



**School Summary Report
River Ridge Elementary School
2014-2015**



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 PASS test scores for the grade three and grade four students in 2013-2014 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.

**2014-2015 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 2014-2015

<p>Goal #1 We will improve student achievement. <u>Strategies:</u> Balanced Literacy Model Learning Focused Strategies Reading Intervention Program- LLI Analysis of PASS Data/MAP Data Problem Solving Strategies (ROPES) Math Manipulatives Cooperative Learning Opportunities Standards-Driven Curriculum-Common Core/SC Hands-On Science Kits Use of Graphic Organizers (Thinking Maps) Emphasis on Vocabulary Instruction Differentiated Instruction Student Learning Maps Study Island Use of Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmarks Comprehension Strategy Instruction Guided Reading Write from the Beginning</p>	<p>Goal # 2 We will increase participation in activities that promote life-long learning and personal responsibilities. <u>Strategies:</u> Character Education Program Red Ribbon Week Volunteer Program Morning News Crew School Technology Team Panda Patrol Service Learning Opportunities River Ridge Rules! (School-wide Behavior Plan) Student Council Walk to School Day Field Days School Store Helpers Terrific Kid Olweus Bullying Program Kids of Character Multiplication Medallion Awards for Grade 3 Students</p>
<p>Goal #3 We will assist and encourage parents in becoming more involved in their child's education. <u>Strategies:</u> Math/Science/Technology Family Night Parent Conferences School Spirit Activities PTO Membership/Involvement Class Newsletters Open House Nights Volunteer Opportunities River Ridge Review SDE Needs Assessment School Improvement Council School Web-site Parent Information Newsletters</p>	<p>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. <u>Strategies:</u> Classroom Computers Flex Schedule in Computer Lab Scheduled Class Time in Computer Lab Smart Board Video Camera/Digital Camera Curriculum-related Software iPads Play Aways PowerPoint Interwrite Boards/Projectors Classroom Response Systems Hue Cameras</p>
<p>Goal #5 We will work together to ensure the safety of all students. <u>Strategies:</u> Safety Drills Visitor Sign-In/Badges First Responders School-wide Safety Committee Secured Entrances-Visitors must be buzzed in. Access to Resource Officer School-wide Emergency Plan Safety Walk-throughs Nurse Security Cameras Playground Radios</p>	<p>Goal #6 We will develop and provide activities to promote appreciation for the arts and other cultures. <u>Strategies:</u> Circle of Friends Artists-in-Residence Field Trips- Theater/Ballet Multicultural Activities Foreign Language Class-Spanish</p>



This 2014-2015 school year, River Ridge faculty and staff continue to be involved in the implementation of the Learning-Focused Schools Model. The LFS Model is a school reform model designed to assist teachers and administrators in using exemplary practices to increase learning and achievement.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) (2013/2014)

Language Arts	NOT MET	MET	EXEMPLARY	Total-Met and Exemplary
Grade 3	17.6%	25.6%	56.8%	82.4%
Grade 4	22.8%	36.0%	41.2%	77.2%

Math	NOT MET	MET	EXEMPLARY	Total-Met and Exemplary
Grade 3	19.2%	21.6%	59.2%	80.8%
Grade 4	28.1%	23.7%	23.7%	71.9%

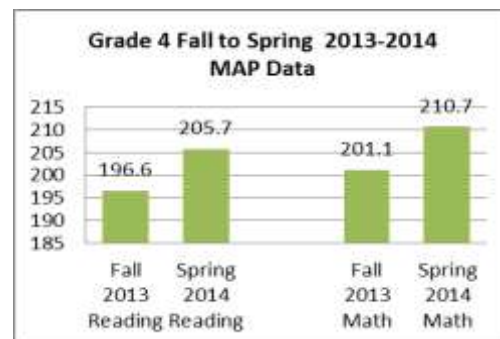
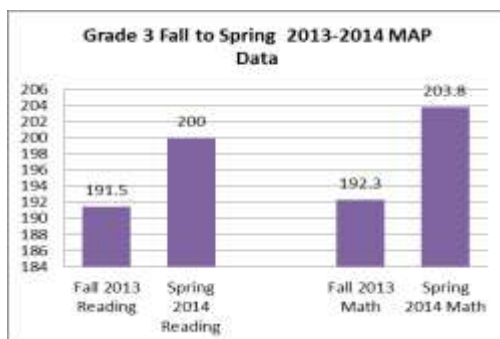
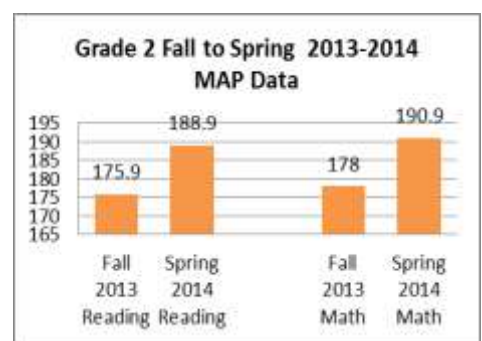
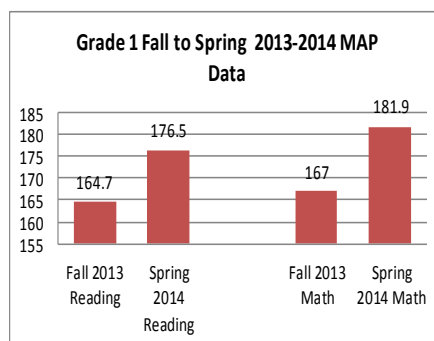
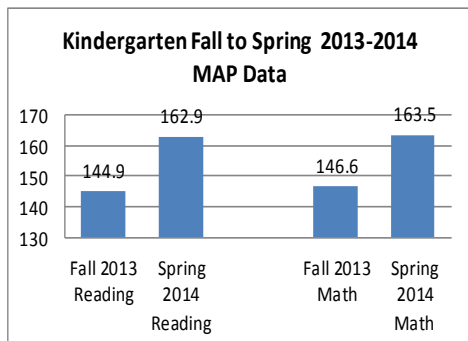
Science	NOT MET	MET	EXEMPLARY	Total-Met and Exemplary
Grade 3	28.6%	44.4%	27.0%	71.4%
Grade 4	32.5%	46.5%	21.1%	67.5%

Social Studies	NOT MET	MET	EXEMPLARY	Total-Met and Exemplary
Grade 3	21.0%	30.6%%	48.4%%	79%
Grade 4	23.7%	34.2%%	42.1%%	76.3%

PASS 2014 Summary:

River Ridge Elementary School received an "A" rating and received an Excellent/Good on our School Report. We were recognized as a Gold Award winner from the State Department of Education for student achievement.

MAP Assessment (Fall, 2013-Spring, 2014)



Students in Kindergarten through grade 4 are given the MAP assessment in reading and in math in the Fall and in the Spring. Their achievement gains are measured as a RIT score. The graphs on the left display the achievement gains of this year's students. These Fall RIT scores compare the grade level class in 2013 to the same grade level class in the Spring RIT scores in 2014. MAP assessment data helps teachers plan more individualized instruction.

River Ridge Elementary School Accomplishments

River Ridge received an EXCELLENT/EXCELLENT rating on the School Report Card.
 River Ridge received an A on all performance indicators.
 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.



River Ridge Elementary School Staff Recognition

Molly Barker was named as River Ridge’s “Teacher of the Year” for 2014.
 Kaci Holston was named as River Ridge’s “Support Employee of the Year” for 2014

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 iPads and the Mobile Cart, our Red Ribbon Week activities, Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Kits, the playground canopies, classroom projectors, RRES family events and our book celebrations. Thank you, PTO!!!!

Programs

Resource	Early Intervention (Universal Screening K5)	Study Island
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	



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