

## School Achievements

During the 2014-2015 school year, Goucher Elementary School has been recognized for the following:

*Emerson Goodenough*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place District Winner*  
*Writer's Gala*

*Kayla Rochester*  
*Teacher of the Year*

*Carol Davis*  
*Distinguished Teacher of Reading*

*Detra Turner*  
*Support Staff Person of the Year*

*Technology Elementary Teacher Winner*  
*Kayla Rochester*

*Donor's Choose*  
*Donation Recipients*  
*Kayla Rochester, Carol Davis,*  
*Debra Davis*

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## Purpose of the Report

**Goucher Elementary is extremely proud of the many accomplishments made during the 2014-2015 school year. Each year the staff at Goucher, in conjunction with the School Improvement Council, prepares a report for the community highlighting student achievement, innovative programs, student and teacher accomplishments and performance goals for the next school year. Goucher Elementary School continues to improve curriculum and instruction in the classroom through on-going staff development, analysis of data, differentiated instruction, and using technology to enhance learning.**

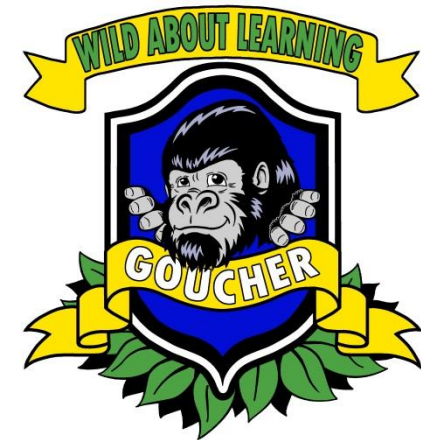
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## Goucher SIC Members

**Alison Fowler, Teacher, Chair**  
**Brandee Wilkie, Community Member**  
**Marie Moore, Community Member**  
**Marc Mathis, Parent**  
**Erin Pearson, Teacher**  
**Sarah Jo Coleman, Teacher**  
**Caroline Ruff, Parent**

## Goucher Elementary School

## Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2014-2015



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### *Mission Statement*

*“Goucher Elementary School will lay a foundation dedicated to the success of respectful, responsible, productive life-long learners.”*

## SIC Annual Goals

- To Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics
- To Improve Student Achievement in ELA
- To Improve Student Achievement in Writing
- To Improve Student Achievement in Science
- To Improve Student Achievement in Social Studies
- To Improve Parental Participation and Actively Involve Parents in Their Child’s Education

### Belief Statements

1. We believe that children are always our first priority.
  2. We believe that education is essential for the advancement of society.
  3. We believe that every individual has equal value.
  4. We believe that excellence is always worth the effort.
  5. We believe that a safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.
  6. We believe that learning is a lifelong process.
  7. We believe that the family is the foundation of society.
  8. We believe that everyone can learn.
  9. We believe that teachers, students and families as partners, have the responsibility to meet the individual educational needs of each student.
  10. We believe that all students can be respectful and responsible.
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## Student Achievement

### 2014 ESEA/Federal Accountability System

Goucher Elementary received a rating of

**“C” 79 points**

A “C” rating means the performance meets the state’s expectations.

### 2014 SC Report Card Information

Absolute Rating-Average  
Growth Rating-Below Average

### Evaluation Results

Percent satisfied with learning environment  
Teachers 89.5%  
Students 81.4%  
Parents 90.3%

Percent satisfied with social and physical environment  
Teachers 94.8%  
Students 90.8%  
Parents 92.7%

Percent satisfied with school-home relations  
Teachers 89.5%  
Students 92.6%  
Parents 82.9%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included

## School Pledge

I am a Grrr-eat Gorilla because:

I come to school ready to learn.

I show respect for others, my education, and myself.

I make responsible decisions in my actions and academics.

## School Motto

Grrr-eat Gorillas are

*Ready,  
Respectful, and  
Responsible  
Grrr-rrrr-rrr*



*“For more information, you may view Goucher’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*