

School Organizations and Contacts

School Improvement Council Members

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This year SIC's goals included finalizing a scholarship grant for a highschool senior that attended Pontiac Elementary as well as solidifying transition plans for Primary Montessori to move into the building. The SIC also reviewed plans for teachers to implement a new Reteach/Retest policy in classrooms.

PTO Board Members

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Extracurricular Activities

After School Clubs sponsored by PES:

- Recycling Club
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Health and Wellness Walking Club
- Flag Patrol
- Art Club
- Chorus
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- LEGO Robotics
- Girls on the Run
- Boy Scouts
- Student TED Talks

Parent/Community Partnerships

GLEAMS (Headstart)
Montessori Magnet Program
Full-time Parent Educator
Active PTO, Foundation, and SIC Committee
Family Nights to celebrate learning
Watch DOGS
Parent Perch Resource room
Early Birds and ASAP childcare availability
AVID for 5th grade students



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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 = 727

Serving students in grades PreK-5th

Highlights & Awards

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 150 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

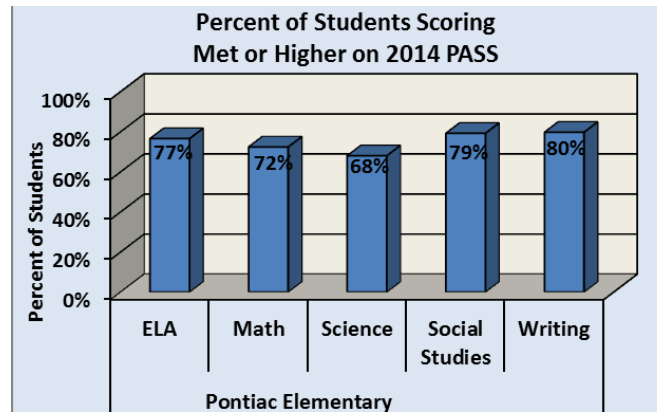
Percentage of:

African American	52%
White	26%
Asian	3%
Hispanic	15%
Other	4%

Number of teachers 54

Number of National Board Certified 12

Test Scores



RECIPIENT OF VICTORY INITIATIVE FEDERAL GRANT 2012-2014

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

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Goals

Goals for 2014-15

- To continue to implement the Montessori Magnet Program with fidelity.
- To ensure a strong Balanced Literacy foundation in K-5th grade.
- To maintain a safe and orderly environment.
- To recruit and retain the best employees.
- To utilize data to make effective instructional decisions.
- To promote a partnership among students, parents, school, and the community.
- To provide quality professional development around State Standards
- To strengthen our RTI program to ensure student success.
- To improve technology integration within content standards.
- To enhance our character education program

Technology

Pontiac is rich in technology. The school has one flexible computer lab. Students in 3rd-5th grades participate in the district 1TWO1 initiative and each student has a Chromebook. HAPARA is provided to teachers to use in their classroom to assist with the 1TWO1 initiative. The school has several iPad carts for teacher checkout to utilize in their classrooms. Internet Safety training is taught in the lab setting according to National Standards. This year, many classrooms have implemented a blended learning model to support student mastery of standards.