

10 FOR 2013 SCHOOLS

NORTH CAROLINA'S BEST SCHOOLS IN 2013

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About the Top 10s

CarolinaCAN ranks schools in key areas so parents can compare schools to one another. We use these public school rankings to generate Top 10 Lists, which show the top-performing schools in four different areas:

- Low-income student performance
- Black student performance
- Latino student performance
- Performance gains*

Each subgroup's performance score is an average of their reading and math proficiency at the highest tested grade level in that school.

In order for a school to be on the Top 10 list for a major subgroup (low-income, black or Latino), the student body it serves must reflect the statewide student demographics for that subgroup. For example, Latinos represent 13 percent of North Carolina's student population. For a school to be on the Top 10 list for Latino student performance, therefore, at least 13 percent of its students must be Latino.

The statewide student demographics for all subgroups are as follows:

56% = Low-income

26% = Black

13% = Latino

* There are no performance gains at the high school level because reading and math are only tested once.

Top 10 Elementary Schools

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Performance gains

T Traditional public school

C Charter school

* Magnet school

** Alternative school

RANK		NAME	% POINT CHANGE IN PROFICIENCY
1	C	Dillard Academy	35.8
2	T	Bertie County Schools Aulander Elementary School	23.7
3	T	Robeson County Schools Janie C Hargrave Elementary School	23.4
4	T	Guilford County Schools Wiley Elementary School	21.0
5	C	Crossnore Academy	19.5
6	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Billingsville Elementary School	18.8
	T	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools O R Pope Elementary School	
7	T	Durham Public Schools Y E Smith Elementary School	18.4
8	T	Robeson County Schools Fairgrove Middle School	17.9
9	T	Caldwell County Schools Horizons Elementary School**	17.5

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Low-income student performance

T Traditional public school

C Charter school

***** Magnet school

****** Alternative school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	Person County Schools Stories Creek Elementary School	93.4
	T	Wilson County Schools Gardners Elementary School	
2	T	Transylvania County Schools T C Henderson Elementary School	92.9
	T	Henderson County Schools Clear Creek Elementary School	
3	T	Henderson County Schools Sugarloaf Elementary School	92.3
4	T	Cumberland County Schools Sunnyside Elementary School	92.1
5	T	Wilkes County Schools Mount Pleasant Elementary School	91.5
6	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools John M Morehead STEM Academy*	91.2
	T	Bladen County Schools Plain View Primary School	
7	T	Cleveland County Schools East Elementary School	90.9
	T	Yancey County Schools Clearmont Elementary School	

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Black student performance

T Traditional public school

C Charter school

***** Magnet school

****** Alternative school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Irwin Academic Center*	95.0
	T	Guilford County Schools The Academy at Lincoln*	
	T	Bladen County Schools Plain View Primary School	
2	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools John M Morehead STEM Academy*	93.8
3	T	Cumberland County Schools Sunnyside Elementary School	92.6
4	T	Durham Public Schools Pearsonstown Elementary School	91.2
5	T	Forsyth County Schools Moore Elementary School	90.6
6	T	Guilford County Schools Brooks Global Studies*	90.0
7	T	Person County Schools North Elementary School	89.5
8	T	Union County Public Schools Wingate Elementary School	89.4

TOP 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Latino student performance

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RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	Bladen County Schools Plain View Primary School	95.0
	T	Henderson County Schools Sugarloaf Elementary School	
	T	Durham Public Schools R N Harris Elementary School	
	T	Cumberland County Schools Bill Hefner Elementary School	
	T	Cumberland County Schools Morganton Road Elementary School	
	T	Richmond County Schools West Rockingham Elementary School	
	T	Lincoln County Schools S Ray Lowder Elementary School	
2	T	Cumberland County Schools New Century International Elementary School	94.7
3	T	Wake County Schools Willow Springs Elementary School	94.1
4	T	Wilson County Schools Rock Ridge Elementary School	94.0

Top 10 Middle Schools

TOP 10 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Performance gains

T Traditional public school

C Charter school

* Magnet school

** Alternative school

RANK		NAME	% POINT CHANGE IN PROFICIENCY
1	T	Jackson County Schools Jackson County School of Alternatives**	42.7
2	T	Yadkin County Schools Yadkin Success Academy**	28.0
3	T	Montgomery County Schools Montgomery Learning Academy**	25.6
4	T	Robeson County Schools Fairgrove Middle School	19.4
5	T	Cabarrus County Schools J N Fries Middle School*	19.3
6	T	Washington County Schools Creswell High School	18.6
7	T	Jackson County Schools Cullowhee Valley School	18.3
8	T	Rockingham County Schools The SCORE Center**	17.9
9	T	Wake County Schools River Oaks Middle School**	17.0
10	T	Edgecombe County Schools Roberson Center for Ed Achievement**	16.7

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1	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools John M Morehead STEM Academy*	93.7
2	T	Macon County Schools Nantahala School	90.4
3	C	Sugar Creek Charter School Sugar Creek Charter School	89.8
4	C	Gaston College Preparatory Gaston College Preparatory	89.6
5	C	Crossnore Academy Crossnore Academy	88.7
6	T	Caldwell County Schools Collettsville School	88.6
7	C	Success Institute Charter School Success Institute Charter School	87.5
8	T	Yancey County Schools East Yancey Middle School	87.3
9	T	Pitt County Schools Bethel Elementary School	86.8
10	T	Weldon City Schools Roanoke Valley Early College	86.7

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1	T	Guilford County Schools Brown Summit Middle School*	95.0
2	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Piedmont IB Middle School*	93.6
3	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools John M Morehead STEM Academy*	92.0
4	C	Sugar Creek Charter School Sugar Creek Charter School	90.4
5	C	Success Institute Charter School Success Institute Charter School	89.2
	T	Robeson County Schools Rowland Middle School	
6	C	Gaston College Preparatory Gaston College Preparatory	88.4
7	T	Forsyth County Schools The Downtown School*	86.4
8	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Northwest School of the Arts*	86.3
9	T	Jones County Schools Jones Middle School	84.2

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1	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools John M Morehead STEM Academy*	95.0
	T	Cumberland County Schools Seventy-First Classical Middle School	
2	T	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Waddell Language Academy*	94.0
3	T	Union County Public Schools Sun Valley Middle School	93.4
4	T	Brunswick County Schools Waccamaw Elementary School	92.5
5	T	Alleghany County Schools Sparta Elementary School	89.2
	T	Johnston County Schools Meadow School	
6	T	Onslow County Schools Jacksonville Commons Middle School	89.0
7	T	Guilford County Schools Johnson Street Global Studies*	88.9
8	T	Wilson County Schools Charles H Darden Middle School	87.6

Top 10 High Schools

TOP 10 HIGH SCHOOLS

Low-income student performance

- T** Traditional public school
- C** Charter school
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- **** Alternative school

RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	Greene County Schools Greene Early College High School	95.0
	T	Wilson County Schools Wilson Early College Academy	
	T	Stanly County Schools Stanly Early College High School	
	T	Duplin County Schools Duplin Early College High School	
	T	Haywood County Schools Haywood Early College	
	T	Robeson County Schools PSRC Early College at RCC	
	T	Scotland County Schools Scotland Early College High School	
	T	Hertford County Schools CS Brown High School	
2	T	Cleveland County Schools Cleveland County Early College High School	94.7
	T	Cumberland County Schools Cross Creek Early College	

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RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	New Hanover County Schools Wilmington Early College High School	95.0
	T	Warren County Schools Warren Early College High School	
	T	Durham Public Schools J D Clement Early College High School	
	T	Granville County Schools Granville Early College High School	
	T	Guilford County Schools Middle College at GTCC - Greensboro	
	T	Guilford County Schools Penn-Griffin School for the Arts*	
	T	Scotland County Schools Scotland Early College High School	
	T	Wake County Schools Wake Early College of Health and Sciences	
	T	Wilson County Schools Wilson Early College Academy	
	T	Cumberland County Schools Howard Health and Life Science High School	

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RANK		NAME	% AT/ABOVE PROFICIENCY
1	T	Bertie County Schools Bertie STEM High School	95.0
	T	Anson County Schools Anson County Early College High School	
	T	Hertford County Schools CS Brown High School	
	T	Duplin County Schools Duplin Early College High School	

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	T	Forsyth County Schools Early College of Forsyth County	
	T	Wilson County Schools Wilson Early College Academy	
	T	Vance County Schools Vance County Early College	
	T	Henderson County Schools Henderson County Early College High School	
	T	Randolph County Schools Randolph Early College High School	
	T	Stanly County Schools Stanly Early College High School	
	T	Yadkin County Schools Yadkin Early College High School	
2	T	Lee County Schools Lee Early College High School	94.9
	T	Catawba County Schools Challenger Early College High School	

About CarolinaCAN

Launched in July 2013, CarolinaCAN: The North Carolina Campaign for Achievement Now is a 501(c)3 nonprofit education policy and advocacy organization dedicated to fostering a 21st Century vision for North Carolina's PreK-12 public schools. Through best-in-class research, communications, and advocacy, we work to inform smart state policies that provide every North Carolina child with access to a great public school.

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