

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The school Improvement Council of Watkins-Nance Elementary School has prepared this annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2013-2014 as well as the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Evelyn Cohens, our principal, or Ms. Claire Steverson-Smith, our SIC Chair, at (803) 738-7574.

Extracurricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Art Enrichment
Boys' Choir/Girls' Choir/Grades 4-5 Chorus
Brothers of Youth Society (BOYS)
Dedicated Dads/Grandparents are Great/Magnificent Moms
Fall Festival/Spring Carnival
Honor Student Program
Incentive Field Trips
Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program
Orderly, Wise, Loyal Leaders of Society (OWLLS)
Strings Program

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

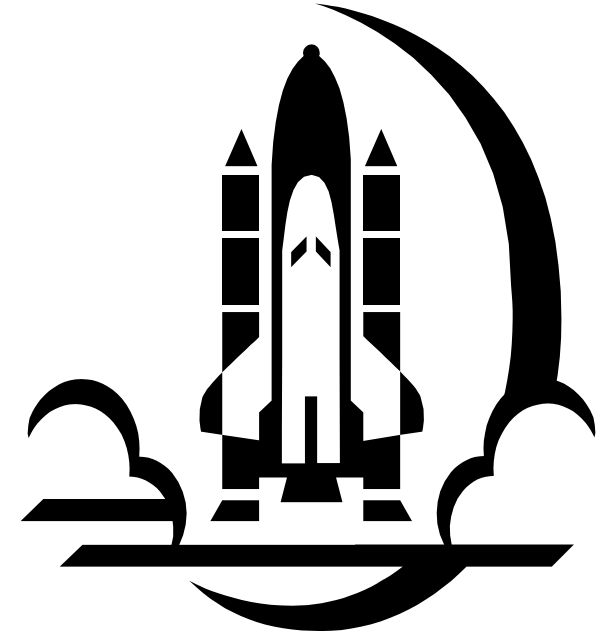
100 Book Challenge/Accelerated Reader
Book Fair
Career Fair
Comprehensive Remediation Program (CRP)
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
Early Bird Tutorial Program
Saturday Academy
Science Fair

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



Watkins-Nance Elementary School



SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS: THE 2014-2015 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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The mission of Watkins-Nance Elementary School is to provide a safe, clean, nurturing, academically-challenging environment that empowers students to become high-achievers, life-long learners, responsible decision-makers, and productive citizens, who possess self-confidence to solve problems and respect cultural differences through a partnership among home, school, and community.

School Highlights & Awards

It's been an exciting year for our students and staff members. Some of the highlights include:

- Our student fitness team won the Richland One Fitness Bowl for the second straight year.
- Four students won awards in the Richland One Visual Literacy Festival for their outstanding photography
- Our Boys' Choir received a rating of "Excellent" at the Logan Elementary Choral Festival held in March 2015.

SCHOOL AWARDS:

Watkins-Nance won recognition for a high level of participation in our district's new academic/physical fitness program, GoNoodle. Our students were also honored for giving \$1,354 and 698 needed household items to the Family Shelter and St. Lawrence Place.

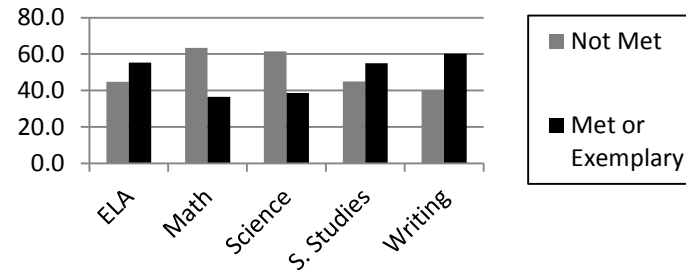
School Demographics

Total Enrollment:	468 students
African American:	98.71%
Hispanic	0.43%
White	0.43%
Other	0.43%

Homeroom Teachers:	27
Related Arts (Art, Music, PE, Strings) Teachers:	5
Foreign Language Teacher (Spanish):	1
Support Teachers (Librarian, Guidance, etc.):	8
Instructional Assistants	17
Custodians:	4
School Nurse:	1
Secretaries:	2
Principal:	1

Test Information

Percentage of Watkins-Nance Students Meeting State Standards on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), 2014



TECHNOLOGY:

The instructional program at Watkins-Nance is supported by the extensive use of technology resources throughout the school. The media center contains a full library of books as well as resources for transmitting various media to classrooms on demand. Technology resources such as videos, laptops, and digital cameras are also available for check out by teachers. The school contains two full computer labs with a variety of software for instructional use. Each classroom has three to four computers for students to use throughout the day as well as Smart Boards to allow each teacher to share content with his/her entire class. Telephones are also placed in each classroom to facilitate communication and ensure safety.

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED:

In addition to regular state funding, Watkins-Nance Elementary also receives federal Title I funds each year. These funds allow us to add additional staff to reduce class sizes, supplement our staff's training, and provide innovative educational programs for our students that go above and beyond those we could provide otherwise.

Goals for Next Year

Our School Renewal Plan lists the following goals for next year:

- The percentage of all students in grades 3-5 who score Met or Exemplary on the ELA component of the ACT Aspire will increase from 60.3% in 2015 to 65.3% on the ELA component of that assessment in 2016.
- The percentage of all students in grades 3-5 who score Met or Exemplary on the math component of ACT Aspire will increase from 41.5% in 2015 to 46.5% on the math component of the of that assessment in 2016.
- The percentage of all students in grades 3-5 who score Met or Exemplary on the science component of the PASS will increase from 43.5% in 2015 to 48.5% in 2016.
- The percentage of all students in grades 3-5 who score Met or Exemplary on the social studies component of the PASS will increase from 65.0% in 2014 to 70.0% in 2015.
- We will maintain a faculty that is 100% highly qualified.
- We will ensure that 100% of certified staff will participate in math workshops and training sessions.
- All certified staff will participate in writing workshops.
- The percentage of students indicating satisfaction with the learning environment of the school will increase ten percent from 2015 to 2016.
- The percentage of parents indicating satisfaction with the dissemination of information about what their children should be learning in school will increase ten percent from 2015 to 2016.

Richland School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex, age, lineage, or national origin in its programs or activities.