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Goodwin student earns top score on SC Ready exam

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North Charleston, S.C. - Vanessa Gonzalez Ramos, a fourth grader at W.B. Goodwin Elementary School, recently learned that she earned a perfect score on her third grade South Carolina College - and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY).

The SC Ready program is a statewide assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics administered to students in grades 3–8 as required by the [Education Accountability Act](#).

SC Ready exams are aligned to the standards for each subject and grade level. Standards specify what schools are expected to teach and what students are expected to learn.

"I cannot be more proud of our scholar, Vanessa Gonzalez Ramos," said Principal Natasha Jones. "This is a special day at Goodwin to be a part of the kind of success that Vanessa had on such a high stakes test. It shows just what our students are capable of doing."

According to the set performance levels, a student who exceeds expectations in the knowledge and skills necessary at a particular grade level of learning, as defined by the grade-level content standards, is well prepared for the next grade level and is well prepared for college and career readiness.

"As far as we know, Vanessa is the first students at Goodwin to earn a perfect score on SC's Ready," said Jones. "It just goes to show that with the right people in place and the support that she needed at home, great things can happen. With a little luck, she will not be the last Goodwin student to earn this honor."

"Congratulations to Vanessa who worked very hard to earn this perfect score," added CCSD's Chief Academic Office, Karolyn Belcher. "Over the last few years, it has been hard for adults and students to stay focused on learning. Vanessa showed what is possible if you work hard enough and have talented teachers working with you."

Ramos was very happy with the outcome and said that others are capable of achieving the same outcome as well.

"My advice is to listen to your teacher and do the work," said Ramos.

When asked how she accomplished such a great score, Ramos said she listened a lot in class.

"In 2nd grade, I got into SAIL," said Ramos. "All of this made me smarter."

According to her third grade teacher Anna Grillo, Ramos is truly one of a kind.

"She is gracious, kind, and beautiful on the inside just as much as the out," said Grillo. "Last year in class, she inspired me daily. She inspired me to be patient, and to look at life with an open heart. She always tried her best and accepted every challenge."

Erin Carrino, her fourth grade English teacher, agrees.

"Vanessa is an incredible student, and I am so excited that she earned a perfect score on her SC Ready math test," said Carrino. "She works hard every day, and her brilliance is contagious. Not only does she work to make herself successful, but she pushes others as well. She even motivates me to be a better teacher so that I can push her."

Madison Clement is Ramos' fourth grade math teacher. She describes Ramos as inquisitive, motivated, and resourceful.

"I am so fortunate to have Vanessa in my classroom," said Clement. "She applies math concepts to improve herself and others every day. Her peers describe her as kind, smart, and determined. I am so proud of Vanessa for earning a perfect score on her state test."

Grillo marveled at Ramos' ability to motivate her classmates and show patience.

"That is something I had never before seen in a child," said Grillo. "I am forever grateful to have been her teacher, and she made my first year of teaching an absolute privilege."

Carrino and Clement agree that Ramos has a bright future ahead of her with many opportunities that await her.

For more information, contact Principal Natasha Jones at (843) 767-5911.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.