



## Mission Statement

*The mission of Rafting Creek Elementary School is to provide a quality education for all students.*

## Vision

*The vision of Rafting Creek School is to provide an environment where children feel safe and enjoy learning.*

## Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by Rafting Creek Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments.”*

## Rafting Creek Elementary School

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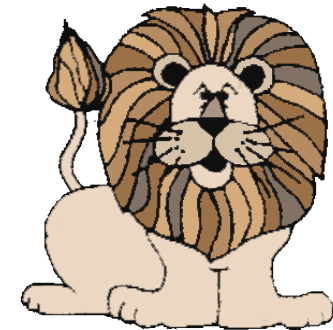
### Our Beliefs

- All students are our highest priority.
- The family has the greatest opportunity to influence the life of a child.
- Education for all is essential for the survival of society.
- Equal opportunity is an inherent human right.
- Learning is a life long process.
- All students can learn, achieve and succeed in different ways.
- All students’ self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process and have appropriate opportunities for success.
- Developmentally appropriate learning activities enhance learning at all levels.
- Teachers, parents and the community share the responsibility for the support of the school’s mission.
- Cultural diversity increases student understanding of different people and cultures.
- Challenging expectations and multi-age grouping increase student performance and enrich the learning and teaching environment.
- Exceptional students require various special services and resources.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- Instructional practices should incorporate learning activities and take into account differences in learning styles.
- Positive role models are essential for the development of skills and values.
- The pursuit of excellence requires hard work individually and cooperatively.



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# Rafting Creek Elementary School Annual Report to the Parents 2013—2014



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## **Rafting Creek Elementary**

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### **SIC Annual Goals**

Student Achievement, School Climate, and Teacher Administrator Quality are the three goals developed in conjunction with our School Improvement Council (SIC). These goals chart the direction for Rafting Creek's school improvement for the next three years.

- ◆ Goal One: By 2017, Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies scores will increase by 3% each year respectively as measured by SCPASS.
- ◆ The Percentage of highly qualified staff at 100% will be maintained through 2017 by retention and professional development.
- ◆ We will provide a positive school climate by maintaining or exceeding the state attendance requirement and by having no more than a 12% suspension rate annually.

## **Student Achievement**

Each year the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee is required by law to provide each public school in South Carolina with a Report Card outlining its performance. This "Report Card" includes an Absolute Rating and a Growth Rating. Rafting Creek's ratings are as follows:

**Absolute Rating: Average**

**Growth Rating: Good**

In addition to the state rating, the school also receives a grade under the Federal Accountability System. Rafting Creek received an "A" rating under the federal system.

For more information, you may view Rafting Creek's "S.C. School Report Card" for the 2012-2013 school year at: [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) or the Sumer School District's web page at:

<http://district.sumterschools.net/>

## **Accomplishments**

- 2013 - "Grade A" ESEA/Federal Accountability System
- 2013- Silver Award Winner (EOC) Education Accountability Act
- 2013 - FFVP Grant Recipient
- 2013 - District Clean School Award Winner (Elementary Level)
- 2013 - Commendation: Shower Shaw with Cookies Project
- Adequate Yearly Progress 2003 through 2010
- Clean School Award 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09
- Sumter School District Two Multiplication Bee Traveling Plaque 2007-08, 2008-09

## **Parents / Guardians:**

***We are progressing rapidly toward achieving our schoolwide goals and objectives.***

***Our instructional strategies and activities, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), professional staff development and clearly defined goals and objectives, are all an integral part of our initiative to increase students' proficiency in all areas on the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS).***

***Additionally, as an integral part of our student achievement initiative, we offer academic support to our students through...***

- ***An early morning tutorial program***
- ***An after-school tutorial program***
- ***And, Saturday School "Success Academy"***

***We will continue to strive to meet the academic challenges set before us.***

***Therefore, we solicit your support and ask that you continue to visit your child's classroom, attend parent conferences, submit suggestions for school improvement, and attend all other school sponsored activities.***

***We thank you for your past support and we look forward to your involvement in helping RCES fulfill its Mission of providing a quality education for all students.***

***Sincerely,***

***Loretta Nelson-White, Chairperson  
School Improvement Council***

***Ida Barboza, Principal***