

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-two 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. Our front office staff consists of two secretaries. The 365 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.

April B. Peel, Principal



2019 SC-PASS and SC-READY Scores

Grade	% Does Not Meet	% Approaches	% Meets	% Exceeds	% Meets or Exceeds	% Approaches, Meets, Exceeds
ELA						
3	25.9	29.3	37.9	6.9	44.8	74.1
4	17	27.7	27.7	27.7	55.3	83
5	35.1	24.6	24.6	15.8	40.4	64.9
MATH						
3	12.1	24.1	36.2	27.6	63.8	87.9
4	2.1	38.3	25.5	34	59.6	97.9
5	17.5	26.3	17.5	38.6	56.1	82.5
SCIENCE						
4	8.7	26.1	37	28.3	65.2	91.4
SOCIAL STUDIES						
Grade	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met & Exemplary		
5	33.3	40.7	25.9	66.7		

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.
- 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 4th and 5th grade students.
- 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.
- Character Education Program highlighting life-long guideline and life skills.
- Leadership Opportunities – Flag Helpers, Library Helpers, Recycling Team, PE Helpers, and Student Ambassadors.
- Archery Team for grades 4 and 5.
- PTO sponsored family events throughout the school year.
- 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 3rd graders is available as well as G/T for academics in grades 3 -5.
- PTO and SIC groups meet regularly.

2019 Report Card Rating

Overall rating = Excellent

Score = 66

School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

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

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:
<http://newberry.k12.sc.us/o/pre>

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Student Enrollment: 365
Student Attendance Rate: 97.1%
Administrators: 2
Teachers (certified personnel): 34
Support Staff: 7
Teacher Attendance Rate: 95%
Student: Teacher Ratio: 19:1
Faculty's Average Years of Experience: 19
Percent of Faculty with:
Bachelor's Degrees: 26%
Bachelors +18: N/A
Master's Degrees: 30%
Master's Degrees + 30 hours: 44%

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Information as of 4/15/2020



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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.