

Mission

The mission of Abner Creek Academy 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.

Beliefs

- Children are our most valuable resource.
- Public education is a pillar of our society.
- Integrity is taught by example.
- Excellence is achievable.
- Mutual respect is beneficial.
- Knowledge empowers.
- Diversity strengthens.
- Family is the foundation of society.
- Children need supportive adult role models.
- Attitude makes a difference.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Personal responsibility serves the common good.
- Stewardship of resources maintains trust.



Ratings

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating

Overall Weighted Points: 99
Overall Grade Conversion: A

The performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.

State Awards for PASS Performance

ACA received the Gold Award for General Performance for 2013, 2012, and 2011 PASS scores and the Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap for 2012 PASS scores.

MAP Data

MAP data is now available on our electronic version of the Report to the Parents along with PASS data, which is included on our School Report Card and in our Strategic Plan on the website.



Abner Creek Academy

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Report to the Parents

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Assistant Principal
Chad Dowden
SIC Chair
Dawn Mitchell

Motto: *Learning with Love and Laughter*

Magnet Focus: Communication and Leadership

**2013-2014 Theme:
*ACA - Where Magic Happens!***

School Improvement Council 2013-2014

Elected Members:

Ana Ceasar - Teacher
Ron Clark - Parent
Elizabeth Grube - Teacher
Heather Smith - Parent

Appointed Members:

Dawn Mitchell - Community Member
Scott Ogle - Community Member

Ex-officio Members:

Chad Dowden - Assistant Principal
Machelle Harvley - PTO
Representative
Karen McMakin - Principal

Goals for 2013-2014

Abner Creek Academy (ACA) presently serves 496 students in Pre-kindergarten through Fourth Grade. Seventy faculty and staff members serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility, which opened its doors in 2008.

The School Improvement Council was involved in promoting improvements at ACA this year. Goals included the following.

- Expanding our magnet program,
- Expanding the use of technology by students for learning and by teachers for instruction,
- Expanding communication between school and parents/caregivers, and

- Adding new by-laws and minutes from SIC meetings to the school website.

With the continued support of parents, community members, and our business partners, we will continue to strive for excellence as we serve the children of Abner Creek Academy.

Progress and Highlights

- Our school received the Technology Innovative Program Award at the EdTech Convention for the innovation involved in the teaching of our Multimedia class, which is part of our magnet program.
- All teachers were given iPads and laptops to use for instruction.
- iPads were purchased for all first- and second-grade classrooms.
- Students enjoyed guest performances by Mike Wiley, actor, Georgia Kay, Broadway actress, the Greenville Little Theatre, FBN Productions, and the Columbia Marionette Theatre.
- All students in K5 – Grade 4 participated in holiday performances for parents and peers.
- An 88-member cast of students from Grades 2 - 4 performed in an original production at the Fine Arts Center in March.
- All students in K5 – Grade 4 participated in the Science Fair and

presented to grade level peers on stage.

- Our first Cultural Fair was held with all second-grade students presenting to parents and guests.
- Parents of students who are speakers of other languages were invited to two events to promote school and district resources.
- Our media specialist was selected to be a district trainer in technology, and teachers were invited to technology workshops.
- A text messaging system was implemented to allow parents the opportunity to sign up to receive texts from the school.
- Physical fitness was promoted with the addition of *Open Gym* each morning and a Running Club.
- Students participated in service projects that supported the Spartanburg Humane Society, the Cancer Society, March of Dimes, the American Heart Association and local veterans and soldiers.
- The Parent Portal, which allows parents access to updated information about attendance and grades, was open to parents.
- Our traveling Honors Chorus performed at a Wofford basketball game, a Road Warriors hockey game, Barnes and Noble, and at Carowinds. Five Honors Chorus members were selected to participate in the SC Honor Choir in Charleston in February.

MAP DATA

Fall 2012 to Spring 2013 Average RIT Growth

