

Annual Report to the People

Pendleton Elementary School

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Montessori Transition

During the 2012-13 school year, Pendleton Elementary School provided parents of Anderson School District Four the opportunity to take part in a Montessori program with the integration of a school within a school model.

As a way to prepare 21st century learners, The Montessori model

utilizes multi-age and non-graded approaches, and supports student advancement based on mastery of developmental/skill readiness. Learning Strategies promote inquiry based thinking delivered with high expectations, accelerated achievement opportunities, and extra support for students. The curriculum

emphasizes respect, responsibility, cooperation, creativity, and independence.

PES offered Montessori to our Primary students (ages 4,5) and will introduce Montessori to the Lower Elementary Students (ages 6, 7, 8) in 2013-14.

Professional Development at PES

Pendleton Elementary School's teachers participated in numerous professional development opportunities during the 12-13 school year. The 3rd – 5th grade teachers partnered with Clemson University by taking part in the National Writing Project. Through this year-long project our teachers learned best practices in the area of teaching writing.

Sixteen staff members visited the Ron Clark Academy where they learned out-of-the-box and innovative approaches to instilling a passion for learning in students and ultimately helping all children achieve great levels of success.

All of our staff members participated in professional development related to Project-Based Learning and

applied their learning inside their classrooms this year by having their students complete real-world projects using creativity, collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking through hands-on activities. Lastly, our teachers have participated in yearlong professional development in preparation for Common Core Instruction.

PASS Results (Percent Meeting Standard)

Grade	Subject Area Tested	2011	2012
3 rd	ELA	78.4	82.5
	Math	51	55
	Science	44	73.7
	Social Studies	88.5	66.7
4 th	ELA	79	70.6
	Math	80.6	74.5
	Science	77.4	80.4
	Social Studies	82	92
5 th	ELA	81	82.1
	Math	93.1	89.3
	Science	85.7	96.3
	Social Studies	83.3	72.4
	Writing	86.2	87.5
6 th	ELA	63.4	79.7
	Math	82.9	82.8
	Science	59.1	63.6
	Social Studies	68.4	77.4

Accomplishments

2012-2013

- ✓ Palmetto Silver Award for Academic Achievement

2011-2012

- ✓ School Report Card- A
- ✓ Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement
- ✓ Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap

13-14 Focus

- ✓ Global Studies
- ✓ Digital Technology

