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## Introduction

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFC) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2013-2014 school year. Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community.

## School Mission

The mission of St. Helena Elementary School is to create a strong foundation for cultivating and educating lifelong learners who are socially responsible and academically minded while being globally competitive.



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# St. Helena Elementary School



## School Improvement Council Report 2013-2014



"A Title I Funded School"

## Programs for the Year

- Four Pre-Kindergarten full day classes
- Alphabet Junction, Cultural Programs, Magician, and Book Store from Adopt A School
- After school programs sponsored by the United Way
- AmeriCorps volunteers
- Good News Club afterschool program
- Progress monitoring weekly in math and language arts
- Gifted and talented classes for kindergarten, 3rd grade and 4th grade
- 4th grade music concert series
- Teacher assessment and professional development through TAP
- Spanish computer lab
- Five TAP mentors to support instruction
- 2 instructional coaches, 4 literacy teachers
- Everyday Math in all classrooms
- Ladies' and Gentlemen's mentoring program with Responsible Artistry program
- Gifted art and music after school program
- Swimming lessons for 2nd grade
- Animals Making Reading Fun program (6 certified dogs)



## Grants

- The Foundation for Educational Excellence: Most won by any one teacher

### Focus of Instruction

- To increase learning growth from one year to one and a half years in math and reading
- STEM for grades two through five
- ELA school goal and focus of professional development for teachers
- Lucy Calkins writing program in all grades

### State Scores

Absolute Rating– **Average**

Performance Rating-**Excellent**

Score of 5 out of 5 TAP Performance for K-5 based on MAP and PASS testing

**Palmetto Gold** (Progress) and **Palmetto Silver** Award (Closing Achievement Gap)

### Community Outreach

- Pennies for Patients fundraiser : \$2700
- Food drive/fundraiser for families in need: \$440

### Assessments

- Fontas and Pennell reading assessments
- CogAt testing for all second grades
- STAR/OLSAT gifted and talented screenings
- MAP benchmark testing three times a year
- PASS testing for grades 3-5

## Special Activities

- Family Night (math and reading focus)
- Back to School and Thanksgiving Dinner
- Flag bearers at Penn Center Heritage Days
- Field trips including: Star Base, Penn Center, University of SC, Kroger Center, Sandbox Museum, Charleston
- Winter Holiday Program
- Family Book-a-Ween Parade
- STEM showcase night
- PTO sponsored Valentine's dance
- Black History Month Program with the community and Penn Center
- Back Pack Buddies for 91 students
- Penn Center Award of Compassion
- Award ceremonies each quarter
- PBIS store with \$3400.00 worth of rewards
- Volunteer appreciation dinner
- MLK Parade in Beaufort
- Happiness video viewed internationally
- Coastal Connection Art Show at Lady's Island Middle School
- Anti-bullying Week, Red Ribbon Week

