



**School Summary Report  
River Ridge Elementary School  
2015-2016**



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 Act-Aspire and PASS test scores for grade three and grade four students in 2014-2015 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.

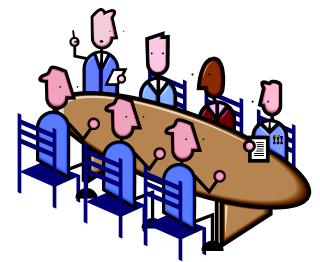
We are proud of our students and their accomplishments and strive to continue to maintain this excellence in education by working hard to achieve all goals and strategies outlined in our five-year improvement/renewal plan. Thank you for the valuable part you play in this educational success.

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**2015-2016 School Improvement Council  
River Ridge Elementary School**

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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 2015-2016

<p><b>Goal #1</b>  <b>We will improve student achievement.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Balanced Literacy Model  Learning Focused Strategies  Reading Intervention Program- LLI  Analysis of all Assessment Data  Problem Solving Strategies (ROPES)  Math Manipulatives  Cooperative Learning Opportunities  Standards-Driven Curriculum-SCCCRS  Hands-On Science Kits  Use of Graphic Organizers (Thinking Maps)  Emphasis on Vocabulary Instruction  Differentiated Instruction  Student Learning Maps  Use of Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmarks  Comprehension Strategy Instruction  Guided Reading/Guided Math  Write from the Beginning</p>	<p><b>Goal # 2</b>  <b>We will increase participation in activities that promote life-long learning and personal responsibilities.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  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 Bullying Program  Walk to School/Fitness Awareness  Field Days  Terrific Kid  Kids of Character  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  School-wide Million Minute Reading Challenge</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>  Math/Science/Technology Family Night  Parent Conferences  School Spirit Activities  PTO Membership/Involvement  Class Newsletters  Open House Nights  Volunteer Opportunities-Field Days/Walk to School  ESOL Classes (MTCC)  SDE Needs Assessment  School Improvement Council  School Web-site  Parent Information Newsletters</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  Computer Lab- Scheduled Class Time/Flex Time  Promethean Boards in all Classrooms  Video Camera/Digital Camera  Curriculum-related Software  iPads  Play Aways  PowerPoint  1-1 Model Classrooms for Technology (2 in 3<sup>rd</sup>/2 in 4<sup>th</sup>)  Classroom Response Systems  Hue Cameras  Keyboarding- (Schoology/Instruction)</p>
<p><b>Goal #5</b>  <b>We will work together to ensure the safety of all students.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Safety Drills  Visitor Sign-In/Badges  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)</p>	<p><b>Goal #6</b>  <b>We will develop and provide activities to promote appreciation for the arts and other cultures.</b>  <u>Strategies:</u>  Circle of Friends  Artists-in-Residence  Field Trips- Theater/Ballet  Multicultural Activities  Foreign Language Class-Spanish  Spring Art Show</p> 

This 2015-2016 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/rres](http://www.spart5.net/rres)



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## ACT Aspire 2015

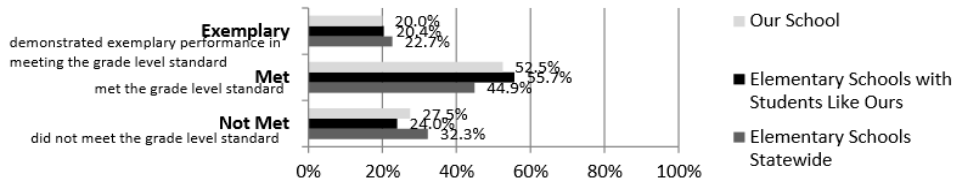
The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



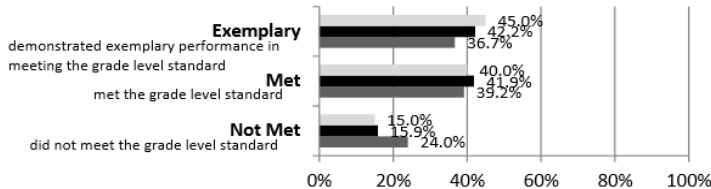
## PASS Grade 4 Science/Social Studies

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



## River Ridge Elementary School Accomplishments

River Ridge received an EXCELLENT/Good rating on the School Report Card.  
 River Ridge was named as a “**Palmetto Gold**” school for 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012 and 2013.  
 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 was named a “**Red Carpet School**” in 2001-2002 and 2005-2006.  
 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.



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## River Ridge Elementary School Staff Recognition

Ava Skinner was named as River Ridge’s “Teacher of the Year” for 2015.  
 Denise Garland was named as River Ridge’s “Support Employee of the Year” for 2015.

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## 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!!!!

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## Programs

Resource	Early Intervention	
Pre-school Speech	Response to Intervention	Spanish
Speech-Language/Articulation	Thinking Maps	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	



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## 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 <sup>th</sup> )	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