

School Organizations and Contacts

Extracurricular Activities

Pontiac Elementary

School Improvement Council Members

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PTO Board Members

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After School Clubs sponsored by PES:

- Energy Patrol
- Recycling Club
- Number Crunchers
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Health and Wellness Walking Club
- Parrot Post Office
- Flag Patrol
- Safety Patrol
- Art Club
- Chorus
- Stars and Stripes Military Club
- LEGO Robotics
- Girls on the Run

Parent/Community Partnerships

GLEAMS (Headstart)

Spears Creek Road Child Development Center

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



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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 = 650

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 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 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

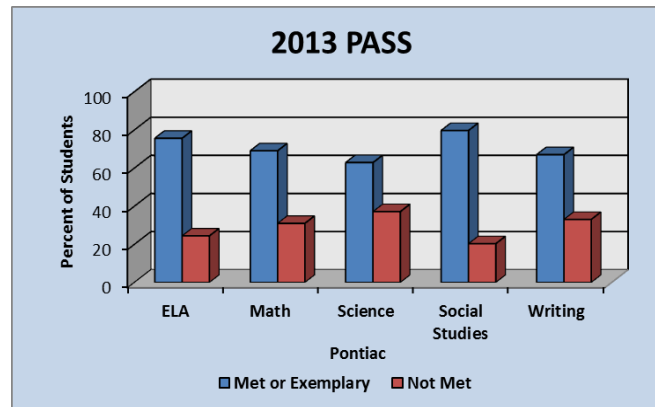
Percentage of:

African American	50%
White	33%
Asian	4%
Hispanic	12%
Other	4%

Number of teachers 51

Number of National Board Certified 11

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 Learning Model as an extension of Spears Creek Child Development Center.
- 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 continue to provide quality professional development around Common Core State Standards for teachers.
- To continue technology integration into content standards.

Technology

Pontiac Elementary 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 was provided to teachers this year 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. Smart Boards are accessible in every classroom. Internet Safety training is taught in the lab setting according to National Standards.