



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 2 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 9,804
 Superintendent: Dr. Scott Mercer
 Board Chair: Mr. Danny J. McDowell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	6	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Basic and above			
District	83.1%	84.7%	75.4%	74.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.7%	79.0%	71.0%	74.6%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Proficient & Advanced			
District	48.7%	44.6%	40.9%	35.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.2%	37.9%	39.6%	37.8%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	86.7%	8.3%	5.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.8%	8.8%	7.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	96.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	65.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.5%

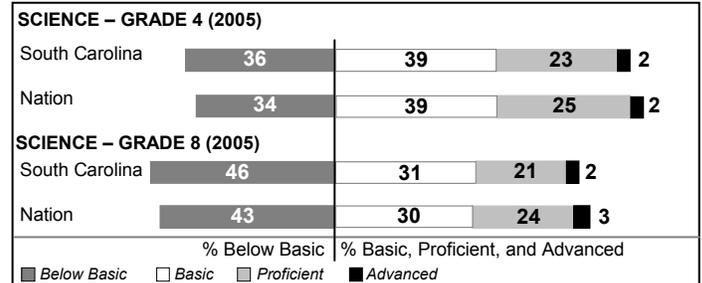
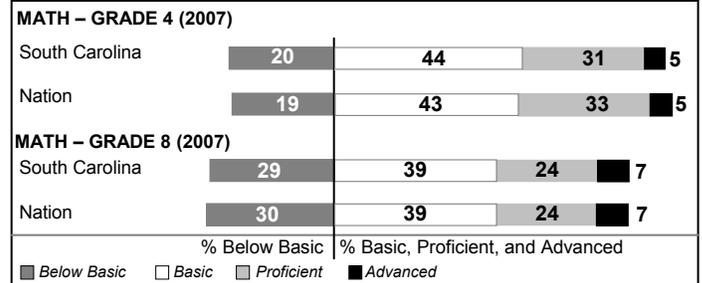
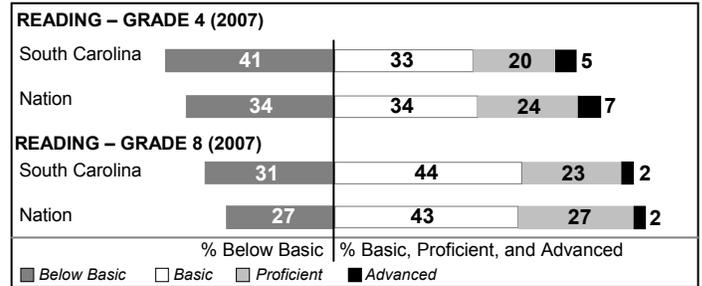
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.1%

** 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 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 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=9,804)				
Retention rate	2.2%	No Change	3.5%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.5%	96.2%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.1%	Up from 10.4%	17.4%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Up from 6.3%	10.4%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 1.6%	0.5%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.3%	Down from 11.4%	19.1%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	70.9%	N/A	52.8%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	42.5%	Up from 32.2%	41.6%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	53	Up from 44	56	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	49	Up from 38	53	27
Annual dropout rate	4.0%	Down from 4.3%	4.4%	3.8%
Teachers (n=559)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.0%	Down from 61.4%	58.3%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	74.4%	Down from 77.0%	79.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.1%	Up from 1.5%	2.2%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Down from 92.9%	91.1%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,265	Up 2.4%	\$46,358	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.5%	Down from 3.9%	0.4%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.9 to 1	Down from 24.3 to 1	21.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 89.2%	90.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,797	Up 3.6%	\$8,057	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.1%	Down from 54.9%	53.9%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.6%	Down from 58.4%	58.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	12	9
Portable classrooms	4.7%	No Change	2.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	16 Years	Down from 18 Years	18 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$75,224	Up 3.5%	\$77,085	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	84.8%		79.9%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you for taking the time to look over our district report card, it contains valuable information concerning our student performance indicators. The Board of Trustees and administration appreciate your involvement in and support of our schools.

In an effort to provide programs that continue to challenge our students and staff, several initiatives have been implemented or are in the process of being added. These initiatives include the International Baccalaureate Program at Hendrix Elementary, investments and training in technology, a Scholars Academy in partnership with USC Upstate, a college entrance program with Spartanburg Community College, and the availability of instructional coaches in every school.

We are striving to keep our schools among the safest in the state. Modifications to front entrances were completed at several schools to improve security. All schools have access to nurses, and school resource officers are provided at middle and high schools. A secure environment is essential for learning.

Our student population is growing by approximately 250 students per year. Through the wise use of resources, the district has managed to keep up with the growth without approaching taxpayers for a school building bond referendum. Our newest school building, Chesnee Elementary, will open for the 2008-09 school year. Additional school facility expansion projects have been completed, and construction should begin on a new middle school this year.

Five advisory councils meet with the superintendent and staff quarterly to provide and receive information on current issues facing the schools. Members of the local business community, parents, teachers, support staff, and students advise us on ideas and initiatives.

Spartanburg School District Two is a wonderful place to live and work. The presence of faith and strong families enable us to more easily educate your children. Thank you for choosing to live here and for working with us in this most important endeavor.

Scott J. Mercer, Superintendent

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