

School Organizations and Contacts

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Opportunities and Partnerships

Student Leadership Opportunities:

- Recycling Club
- Student Council
- Media Mentors
- Flag Patrol and Safety Patrol
- Project HOPE
- News Show
- Wake Up Wednesday
- Pledge Leaders
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- Tech Ambassadors
- School Store

Parent/Community Partnerships:

- Richland Two Child Development Class
- Parent Educator on staff
- Active PTO and SIC Committee
- Family Literacy events in partnership with Richland County Public Library and Columbia Fireflies organization
- Parent Perch Resource room
- United Way of Midlands: Verizon reading mentors
- Early Birds and ASAP childcare availability
- AVID for 3rd-5th grade students



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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 = 714

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 to meet the personalized 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
- Richland Two Culture Award
- Six "Honor Roll Teachers" for Richland Two
- SC School Volunteer of the Year
- Recipient of \$10,000 community donation
- Red Carpet recipient
- District Teachers of the Year, Catherine Griggs

Student Information

Percentage of:

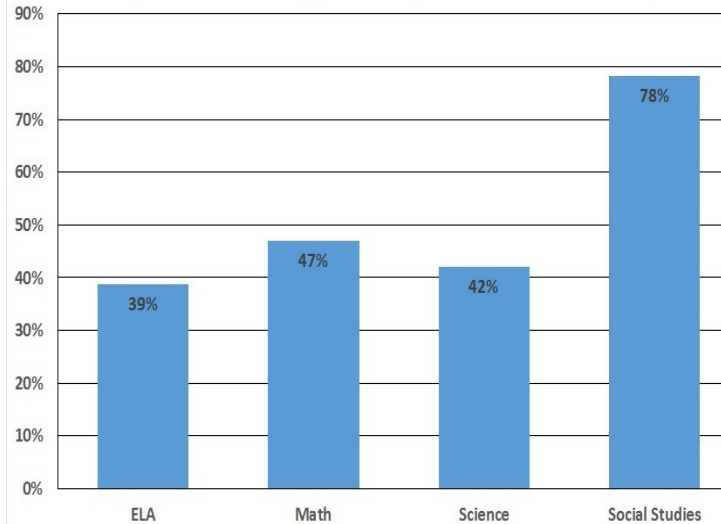
African American	55%
White	23%
Asian	3%
Hispanic	15%
Other	4%

Number of teachers 53

Number of National Board Certified 5

Test Scores

Percent of Students Scoring Met or Higher on SC READY and SCPASS



Goals for 2017-18

- To implement the Montessori philosophy with fidelity in our magnet program.
- To ensure a strong Balanced Literacy foundation in K-5th.
- To develop leadership skills in students by utilizing Stephen Covey's Leader in Me framework.
- To create a culture of college and career readiness.
- To promote a partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.
- To provide quality instruction that is personalized to meet the needs of all students.
- To utilize technology to enhance content standards.

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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.