

KERSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Built in 1961

QUICK FACTS 2018–2019

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 529

Female: 46%

Male: 54%

Capacity: 565

Classrooms: 27

Square Feet: 47,504



TEACHING STAFF

Student/Teacher Ratio: **21.8:1**

Advanced Degrees: **66.7%**

National Board Certified: **6**

Attendance Rate: **94.6%**



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

English Language Learners: **1%**

Free/Reduced Lunch: **66%**

Learners with Disabilities: **18%**

Gifted and Talented: **5%**



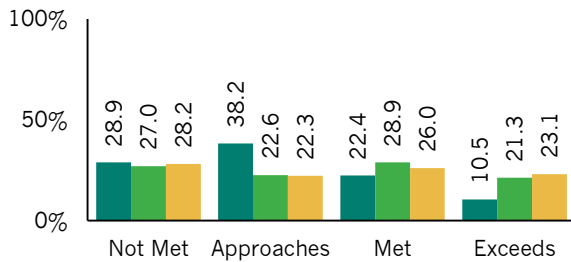
DEMOGRAPHICS

White: **62%**; African-American: **28%**;
Hispanic: **1%**; Multi-Ethnic: **9%** Asian: **0%**;
Indian/Alaskan Native: **0%**

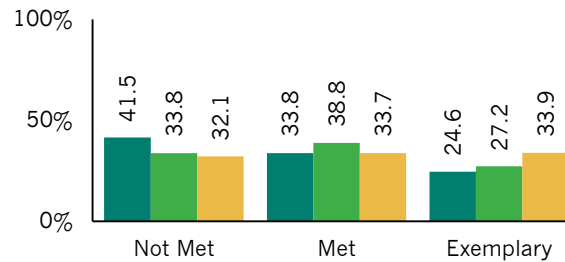
SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (2019)

■ Kershaw Elementary ■ *District ■ State

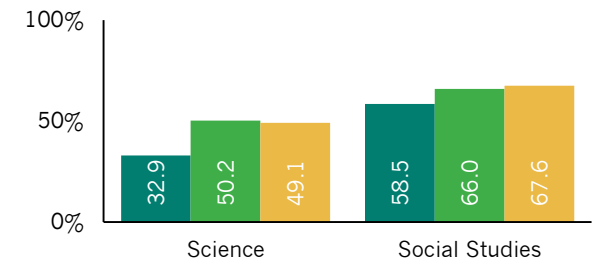
Science



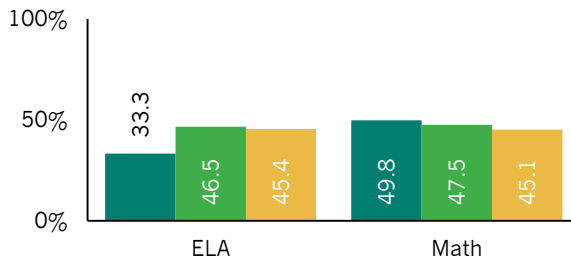
Social Studies



% Met or Exceeds – Both Subjects



SC READY (2019) (% met or exceeds)



*Average for all district middle and elementary schools

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Kershaw Elementary is helping all students develop the World Class Skills and Life and Career Characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate through the collaborative efforts of teachers, support staff, students, families, and community members. All stakeholders are committed to creating a student-centered, nurturing learning environment that recognizes the varying learning styles of our diverse population. As the BULLDOGS, Kershaw Elementary School strives to instill a future-focus as evidenced by our mission statement –“Building Upstanding Life-long Learners. Developing Optimistic Graduates.”

Building World Class Knowledge is an on-going effort for the KES adults and students. Teachers participated in targeted professional development focused on balanced literacy, math comprehension, the workshop model, and STEAM integration of technology into the classroom. For our students, we have incorporated 1:1 technology in grades 1-5, with all grades having access to our computer lab, expanding their learning experiences to escape rooms, virtual reality through Google Expedition, Mystery Google Hangouts with classrooms across the nation, and family-oriented engineering projects.

Honing World Class Skills is fundamental to our teamwork, collaboration and creativity. The literacy leadership team, common planning times, professional learning community collaboration and school-wide procedures coupled with consistent high expectations have reinforced our commitment to working together effectively. This expectation is now extending to our students through small-group instruction, student individual accountability data folders, the integration of technology and the arts, and a move towards becoming a STEAM school. KES began a partnership with Heath Springs Elementary School and the Town of Kershaw. These partnerships are assisting with our integration of project-based learning into our curriculum.

Enhancing Life and Career Characteristics is vital to fostering well-rounded citizens. KES has introduced and implemented the “7 Habits of Happy Kids” and the iLead Leadership Program as the foundation for building positive character traits that include interpersonal, intrapersonal, and problem-solving skills. In addition, KES hosted Parenting Partners, a monthly opportunity for families to engage in positive dialogue with and about their children. KES created a community mentoring program for struggling students through local churches and KARE of Kershaw. Our students participated in the community's "Share the Table", a food conservation program that prevented waste at meals.

In the 2018-19 school year, KES served 529 students in prekindergarten through grade 5. Our school had a student to teacher ratio of 22:1 for core subjects, and approximately 66.7 percent of our faculty members had advanced degrees.

In the spring of 2018, 49.8 percent of Kershaw Elementary students reached the “Meets” or "Exceeds" standard on the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready (SCREADY) assessment in mathematics, compared to a district average of 47.5 percent and a state average of 45.1 percent. In addition, 33.3 percent of our students reached the same standard in English, compared to a district average of 46.5 percent and a state average of 45.4 percent. On the SCPASS science assessment, 32.9 percent of our students reached "Met" or "Exemplary" (compared to a state average of 49.1 percent), and in social studies, 58.5 percent reached this level (compared to a state average of 67.6 percent).

Kershaw Elementary is committed to a culture of excellence to engage students in rigorous, real-world experiences, provide challenging opportunities that allow our children to make choices that motivate and enhance their learning.