

School Organizations and Contacts

The School Improvement Council at Pontiac Elementary continues to work on school issues and we appreciate your on-going feedback .

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Extracurricular Activities

Programs:

- Morning News Show
- Outdoor Learning Garden
- SAIL: In-house Tutoring Program
- Montessori Magnet
- Spring Before/After-School Tutoring Programs
- Yearbook Club
- Recycling Club
- Student Council
- Service Learning
- Health and Wellness Walking Club
- Energy Patrol
- Parrot Post Office, and more...

Parent/Community Partnerships

GLEAMS (Headstart)- Our community partnership to help children make the transition from preschool to Kindergarten

Full-time Parent Educator

Active PTO, Foundation, and SIC committees

Family Nights to celebrate learning

School-wide home communication day



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Mission Statement

Pontiac Elementary School, in partnership with our entire community, will educate each student by providing a positive, challenging, and enriching learning environment that enables each student to become a continuous learner and a responsible, concerned citizen in our ever changing world.

School Hours

Office Hours : 7:30-4:00

School Hours: 8:00-3:00

Total student enrollment

650

Grades

4K-5

Highlights & Awards

Opening in 1990, Pontiac Elementary School is a suburban school located in northeast Columbia. Pontiac serves approximately 650 students in grades PreK-5. The instructional program provides learning experiences and materials to meet the academic and social needs of all students. Highly qualified teachers, support staff, and volunteers provide further opportunities for meeting the needs of our Pontiac students. Pontiac Elementary is dedicated to the total development of each child as an individual in a group setting and pledges to provide a program that exemplifies

- Principal of the Year for CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) 2013
- Palmetto Silver Award Recipient
- State Exemplary Writing School
- National Blue Ribbon School
- National School of Promise
- USC Professional Development School
- Richland Two Teamwork Award
- Six "Honor Roll Teachers" for
- SC School Volunteer of the Year
- District Teachers of the Year, Catherine Griggs 2009-2010 and Melissa McCloskey 2010-2011

Student Information

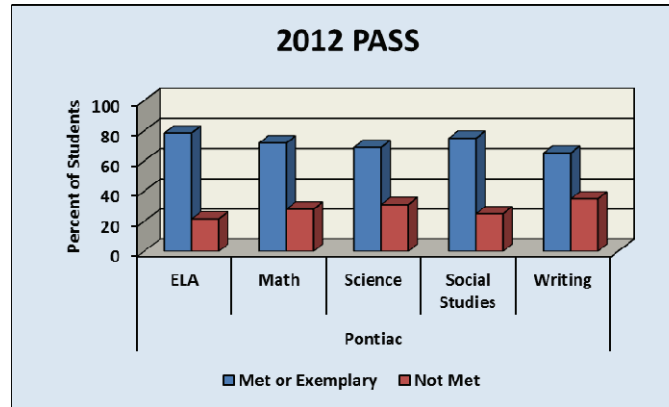
Percentage of:

African American	52.3%
White	31.5%
Asian	4.7%
Hispanic	9.6%
Other	2.5%

Number of teachers 51

Number of National Board Certified 22

Test Scores



Technology

Pontiac Elementary has two flexible labs, 1-1 Chrome-books in third, fourth and fifth grade, iPads, Smart Boards in every classroom, , webcams, digital cameras, computer cart for check out and research laptops in the Media Center. Each classroom has two or more desktop computers along with a weekly scheduled computer time. Internet Safety training is being taught in the lab setting according to National Standards

Grants

- Recipient of State Math and Literacy Grants
- Outdoor Learning Grants
- Individual Teacher Grants
- Department of Defense Grant (DOD)
- Community/Business Partner Grants

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Goals

Goals for 2013-14

- To continue to implement the Montessori Learning Model as an extension of Spears Creek Child Development Center.
- To ensure a strong foundation in the academic disciplines in order to meet the diverse needs and interests of all students.
- To maintain a safe and orderly environment to promote quality teaching and learning.
- To recruit and retain the best employees.
- To ensure leaders demonstrate vision, innovation, and effective use of resources to maintain a culture of excellence.
- To promote a full partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.
- To continue WOW (Working on the Work) staff development with all faculty and staff .
- To continue the use and creativity of technology with project-base learning.