



Strategies for Improving Instruction at Carver Elementary

2017-2018

1. Carver follows the Florence School District One Curriculum Alignment Document where instruction is correlated to state standards in all subjects, and assessments match instruction.
2. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities are integrated in the science and math lessons through Project Lead the Way curriculum and teacher created problem based learning units.
3. Long-range plans and weekly lesson plans are correlated to the Curriculum Alignment Document.
4. Teacher-made tests are used to assess weekly skills.
5. Teachers received iPad training and iPads to use in their classrooms.
6. An iPad cart consisting of 30 iPads supports grade level instruction.
7. Two SMART Tables are used in the kindergarten classrooms to support individualized or small group instruction.
8. A STEM Coach, Literacy Coach, and Instructional Coach work with teachers and students to maximize their learning opportunities.
9. A SMART STEM Lab is a special area class available to all Carver students.
10. Orton—Gillingham Reading program supports independent reading instruction for Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students.
11. Reading and Math Beyond the Classroom Night is an educational open house for interested parents and community members to experience reading and math strategies that will support and strengthen the classroom curriculum.
12. Benchmark tests cover state standards for all subjects and are administered each quarter.
13. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests are administered in the fall, winter, and spring to determine a students academic achievement and growth from fall to spring and year to year.
14. Compass is a computer based program that is used in conjunction with MAP to provide engaging activities for individual learning styles and achievement levels.
15. Chrome Books are 1:1 in third and fourth grade classrooms.
16. A Career Carnival at Carver hosted 18 professionals from the Florence community and gave them the opportunity to share their careers with students in all grade levels.
17. "Write From the Beginning", a writing program, is used school-wide in grades K-4.
18. "Literacy Lab" is offered in Kindergarten and First Grade to provide reading strategies for all levels.
19. A district-wide Anti-Bullying curriculum is in place for all students in grades K-4.
20. A variety of resources are used to engage students in all subjects: software programs, internet resources, computer lab activities, iPads, laptops, E-Readers (Nooks), SMARTBoards, Smart Response System, and Discovery Education.
21. Supplemental materials have been purchased to prepare students for the SC Ready tests that are administered in the spring: PASS Coach, Brain Child Study Buddies, and Flash Masters.
22. Inquiry based math lessons are taught in all grades.
23. Remedial and hands-on instruction are provided by instructional assistants, retired certified teachers, a science lab teacher, and classroom teachers during and after school for grades K-4.
24. Enrichment programs are provided by parents, staff, and community members: Thanksgiving Festival, School Clubs, STEAM Nights, and Academic Nights.
25. Mentors are provided through a Faith Based Initiative and Faith Based Partners. The Good News Club is sponsored by Palmetto Street Church of God.
26. Technology, reading, writing, math, science, and homework workshops are provided for parents and teachers.
27. Fieldtrips that coincide with PBL units were created by grade levels at different times throughout the year.
28. Standards-based workshops are offered throughout the year, assisting teachers in providing enrichment to use with the current curriculum.
29. Parent/Teacher Conferences are held to discuss students' progress.
30. The Carver Administration Team monitors instruction and assessments.



Summary Report to Parents
from the
School Improvement Council

Carver Elementary Magnet
School
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The mission of Carver Elementary Magnet School is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

A Message from the SIC...

The School Improvement Council is responsible for presenting a report to the parents of the school about the progress being made to achieve improvements (according to objectives of the five year plan). This report will include Carver's achievements and plans for the improvements. Pages two and three show graphs representing the 2017 SC Ready and SC PASS scores.

We're Proud of...

- Named a National Blue Ribbon School, 2008-2009
- Met AYP, 2004-2011
- "A" Rating on the Federal ESEA Waiver 2012-2014
- Palmetto Gold Winner
- Red Carpet School
- Florence School District One Foundation Grant Winner
- Essential/EBook Grant Winner
- SC Healthy School
- Physical Fitness Award
- School of Promise
- Six National Board Certified Teachers
- AdvancED STEM certified school

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Thank you to our students, parents, and teachers
for

working together to enjoy another
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EXCELLENT!

2017 school year.

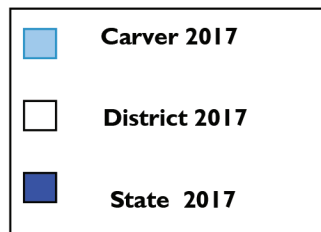
We are proud of our boys and girls.

Curriculum/Programs/Enrichment

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities integrated in the science and math lessons through Project Lead the Way modules and teacher created problem based learning units
- Balanced language arts program correlated to the SC Ready State Standards, (phonics, literature, Reading Renaissance, Orton—Gillingham, and a basal reading program)
- A school-wide writing program which encourages creative writing
- Mathematical concepts taught through Every Day Math, an inquiry based math program, and Math Design Collaborative (problem solving, exploring, analyzing)
- Science Lab and SMART STEM Lab for inquiry based and hands-on learning
- A computer technology class offered in grades K-4
- 1:1 Chrome Books for Third and Fourth Grade classes
- Standards based art, music, and physical education
- Bullying Curriculum, PBIS, and Core Essentials programs
- iPad and laptop carts to support grade level specific curriculum activities
- Updated school web page
- Clubs: Building Bears Strong STEAM Club, Engineering Club, Art Club, Chorus, Sports of All Sorts, Tech Detectives, Triple R Club, Safety Patrol, Carver Bears Network, Mad Science Club, Carver GEMS, and Good News Club
- Leadership Opportunities: Grade 4 Safety Patrol and Morning Show
- Student Recognition Programs: Terrific Kids, PrincipALS, Celebrity Student, Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance Awards, Character Counts Program, Reading Renaissance Awards, BEAR Buck Celebrations, and Bus of the Month

Community/Parent Involvement

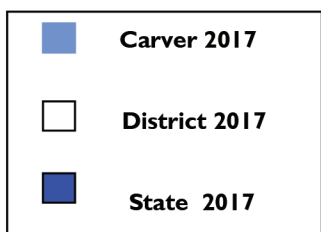
- Active Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Strong School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Partnerships include: Francis Marion University, SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics, Coker College, Florence Darlington Technical College, High School Teacher Cadets, Piggly Wiggly, Kona Ice, Zaxby's, Skateland, Chuck E. Cheese, and KJ's Market
- Rotary Club, Kiwanis Clubs, Florence Civitans, Florence Optimist Club, American Heart Association, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School & Youth campaign and BB&T
- Parent-led Programs: Annual Thanksgiving Festival, Community Announcements, Fall & Spring Book Fair, Box Tops for Education, Carver Fun Run, BEAR Buck Celebrations, Fall Festival, Career Carnival, and School Fundraisers
- Mentors through a Faith Based Initiative and Faith Based Partners: The Good News Club sponsored by Palmetto Street Church of God.



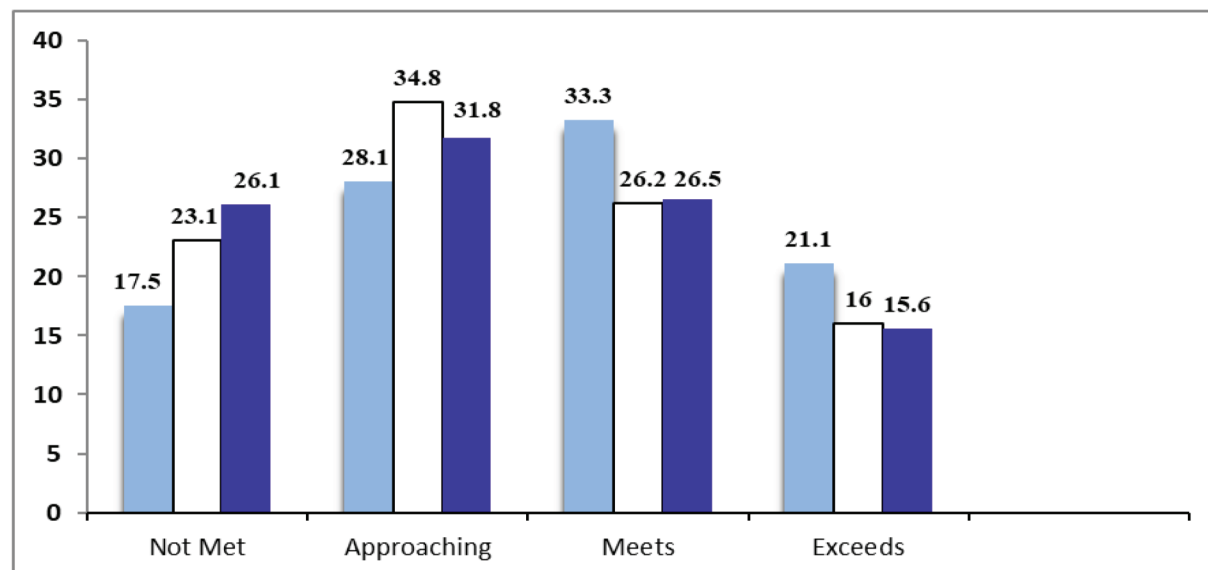
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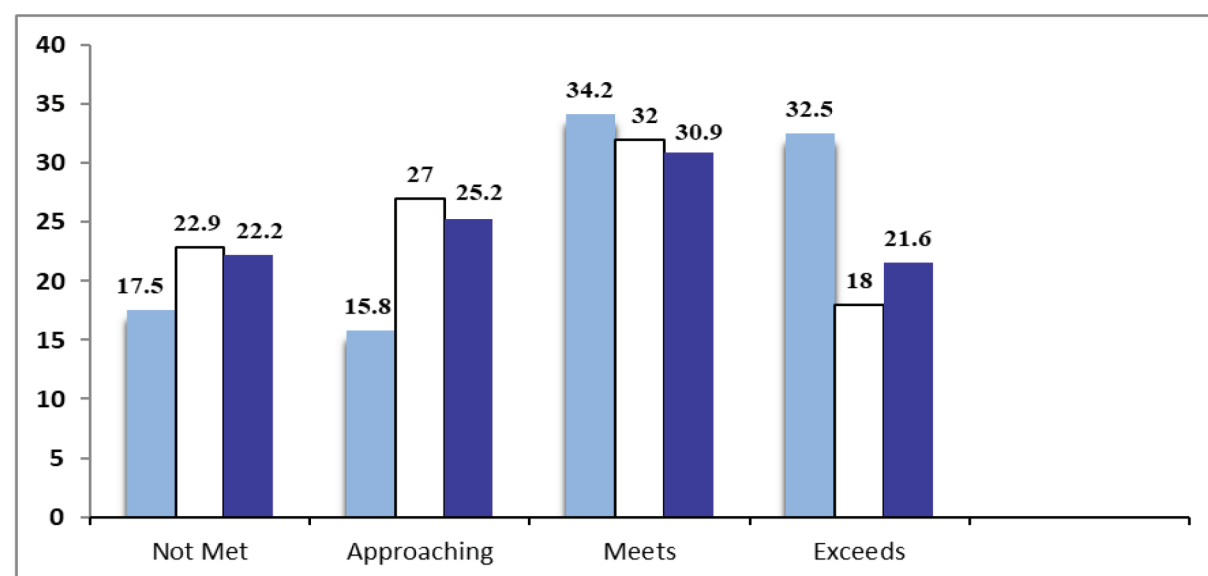
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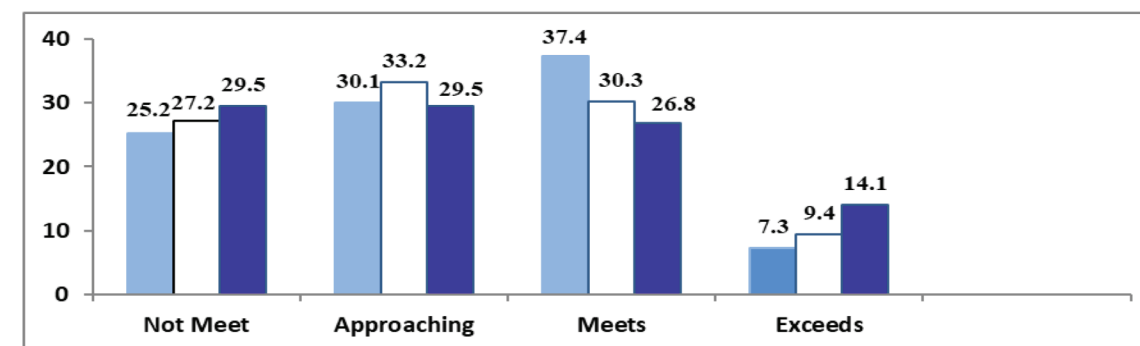
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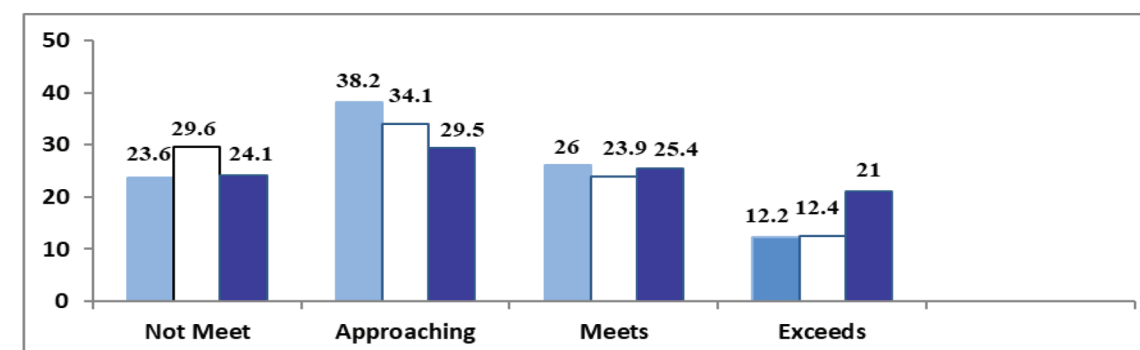
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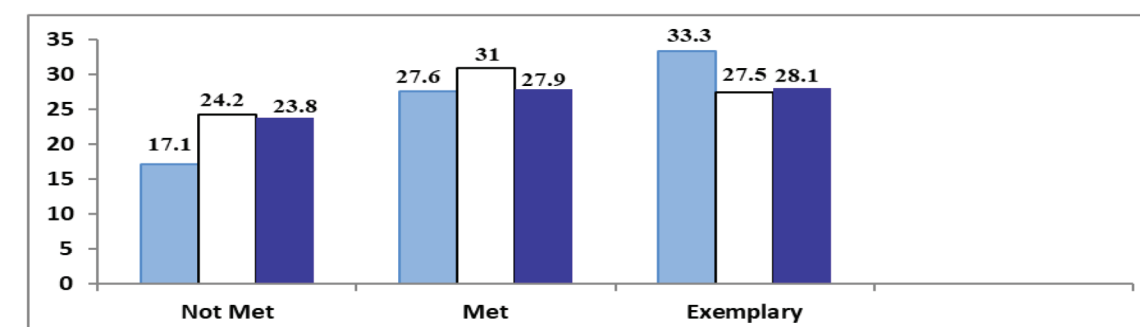
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PASS - SOCIAL STUDIES GRADE 4

