



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 1 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 15,621
 Superintendent: Larry Jackson
 Board Chair: Porter Stewart

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	6	14	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	75.5%	69.2%	65.9%	70.4%	71.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.9%	72.1%	68.4%	72.2%	71.0%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	35.1%	25.6%	19.0%	24.9%	29.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.7%	29.3%	18.8%	27.7%	29.8%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	70.3%	15.6%	14.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%	12.4%	11.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	93.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	60.5
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.0

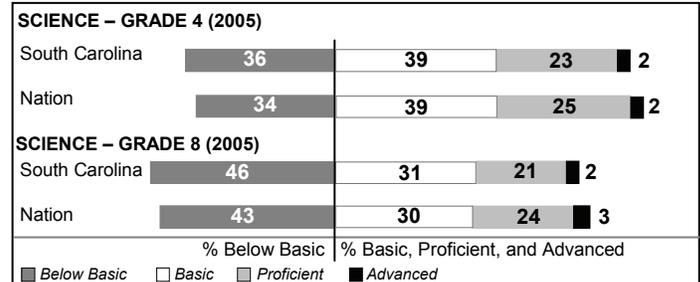
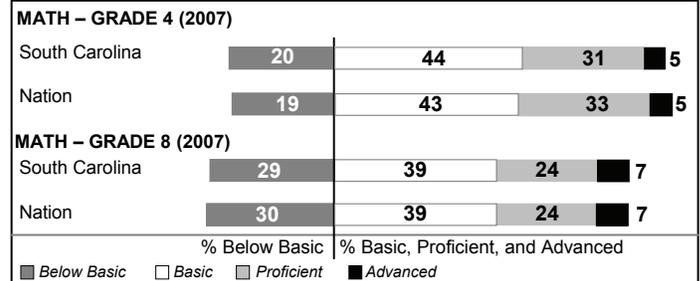
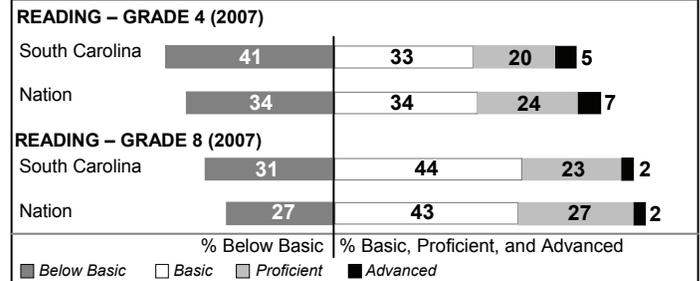
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	63.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
 By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:
 By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=15,621)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 4.1%	2.8%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.5%	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.9%	Down from 9.0%	13.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Up from 12.6%	11.1%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.2%	Down from 5.4%	3.5%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.0%	Up from 0.9%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.9%	Down from 22.1%	14.3%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	58.7%	Down from 58.8%	57.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.3%	Down from 33.9%	31.5%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	195	Up from 148	74	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	109	Up from 85	50	30
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 4.2%	3.3%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,102)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.1%	Up from 56.0%	60.9%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	76.2%	Down from 80.2%	79.1%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.9%	Down from 4.0%	3.6%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Up from 89.7%	90.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.5%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,191	Up 3.6%	\$47,656	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.9%	Down from 2.1%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.7%	Down from 8.3%	1.2%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Down from 15.0 days	13.0 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Down from 20.4 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.4%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,028	Up 3.7%	\$9,028	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.3%	Up from 54.0%	54.9%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.7%	Up from 57.3%	57.6%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	21	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	17.8%	Up from 17.7%	4.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	34 Years	Up from 33 Years	27 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	21.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.0%	N/A	95.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$79,227	Up 4.3%	\$81,000	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	90.9%	Up from 81.8%	90.9%	85.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Palmetto Youth Academy	At-Risk	Average	Not Met

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

We are proud to present the Annual District Report Card Summary to our community. We are thankful that Florence School District One is rooted in a supportive community.

Our teachers encourage students to become active participants in the learning processes, thus preparing students to enter the real time information and communication 21st Century Digital Age.

Through our dedicated employees, we continue to make a difference in the lives of the well over 15,000 students that we serve each day. Over 100 employees have been recognized for having served in our system for 20, 25, 30, and 35 years; therefore, use of the term "dedicated" to describe members of our staff is indeed appropriate.

Both students and employees are the recipients of state and national awards: Carver Elementary, named National Blue Ribbon School and Florence School District One, recipient of Renaissance Learning's 2009 National Reading Achievement Award. Six teachers achieved National Board Certification status by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, raising our total of NBCT's to over 100.

Schools meeting AYP include: Carver Elementary, Royall Elementary, and the Florence Career Center. Schools receiving Palmetto Gold and Silver awards for high levels of academic achievement are Carver Elementary, Royall Elementary, Florence Career Center, South Florence High, West Florence High, and Wilson High.

The Class of 2009 received over \$13.6 million in scholarships and had 51 Palmetto Fellows, one National Merit Scholar, and over 95% of the graduating class attending post-secondary institutions of higher learning this fall. Over \$1 million in grants have been awarded to teachers for their innovative ideas to enhance instruction.

Through our Graduate Florence program, we are increasing our graduation rate. As we have stated before, community support makes a difference, and we are proud of our newly developed mentoring program, one in which we invite local citizens and the faith based community to become involved.

We continue to be the beneficiaries of The School Foundation, the local organization which receives private donations to improve educational quality in our school district.

Our school facilities remain the most envied in the Pee Dee, not because of their age, but because they are well-kept buildings and grounds with over half the schools designated as family friendly environments through the State Department of Education's Red Carpet Schools Program.

Florence School District One is the place to be for a quality education, because within our district are the offerings of choice—including Montessori Education, the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Advanced Placement opportunities, single-gender education programs, and extra-curricular activities which range from swimming to robotics.

We strive to do our part to be true to our mission, "preparing students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners who are able to succeed in an ever changing society." As a citizen of this community, I invite you to join in this effort.

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