

School Organizations and Contacts

Extracurricular Activities

Pontiac Elementary

School Improvement Council Members

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After School Clubs sponsored by PES:

- Recycling Club
- Student Council
- Media Mentors
- Flag Patrol
- Safety Patrol
- Chorus
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- LEGO Robotics

Parent/Community Partnerships:

- GLEAMS (Headstart)
- Richland Two Child Development Class
- Full-time Parent Educator on staff
- Active PTO and SIC Committee
- Family Nights to celebrate learning
- Watch DOGS
- Parent Perch Resource room
- United Way of Midlands: Verizon reading mentors
- Early Birds and ASAP childcare availability
- AVID for 4th and 5th grade students
- Battalion 120th of Fort Jackson



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Our Vision

We will strive to create a community of joyful leaders and learners where everyone feels valued through meaningful collaboration, effective communication, and an appreciation of individual strengths.

School Hours
Office Hours : 7:30am-4:00pm
School Hours: 8:00am-2:50pm
Total student enrollment = 700
Serving students in grades 3 years-5th grade

Highlights & Awards

Opening in 1990, Pontiac Elementary School is a suburban school located in Northeast Columbia. Pontiac serves approximately 700 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 increasing student achievement. The school also includes a Montessori Magnet program that serves over 250 students. Pontiac Elementary pledges to provide a program that exemplifies excellence.

- 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 Richland Two
- SC School Volunteer of the Year
- Red Carpet recipient
- District Teachers of the Year, Catherine Griggs 2009-2010 and Melissa McCloskey 2010-2011

Student Information

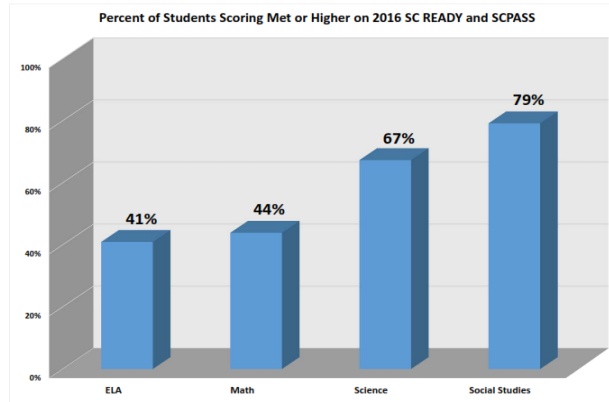
Percentage of:

African American	53%
White	25%
Asian	4%
Hispanic	13%
Other	5%

Number of teachers 59

Number of National Board Certified 8

Test Scores



Goals for 2016-17

- To implement the Montessori philosophy with fidelity in our magnet program.
- To ensure a strong Balanced Literacy foundation in K-5th grade.
- To maintain a safe and orderly environment to promote quality teaching and learning.
- To recruit and retain the best employees.
- To promote a partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.
- To provide quality instruction that is differentiated to meet the needs of all students.
- To continue technology integration into content standards.

Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

Goals

Our Beliefs:

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe it is important to foster leadership by developing each student's full potential.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that communication and collaboration lead to success.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that critical thinking will help prepare our students to be global citizens.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that school safety is a shared responsibility.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that building community within our school creates a trusting learning environment.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe in creating awareness of college and career opportunities.

At Pontiac Elementary, we believe that real world connections inspire our students to achieve their personal best.