

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School is part of the School District of Newberry County. The school is located in the Town of Prosperity, a rural area of Newberry County. The school opened in the winter of 1997 and serves students in grades Pre-K - 5.

The school has a principal and an assistant principal, thirty-four certified teachers (two of which are National Board Certified Teachers, two have been the District Teacher of the Year, and one has been the State Teacher of the Year), seven instructional assistants, five cafeteria staff, and four custodial staff members. We are fortunate to have a full time nurse, guidance counselor, media specialist, art, music, computer, and physical education teachers, and two speech-language pathologists. We provide ESOL services with a certified teacher. Our campus also houses a Developmentally Delayed Pre-School Classroom and a Multi-Categorical LD/SC classroom. One certified teacher is our Reading Recovery teacher and one is our lower elementary reading interventionist. We also have an upper elementary reading interventionist to help students that have been identified for comprehensive support and to help narrow the achievement gaps. Our front office staff consists of two secretaries. The 375 children attending Prosperity-Rikard come from various socio-economic levels.

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School provides a positive, pleasant, and safe learning environment for students in grades Pre-K-5. Teachers provide challenging learning experiences and employ a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students.

COVID-19 had a major impact on many of the activities, programs and events we had planned for the students. Our teachers and our SIC worked together preparing packets for student learning at home, collecting and giving out the packets, and hosting Zoom meetings/Google meets to keep in touch with our students and families.

April B. Peel, Principal

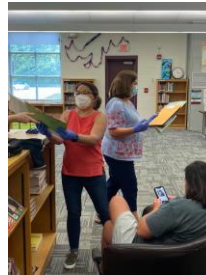


## 2020 SC-PASS and SC-READY Scores

Due to COVID-19 the State of South Carolina did not assess students.

## 2019 Report Card Rating

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COVID instructional packets were given out to the students by teachers and administration.

## Programs and Activities

- Orientation for new students throughout the school year as needed.
- Announcements are made daily on the morning TV show and awesome authors and life skill leaders are featured. (Due to COVID we were not able to continue during March, April and May)
- A "Breakfast in the Classroom" Program provides a breakfast to EVERY child in the classroom each morning.
- A monthly newsletter is sent on the first Tuesday of each month.
- Chorus for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. (Due to COVID we had to cancel for the months of March, April and May)
- Comprehensive Remediation program is offered to students needing additional help.
- Principal's Honor Roll and A-B Honor Roll – Awards Program at the end of the year. (Due to COVID we provided a drive thru Awards Day.)
- Character Education Program highlighting life-long guidelines and life skills.
- Leadership Opportunities – Flag Helpers, Library Helpers, Recycling Team, PE Helpers, and Student Ambassadors. (Due to COVID we were not able to continue March-May)
- Archery Team for grades 4 and 5.
- PTO sponsored family events throughout the school year. (Due to Covid we had to cancel PTO events for the months of March, April and May)
- An on-site After School program is available thru Boys and Girls Club.
- Students participate in poster and essay contests throughout the school year and service learning projects.
- A Gifted and Talented Arts Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is available, as well as, G/T for academics in grades 3 -5.
- PTO and SIC groups meet regularly. (Due to COVID several meetings were canceled)

### Awards and Recognition

- Fuel up to Play Grant Recipient
- WISE grant recipient
- Recognized for the Best Garden in the Upstate with the Farm to School Program
- Palmetto Gold Recipient in 2012 for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Palmetto Silver Recipient in 2011 for School Improvement
- Recognized as a SC Red Carpet School
- Accredited by AdvancEd in 2019
- Recognized as an Exemplary Writing School in 2003
- Palmetto Silver recipient in 2002
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2001
- Flagship status with the School of Promise Initiative in 1999
- Farm To School Grant Recipient
- America's Healthiest Schools Bronze Recipient 2019

### School Motto

The school's motto is *We're All In This Together*. Parents and guardians, staff, and business partners of the community all work together to provide a nurturing learning community to achieve our goal of achieving the personal best for all of our students.

### Strategic Plan Goals 2019-2023

1. Expanding and Integrating Knowledge
2. Thinking and Reasoning
3. Personal and Social Responsibility

***We're All In This Together***

### How to find us:

#### Traveling West on Interstate 26 from Columbia:

- Take Exit #82 (Prosperity-Pomaria)
- Turn left toward Prosperity going 2.0 miles on SC 773
- Turn right at the stop sign onto Highway 76
- The school is 2.4 miles on the right

#### Traveling East on Interstate 26 from Greenville/Spartanburg:

- Take Exit #82 (Prosperity-Pomaria)
- Turn right toward Prosperity going 2.0 miles on SC 773
- Turn right at the stop sign onto Highway 76
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#### Traveling West on US Highway 76 from Irmo:

- Follow US Highway 76 through Chapin and Little Mountain and into Prosperity
- The school is located on the right on Highway 76

#### Traveling East on US Highway 76 from Newberry:

- Follow US Highway 76 from Newberry into Prosperity
- The school is located on the left on Highway 76

For more information, visit us on the web:  
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Student Enrollment: 375  
Student Attendance Rate: Not Rated in 2020  
Administrators: 2  
Teachers (certified personnel): 34  
Support Staff: 7  
Teacher Attendance Rate: Not Rated in 2020  
Student: Teacher Ratio: 19:1  
Faculty's Average Years of Experience: 20  
Percent of Faculty with -  
Bachelor's Degrees: 24%  
Bachelors +18: N/A  
Master's Degrees: 31%  
Master's Degrees + 30 hours: 45%

# Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School SIC Report to the Parents

2020-2021



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Lauren Flynn, Secretary

### Mission Statement

The mission of the School District of Newberry County and of Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School, in partnership with families and communities, is to develop responsible and productive life-long learners by providing appropriate instructional experiences in a safe, caring environment.