



Summary Report to Parents from the School Improvement Council

Carver Elementary School
515 North Cashua Drive
Florence, SC 29501
(843)664-8156
2012-2013

The mission of Carver Elementary 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 improvement. Pages two and three show graphs representing the 2012 PASS scores.

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Thanks to our parents and teachers for
working together to earn an

Absolute Rating of

EXCELLENT!

for 2012.

We are proud of our boys and girls.

We're Proud of...

Awards and Recognition

- Named a National Blue Ribbon School, 2008-2009
- Met AYP, 2004-2011
- Palmetto Gold Winner
- Red Carpet School
- SC Healthy School
- Literacy Spot (Reading Recovery)
- Physical Fitness Award
- School of Promise
- Twelve National Board Certified Teachers
- SMART Showcase Elite School

Curriculum/Programs/Enrichment

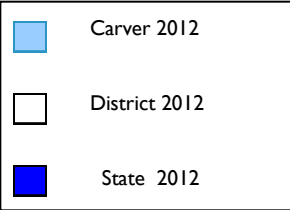
- Balanced language arts program correlated to the Common Core State Standards, (phonics, literature, Reading Renaissance, and a basal reading program)
- A school-wide writing program which encourages creative writing
- Mathematical concepts taught through an inquiry based math program (problem solving, exploring, analyzing)
- Science Lab for inquiry based and hands-on learning
- A computer technology class offered in grades 1-4
- Standards based art, music, and physical education
- Second Step, Steps to Respect, and Core Essentials programs
- Visiting authors and illustrators
- Updated school web page
- Clubs: Chorus, Carver Cares Club, Better Learning Bears, Sports of All Sorts, Techno-Pros, Sketchbook, Mad Science Club, 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 Bucks Awards Program, Bus of the Month

Community/Parent Involvement

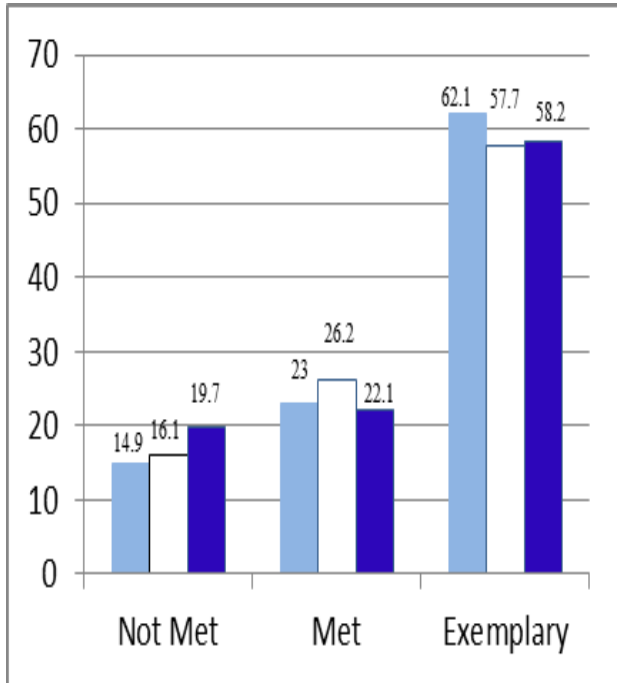
- Active Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Strong School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Partnerships include: Francis Marion University, Coker College, Florence Darlington Technical College, High School Teacher Cadets, and Wal-Mart
- Rotary Club, Kiwanis Clubs, Florence Civitans, Florence Optimist Club, and BB&T
- Parent-led Programs: Annual Thanksgiving Festival, Community Announcements, Terrific Kid Bulletin Board, Box Tops for Education, BEAR Buck Celebrations, Fall Festival, Spring Fling, and School Fundraisers
- Mentors through a Faith Based Initiative and Faith Based Partners Northgate Baptist Church, Pisgah United Methodist Church, Palmetto Street Church of God, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church.



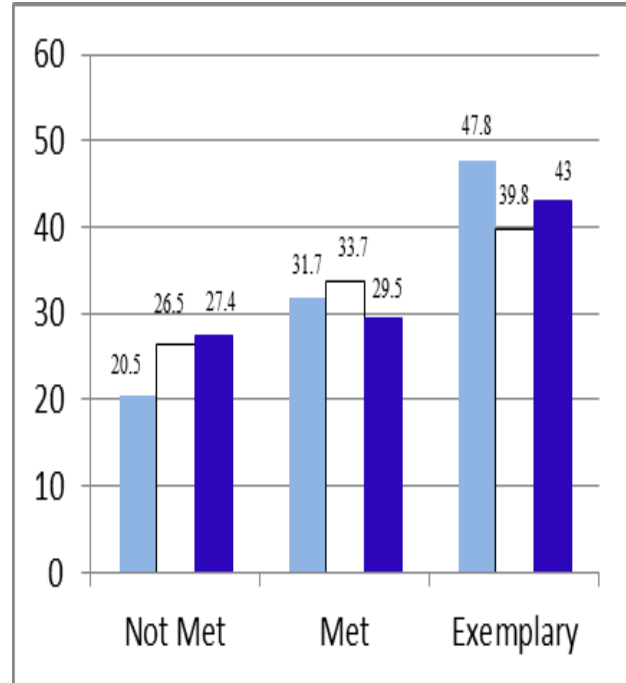
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Carver Elementary School Student Achievement 2012
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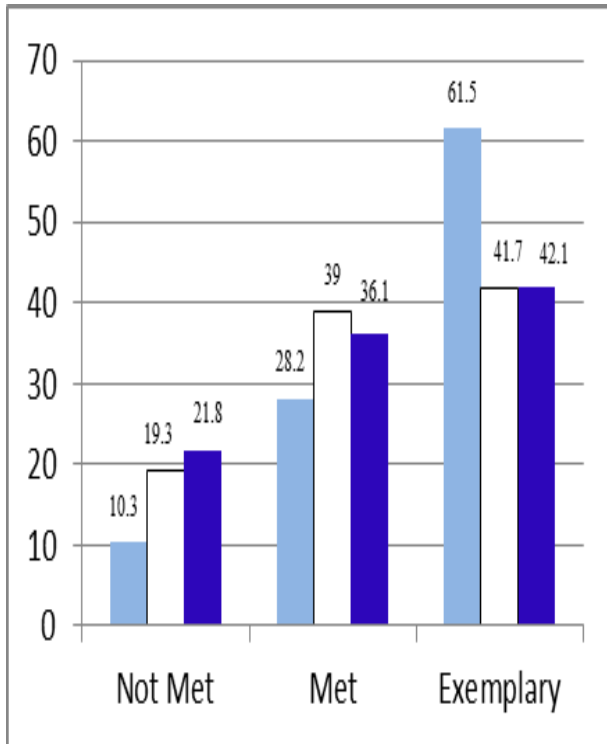
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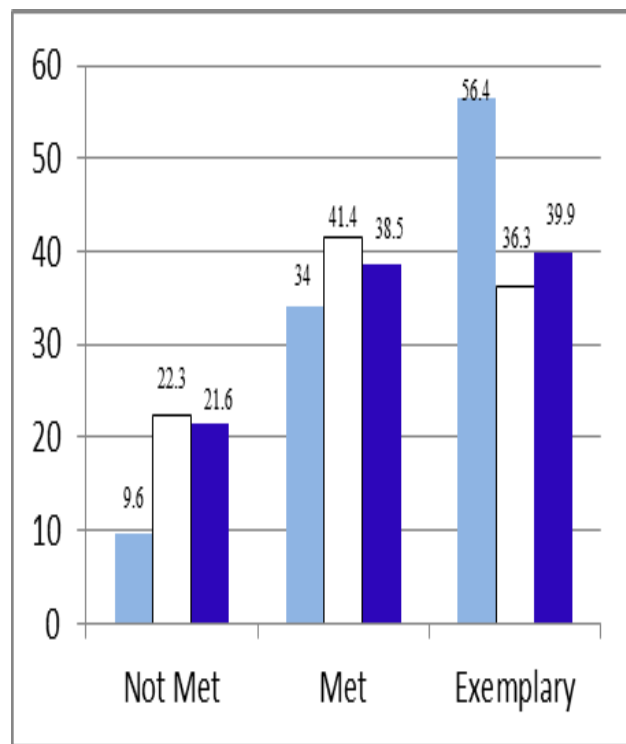
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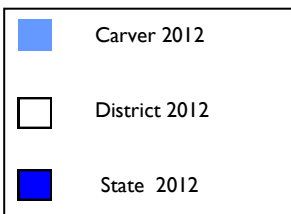


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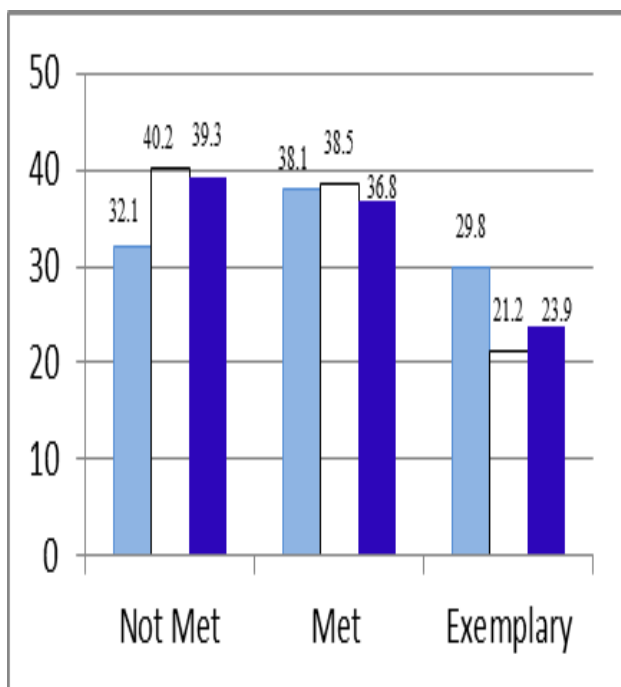




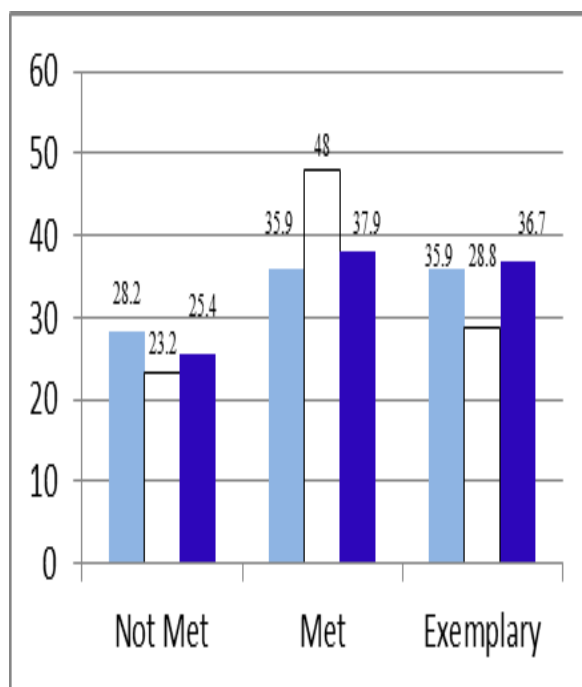
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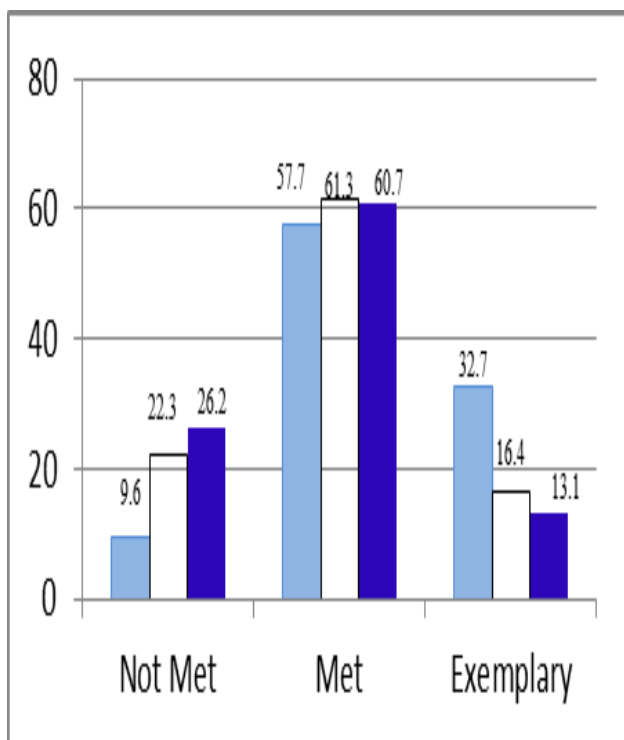
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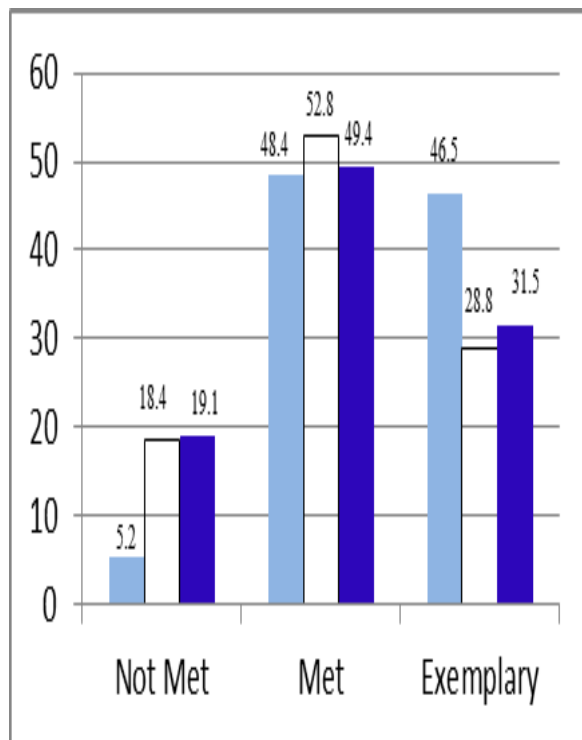
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Strategies for Improving Instruction at Carver Elementary

2012-2013

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. Long-range plans and weekly lesson plans are correlated to the Curriculum Alignment Document.
3. Teacher-made tests are used to assess weekly skills.
4. iPad training and iPads for teachers to use in their classrooms.
5. Benchmark tests cover state standards for all subjects and are administered each quarter.
6. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests are administered in the fall and spring to determine a student's academic achievement and growth from fall to spring and year to year.
7. Compass Learning-Odyssey is a computer based program that is used in conjunction with MAP to provide engaging activities for individual learning styles and achievement levels.
8. "Write From the Beginning", a writing program, is used school-wide in grades K-4.
9. "Literacy Lab" is offered in first grade to provide reading strategies for all levels.
10. A variety of resources are used to engage students in all subjects: software programs, internet resources, computer lab activities, laptops, E-Readers (Nooks), SMARTBoards, Smart Response System, and United Streaming.
11. Supplemental materials have been purchased to prepare students for the PASS test that is administered in the spring: PASS Coach, Brain Child Study Buddies, and Flash Masters.
12. Inquiry based math lessons are taught in all grades.
13. The staff continues to upgrade their skills in technological advancements to better serve their students.
14. Remedial and hands on instruction is provided by instructional assistants, retired certified teachers, a science lab teacher, and classroom teachers during and after school for grades K-4.
15. Enrichment programs are provided by parents, staff, and community members: Thanksgiving Festival, School Clubs, and Academic Nights.
16. Technology, reading, writing, math, science, homework, and discipline workshops are provided for parents and teachers.
17. Standards-based workshops are offered throughout the year, assisting teachers in providing enrichment to use with the current curriculum.
18. Parent/Teacher Conferences are held to discuss students' progress.
19. The Carver Administration Team monitors instruction and assessment.