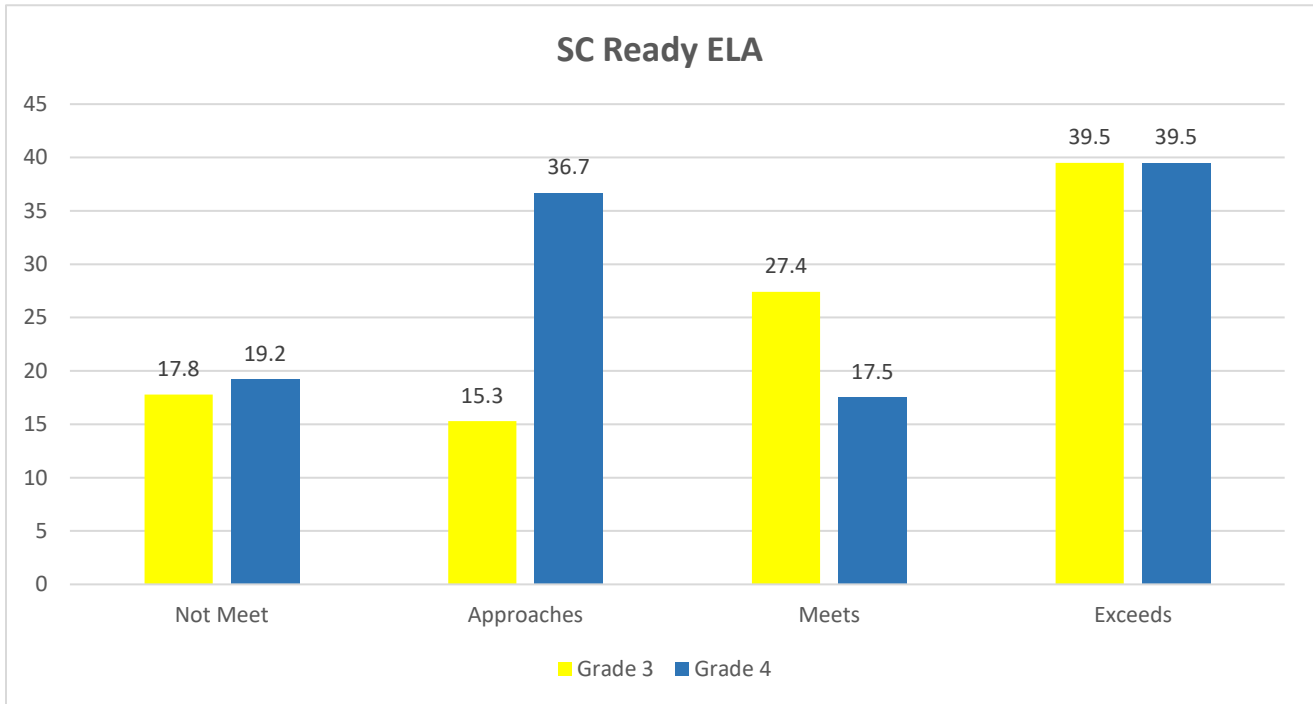
*River Ridge Elementary School will provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.*

## Goals and Strategies





<p><b>Goal #1</b>  <b>We will improve College and Career Readiness and achievement in all areas of the Profile of the Graduate.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Balanced Literacy Model  Reading Intervention Program  Analysis of all Assessment Data  Math, Reading, Tech Coaches  Critical Thinking Skills/DOK  i-Ready/Data Analysis/Recognition  Collaborative Learning Opportunities  Standards-Driven Curriculum-SCCCRS  Hands-On Science/STEM  Use of Graphic Organizers  Emphasis on Vocabulary Instruction/Phonics  Differentiated Instruction/Inclusive Teaching  Use of Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmarks  Comprehension Strategy Instruction  Guided Reading/Guided Math  AVID Implementation  Summer Programs (District-wide)</p>	<p><b>Goal # 2</b>  <b>We will provide activities that promote life-long learning, personal responsibilities and character development.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Character Education Program  Red Ribbon Week  Student Leadership- Morning News Crew/ Panda Patrol/Flag Team/Student Council/ School Store/Technology Team.  #PANDAPride/ PANDA Pride Celebrations  Service Learning Opportunities  River Ridge Rules! (School-wide Behavior Plan)  Olweus Anti-Bullying Program  Field Days  Terrific Kid  Multiplication Medallion Awards for Grade 3 Students  Math Super Stars (Grade 2 Addition/Subtraction Facts)  First Tee Program  Science Fair Projects (Grades 4)  Positive Behavior Brag Tags and Awards  “Feel the Love” Week  Spirit Week</p>
<p><b>Goal #3</b>  <b>We will assist and encourage parents in becoming more involved in their child’s education.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  STEM Family Night /Literacy Night  Parent Conferences/Parent Link/Calls  School Spirit Activities  PTO Membership/Involvement/Rally Rock for Birthdays  Class Newsletters/ Parent Information Newsletters  Open House Nights  Volunteer Opportunities-Field Days  ML Classes (MTCC)  SDE Needs Assessment Surveys 2022  School Improvement Council  PTO Web-site/ D5 App/Parent Portal/Remind  Schoolology/SeeSaw Facebook/Twitter</p>	<p><b>Goal #4</b>  <b>We will provide opportunities for students to broaden their understanding of and competency in the use of new technology for the purpose of education.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Classroom Computers/Laptops  Tech Coach  Promethean Boards in all Classrooms  1:1 Laptops in K5- 4  Video Camera/Digital Camera  3D Printers  Google Ap/EBooks /Epic  Keyboarding- (Schoolology/Instruction)  Schoolology  Ozibots/Indiana Race Cars/Digital Citizenship</p>
<p><b>Goal #5</b>  <b>We will work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Safety Drills  Visitor Sign-In/School Check-in  School-wide Safety Committee  Secured Entrances-Visitors must be buzzed in.  School Resource Officer/ Security Cameras  School-wide Emergency Plan  Safety Walk-throughs/Locked Doors  Nurse/ First Responders/E-Bags  District Emergency Radio/Playground Radios  Safety Responder Bags (Recess/Field Trips)  AED (Located in Front Lobby)/Stop the Bleed Training  CPR Trained (Numerous Faculty/Staff)  Standards Response Protocol/RAPTOR</p>	<p><b>Goal #6</b>  <b>We will develop and provide activities to promote appreciation for the arts and other cultures. (2019)</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Cinco de Mayo  Artists-in-Residence  Field Trips- Theater/Ballet  Multicultural Activities-  Black History Emphasis/Activities  Foreign Language Class-Spanish  Spring Art Showcase  District Honors Chorus  Grade Level Performances  Creations  Recorder Instrument Instruction  (Grade 4)</p> 

This 2020-2021 school year, River Ridge faculty and staff continue to be involved in the implementation of the new South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards. \*\*\*Please learn more about us by visiting our web-site: [www.spart5.net/res](http://www.spart5.net/res)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2021-2022



<b>PASS Science Grade 4</b>	<b>Exceeds Expectations 16.4%</b>	<b>Meets Expectations 26.6%</b>	<b>Approaches Expectations 28.8%</b>	<b>Does Not Meet Expectations 28.2%</b>
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Programs	Opportunities for Students	School/Staff Accomplishments
<p>Resource            Early Intervention            Pre-school Speech            Response to Intervention            Spanish            Speech-Language/Articulation            PANDA Packs            Reading Intervention            Math Intervention            River Ridge Afterschool Program            Olweus Anti-Bullying Program            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            Summer Literacy Program</p> 	<p>Morning Show (Daily News Broadcast)            School Store Workers            Flag Helpers            Panda Patrol            Robotics Club            Reading Buddies (K5/4<sup>th</sup>)            PTO Sponsored Events            Student Council            Math/Science Family Night            Literacy Nights            Honors Chorus (4<sup>th</sup>)            Olweus Class Meetings            Book Fair Family Night            Art Displays- District Office/Art Center            Patches' Writing Pals            Kid of Character            Terrific Kid            Service Learning Projects            Foreign Language-Spanish            Spring Art Showcase            Grade Level Performances            Updated Technology            Red Ribbon Week</p> 	<p>Kristi Williams was named as River Ridge's "Teacher of the Year" for 2023</p> <p>Elizabeth Linarez was named as River Ridge's "Support Employee of the Year" for 2023.</p> <p>Four grade 3 and 4 students received awards at the Piedmont Regional Science Fair held in February, 2023.</p> <p>Carsyn Henderson, Grade 4, was named as River Ridge Elementary School's Terrific Kid of the Year for 2022-2023.</p> 
<p><b>#PANDA Pride</b></p> <p><b>P</b>erseverance  <b>R</b>espect  <b>I</b>ntegrity  <b>D</b>irection  <b>E</b>xcellence</p> <p>Students are working hard on the characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate!!</p> 	<p><b>Business Partners</b></p> <p>Ingles Supermarket, Sonic, McDonald's, Publix, Zaxby's, Papa John's Pizza, Firehouse Subs, and Chick-Fil-A are River Ridge Elementary School's Partners in Education.</p> <p>Our service learning partners are Midway Residential Home, Carpenter's Table, Tyger River Presbyterian Church and Middle Tyger Community Center.</p> <p>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!!!!</p>	<p>In past years:            River Ridge was named as a "<b>Palmetto Gold</b>" school.</p> <p>River Ridge was named as a "<b>Palmetto Silver</b>" school.</p> <p>River Ridge was named an "<b>Exemplary Writing School.</b>"</p> <p>River Ridge received the "<b>Healthy Schools Award</b>" in four categories and in six categories.</p> <p>River Ridge Elementary School was named a "<b>Schools of Promise.</b>"</p> 