



## Summary Report to Parents from the School Improvement Council

Carver Elementary School  
515 North Cashua Drive  
Florence, SC 29501  
(843)664-8156  
2013-2014

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

### We're Proud of...

### 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 2013 PASS scores.

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Thanks to our parents and teachers for  
working together to earn an  
Absolute Rating of  
**EXCELLENT!**  
for 2013.

We are proud of our boys and girls.

### Awards and Recognition

- Named a National Blue Ribbon School, 2008-2009
- Met AYP, 2004-2011
- "A" Rating on the Federal ESEA Wavier 2012-2013
- Palmetto Gold Winner
- Red Carpet School
- Florence School District One Foundation Grant Winner
- 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

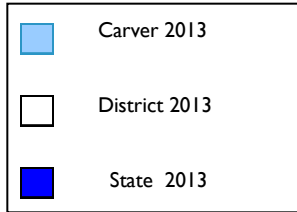
- Balanced language arts program correlated to the Common Core State Standards, (phonics, literature, Reading Renaissance, and a basal reading program)
- A school-wide writing program which encourages creative writing
- Mathematical concepts taught through an inquiry based math program (problem solving, exploring, analyzing)
- Science Lab for inquiry based and hands-on learning
- A computer technology class offered in grades K-4
- Standards based art, music, and physical education
- Second Step, Steps to Respect, and Core Essentials programs
- Visiting authors and illustrators
- iPad cart to support the EDM curriculum
- Updated school web page
- Clubs: Chorus, Carver Cares Club, Games Wizards, Science Club, Sports of All Sorts, Tech Detectives, 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

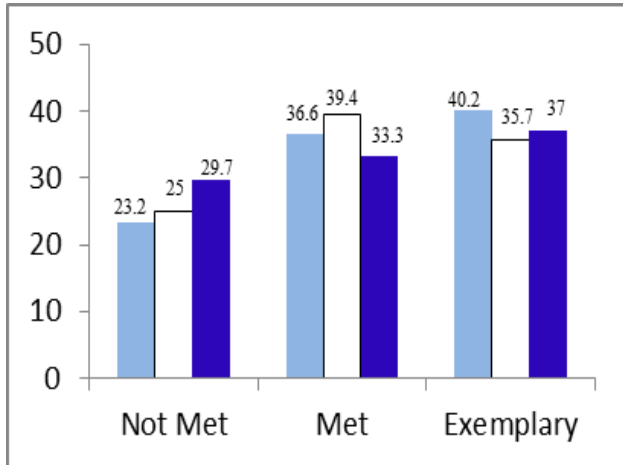
- Active Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Strong School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Partnerships include: Francis Marion University, Coker College, Florence Darlington Technical College, High School Teacher Cadets, Piggly Wiggly, Florence Red Wolves, and Wal-Mart
- Rotary Club, Kiwanis Clubs, Florence 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, Health Fair, 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.



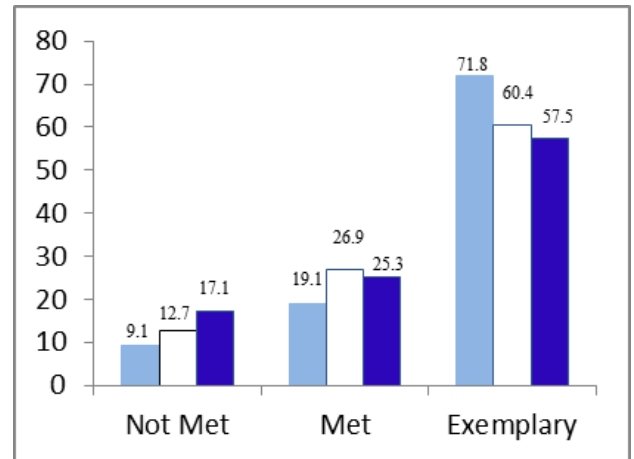
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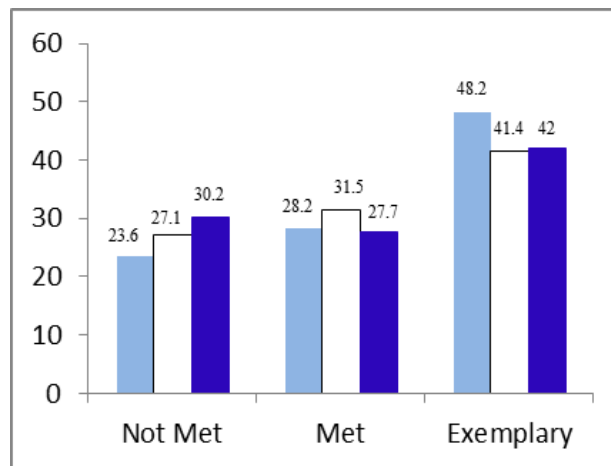
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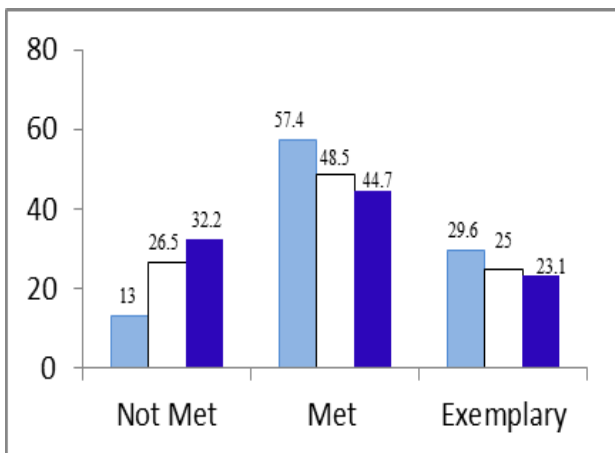
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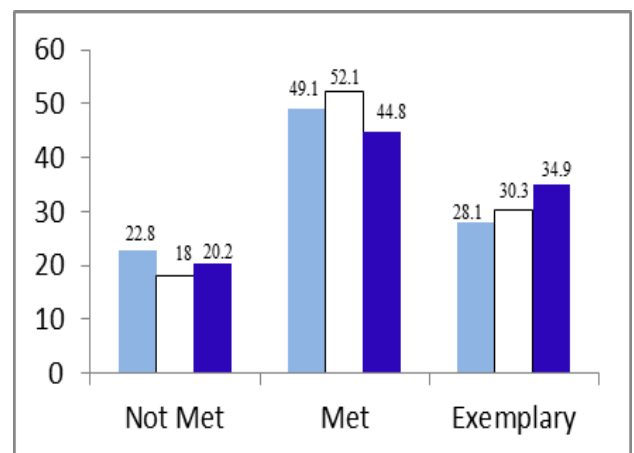
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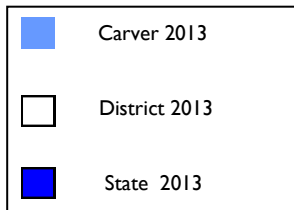


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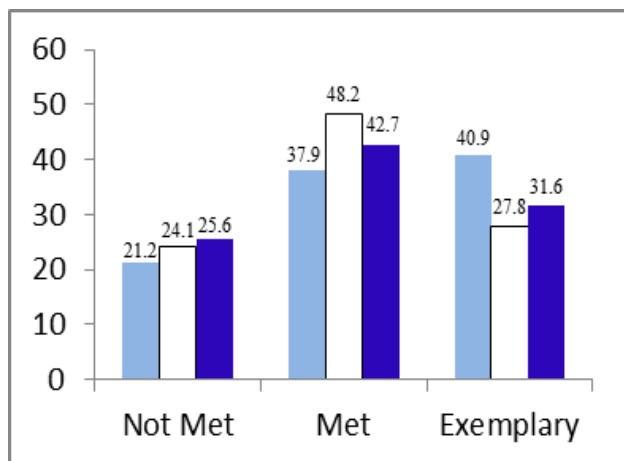




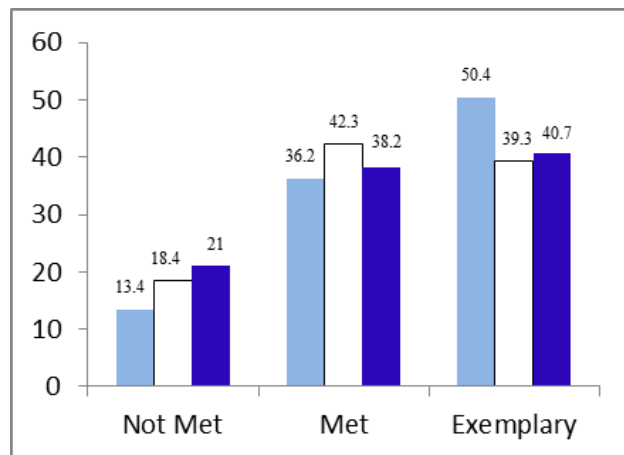
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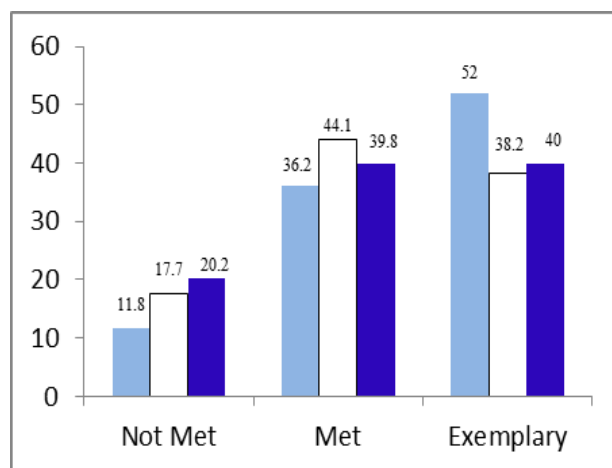
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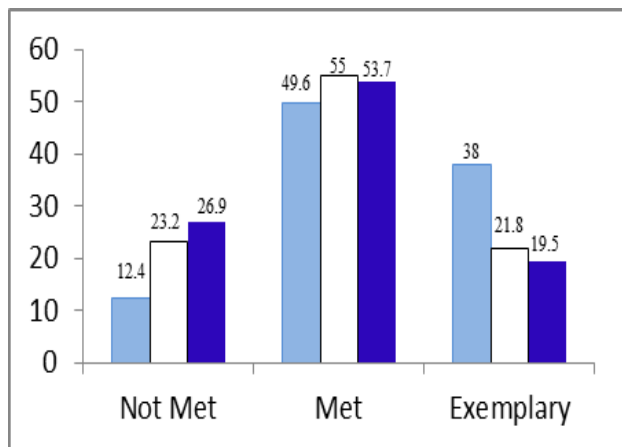
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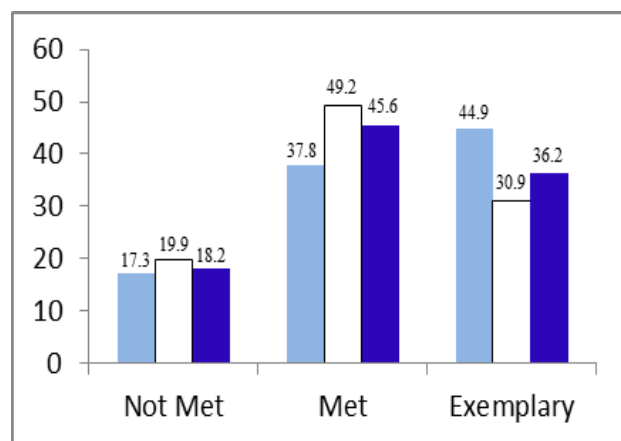
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## Strategies for Improving Instruction

at Carver Elementary

2013-2014

1. Carver follows the Florence School District One Curriculum Alignment Document where instruction is correlated to common core 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. Teachers received iPad training and iPads to use in their classrooms.
5. An iPad Grant was awarded to Carver to purchase an iPad cart consisting of 30 iPads to support math instruction.
6. Two SMART Tables are used in the kindergarten classrooms to support individualized or small group instruction.
7. iCarver Night is an educational open house for interested parents and community members to experience apps that will support and strengthen the classroom curriculum.
8. Benchmark tests cover state standards for all subjects and are administered each quarter.
9. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests are administered in the fall, winter, and spring to determine a student's academic achievement and growth from fall to spring and year to year.
10. 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.
11. "Write From the Beginning", a writing program, is used school-wide in grades K-4.
12. "Literacy Lab" is offered in first grade to provide reading strategies for all levels.
13. 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 United Streaming.
14. 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.
15. Inquiry based math lessons are taught in all grades.
16. 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.
17. Enrichment programs are provided by parents, staff, and community members: Thanksgiving Festival, School Clubs, Health Fair, and Academic Nights.
18. Technology, reading, writing, math, science, homework, and discipline workshops are provided for parents and teachers.
19. Standards-based workshops are offered throughout the year, assisting teachers in providing enrichment to use with the current curriculum.
20. Parent/Teacher Conferences are held to discuss students' progress.
21. The Carver Administration Team monitors instruction and assessment.