

## School Achievements

During the 2013-2014 school year, Goucher Elementary School has been recognized for the following:

*Kalin Lorr*  
*District Postage Stamp Design Winner*  
*Grade One*

*Zak Parker*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place District Winner*  
*Writer's Gala*

*Neely Parris*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place District Winner*  
*Writer's Gala*

*Sarah Jo Coleman*  
*Teacher of the Year*

*Alison Fowler*  
*Distinguished Teacher of Reading*

*Blaine Henderson*  
*Support Staff Person of the Year*

*Voted "Best School in Cherokee County"*  
*Sponsored by the Cherokee Chronicle*

*2013 ESEA Award School*

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

---

## Purpose of the Report

Goucher Elementary is extremely proud of the many accomplishments made during the 2013-2014 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.

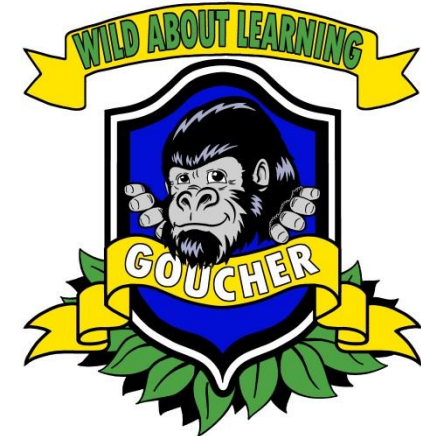
---

## Goucher SIC Members

**Tracy Davis, Community Member**  
**Sonya Dillingham, Community Member**  
**Alison Fowler, Teacher**  
**Marc Mathis, Parent**  
**Erin Pearson, Teacher**  
**Sarah Poole, Teacher**  
**Caroline Ruff, Parent**  
**Kim Sullivan, Parent**  
**Brandee Wilkie, Parent**

## Goucher Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2013-2014



604 Goucher School Road  
Gaffney, SC 29340,  
864-206-6890

Principal, Janice M. Keller  
janice.keller@cherokee1.org

#### *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.
- 

## Student Achievement

### 2013 ESEA/Federal Accountability System

Goucher Elementary received a rating of

“A”

An “A” rating means the performance of the school substantially exceeded the state’s expectation.

### 2012 SC Report Card Information

Absolute Rating-Average  
Improvement Rating-Average

### Evaluation Results

Percent satisfied with learning environment  
Teachers 100.0%  
Students 89.7%  
Parents 87.1%

Percent satisfied with social and physical environment  
Teachers 100.0%  
Students 87.8%  
Parents 96.7%

Percent satisfied with school-home relations  
Teachers 84.2%  
Students 88.1%  
Parents 90.3%

\*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).”*