

# Mt. Pleasant Academy Elementary School

*A National  
Blue Ribbon School*

## 2015 – 2016 Annual School Report to the Community

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Dear MPA Parents,

This Annual School Report is prepared for you and our school community. The report shows our SCPASS and ACT Aspire scores gives an overview of the goals and initiatives found in our School Renewal Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Davis, Principal or Heidi Smith, School Improvement Council Chairperson at 849-2826.

2015 – 2016  
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## Mission Statement

The mission of Mt. Pleasant Academy Elementary School, working in partnership with families and the community, is to assist each student to excel academically, to act responsibly, and to expand talents and social skills by providing diverse learning experiences in a nurturing environment.

*Mt. Pleasant Academy has been  
named a  
Palmetto Gold School  
Academic Achievement  
and a  
Palmetto Silver School  
Closing the Achievement Gap.*

## Information on State Assessments

The state of SC requires students in grades 4-8 to take the SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) each spring. SCPASS is aligned to the SC Curriculum Standards and includes tests in Science and Social Studies. Students receive a score of not met, met, or exemplary on each subject.

In the 2014-15 school year, the state of SC required students in grades 3-8 to take the ACT Aspire in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Reading, Writing, and Math.

SCPASS was first administered to MPA students in Spring, 2009. Results show that we continue to be among the highest performing schools in South Carolina.

ACT Aspire was only administered in the 2014-15 school year. Results from this test also show that we continue to be among the highest performing schools in South Carolina.

In the 2015-16 school year, students in grades 4-8 will continue to take SCPASS for science and social studies. Students in grades 3-8 will take SC READY in the areas of English Language Arts (which includes writing) and Math.

### PASS Scores Percent Met/Exemplary

	Year	Writing	ELA	Math
<b>Gr. 3</b>	13	95.5	97.8	91.0
	14	99.0	93.0	93.0
<b>Gr. 4</b>	13	98.9	96.6	97.8
	14	96.0	95.0	94.0
<b>Gr. 5</b>	13	81.1	93.0	91.5
	14	97.0	96.0	95.0

### ACT Aspire Scores Percent Exceeding and Ready

	Yr	ELA	Reading	Writing	Math
<b>Gr. 3</b>	15	93.4	62.7	30.3	85.7
<b>Gr. 4</b>	15	89.5	76.3	60.5	80.2
<b>Gr. 5</b>	15	93.2	65.9	34.4	73.8

## Summary MPA School Renewal Plan

### Performance Goal 1:

Mt. Pleasant Academy will increase the percentage of students scoring met and exemplary in English/Language Arts.

- Analyzed State Assessment scores
- Adjusted, improved instructional program to address areas of need
- Improved A. R. Program
- Increased grade level planning
- Improved teaching of critical thinking and problem solving
- Implemented new SC State Standards

### Performance Goal 2:

Mt Pleasant Academy will increase the percentage of students scoring met and exemplary in Math.

- Analyzed State Assessment Scores
- Adjusted and improved instructional program to address areas of need
- Increased grade level planning
- Implemented activities to address higher order problem solving skills
- Implemented new SC State Standards

### Performance Goal 3:

The level of technology at Mt Pleasant Academy will be improved to meet the needs of all students and staff.

- Provided technology training for teachers
- Improved technology curriculum for all students
- Purchased updated hardware and software (Learning.com, Sumdog)
- Increased technology teacher assistant to full time
- Implemented Typing Master keyboarding program

