



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Marion County School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 4,938  
 Superintendent: Dr. Dan Strickland  
 Board Chair: Dr. Shawn Johnson

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	1	10	6	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. 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	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	62.1%	53.3%	53.3%	59.1%	56.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.4%	55.3%	50.8%	58.2%	59.4%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	22.8%	15.4%	9.9%	18.1%	16.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	23.7%	17.4%	8.9%	17.0%	18.1%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

### HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	72.9%	10.1%	17.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%	18.6%	15.7%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	87.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.5%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	55.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	53.1%

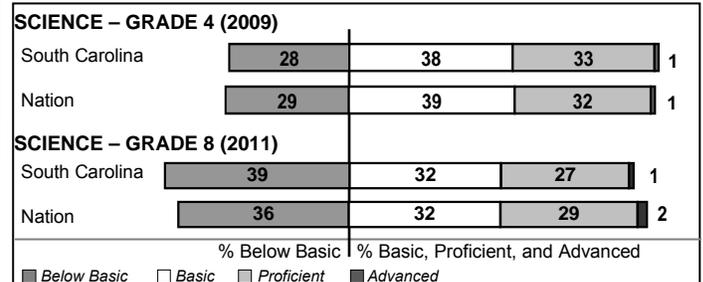
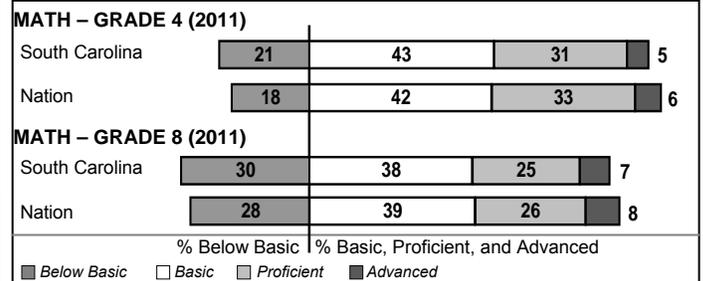
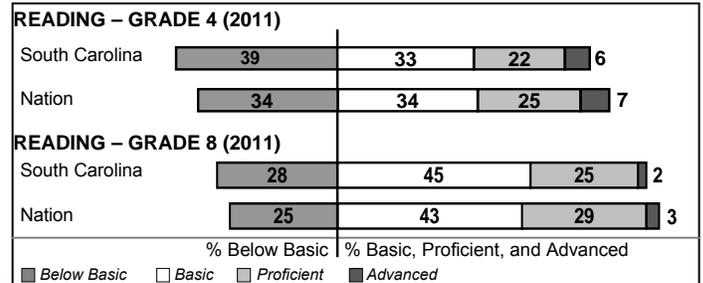
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### NAEP\*

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



### SC PERFORMANCE 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.*

#### Abbreviations Key

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=4,938)</b>				
Retention rate	2.5%	N/A	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	93.4%	N/A	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.0%	N/A	5.0%	12.0%
With disabilities	15.5%	N/A	12.7%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	6.5%	N/A	6.4%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	N/R	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	4.1%	N/R	5.0%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	48.5%	N/A	43.3%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.0%	N/R	27.2%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	111	N/A	15	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	37	N/A	14	37
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	N/A	1.7%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n=334)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	N/A	59.9%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	71.9%	N/A	71.6%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	N/A	85.6%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	N/R	95.0%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,019	I/S	\$44,008	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.7%	N/R	1.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	N/A	4.7%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	N/R	9.6 days	10.3 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	N/R	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	N/R	20.8 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	N/R	89.5%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,261	N/A	\$10,260	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.0%	N/A	48.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	N/A	51.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/R	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	11	N/A	6	11
Portable classrooms	12.1%	N/R	1.1%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	N/R	5.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	N/R	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$72,877	N/A	\$74,517	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	N/A	0	0
ESEA composite index score	52.0	N/A	62.1	81.0

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This has been an exciting year, with many changes, but many recognitions and achievements. As of July 1, 2012, by an act of the South Carolina State Legislature, we became an official county-wide school district, united under one administrative team and working to pursue excellence in all areas of our school system.

We chose four instructional areas upon which to focus: the creation of Professional Learning Communities, balanced literacy, data-driven decision making, and instructional shifts to support the Common Core State Standards. With these focus areas as our guidelines; we have endeavored this year to provide instructional excellence to promote academic success. Some highlights of this school year include all three high schools (Marion High, Mullins High, and Creek Bridge High) receiving magna cum laude or summa cum laude awards for gains in SAT/ACT scores, Britton's Neck Elementary receiving a national level bronze medal from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation for efforts at promoting health and nutrition, and Creek Bridge High School receiving the Palmetto Gold Award for general performance. We have had students receive scholarships, win the statewide Science Fair, receive perfect scores on sections of the PASS exam, perform in the Regional Spelling Bee, win awards at the National FBLA competition, excel in sports and perform in unparalleled fashion. We have had teachers and administrators present at conferences, win grants, and partake in professional development activities in unprecedented fashion. Our Adult Education Center was recognized for its outstanding achievement and serves as a model for other districts. Dr. Dan Strickland

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NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status