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After School Clubs sponsored by PES:

- Recycling Club
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Health and Wellness Walking Club
- Flag Patrol
- Safety Patrol
- Chorus
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- LEGO Robotics
- Pontiac Boys and Bowties

Parent/Community Partnerships:

- GLEAMS (Headstart)
- Richland Two Child Development Class
- Full-time Parent Educator on staff
- Active PTO, Foundation, 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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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 : 7:30am-4:00pm

School Hours: 8:00am-2:50pm

Total student enrollment = 700

Serving students in grades PreK-5th

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

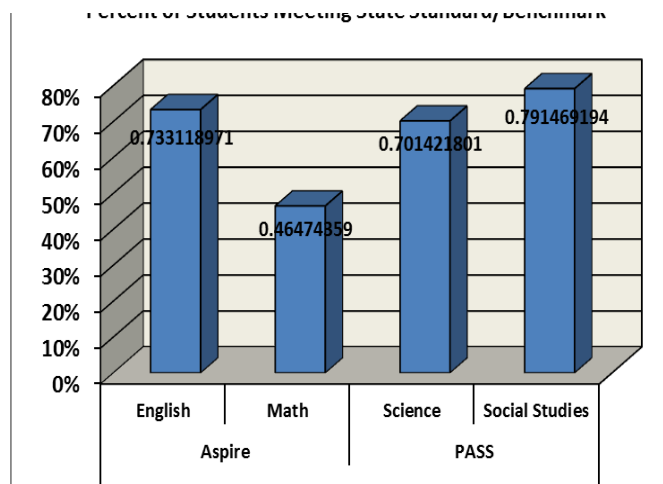
Percentage of:

African American	50%
White	27%
Asian	3%
Hispanic	15%
Other	5%

Number of teachers 59

Number of National Board Certified 8

Test Scores



RECIPIENT OF VICTORY INITIATIVE FEDERAL GRANT 2013-2016

The Department of Defense supports research based programs that aim to increase student achievement and ease the challenges that military children face due to their parents' military service. The grant program provides resources to military connected local educational agencies to develop and implement projects that are designed to:

- Promote student achievement in the core curricular areas
- Ease the challenges that military students face due to transitions and deployments
- Support the unique social and emotional needs of military students
- Promote distance learning opportunities
- Improve professional development
- Enhance and integrate technology
- Encourage parental involvement

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

Goals for 2015-16

- 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 professional development around the 4 C's—Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creativity
- To continue technology integration into content standards.

Technology

Pontiac Elementary is rich in technology. Students in 3rd-5th grades participate in the district 1TWO1 initiative with each student being assigned a Chromebook. In grades K-2, we have chromebooks and/or ipads for students to use in small groups. The school also has a scheduled computer lab which focuses on technology skills and Internet Safety training which follows National Standards. Our teachers and students use Google Products for communicating, creating and collaborating. HAPARA is provided to teachers to assist with the 1TWO1 initiative. The school library has an iPad cart for teachers to checkout to utilize in their classrooms. Each classroom is also equipped with a Smart Board.