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## PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS SHOW IMPROVEMENT ON SC SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

The South Carolina Department of Education released its 2018-2019 School Report cards today, showing every school in the School District of Pickens County scoring “Average” or better ratings.

The report card assigns ratings of Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, and Unsatisfactory. Of the 23 SDPC schools measured, nine were rated Excellent, 11 were rated Good, and three were rated Average. Fifteen of SDPC’s schools improved their overall rating from last year, 6 stayed the same, and 2 declined. Three of the schools that stayed the same were already rated Excellent last year.

The SC Department of Education defines an Average rating as: “school performance meets the criteria to ensure all students meet the [Profile of the SC Graduate](#).” Excellent and Good ratings indicate that schools exceed the criteria.

“I am very pleased with both our overall performance and the improvement our schools have shown since last year,” said Dr. Danny Merck, SDPC Superintendent. “These report cards measure not only overall achievement, but student growth, engagement, and parent feedback. Positive results can only be the result of very hard work by our teachers, support staff, and principals, and I admire what they’ve accomplished for our students in the past year.”

“These report cards give us very specific feedback about our areas of strength and weakness,” said Sharon Huff, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services. “Last year, many of our schools saw the positive results from several years of focus on literacy in early childhood. As a result, our third grade reading scores saw great improvement. At the high school level, our schools continue to excel on measures of college and career readiness, which may be the most important indicator of how well our students are prepared for the future.”

A school-by-school listing of overall report card scores is below. School report cards can be reviewed in detail at [screportcards.com](http://screportcards.com).

**2019 School District of Pickens County Report Card Results**

<b>School</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>
Ambler Elementary School	Excellent
Central Academy Of The Arts	Good
Chastain Road Elementary	Excellent
Clemson Elementary	Excellent
Crosswell Elementary School	Excellent
D. W. Daniel High School	Excellent
Dacusville Elementary	Good
Dacusville Middle School	Excellent
Easley High	Good
East End Elementary School	Good
Forest Acres Elementary	Excellent
Hagood Elementary	Excellent
Liberty Elementary School	Good
Liberty High School	Good
Liberty Middle School	Good
McKissick Academy Of Science And Technology	Good
Pickens Elementary School	Good
Pickens High School	Average
Pickens Middle School	Average
R.C. Edwards Middle School	Excellent
R. H. Gettys Middle School	Good
Six Mile Elementary	Good
West End Elementary	Average

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