



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Williamsburg School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,543  
 Superintendent: Ralph C. Fennell, Jr.  
 Board Chair: Mr. James Darby

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	1	7	9

\* 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	68.2%	65.2%	44.9%	50.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.6%	57.9%	43.8%	51.4%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Proficient & Advanced			
District	25.2%	20.8%	15.4%	14.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.0%	16.4%	15.0%	15.7%
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	71.7%	12.8%	15.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.3%	15.2%	14.5%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	87.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.1%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	37.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.7%

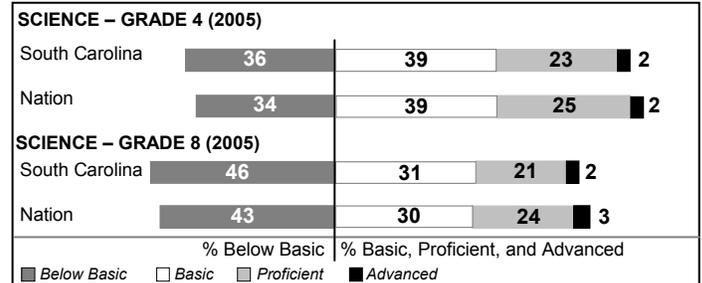
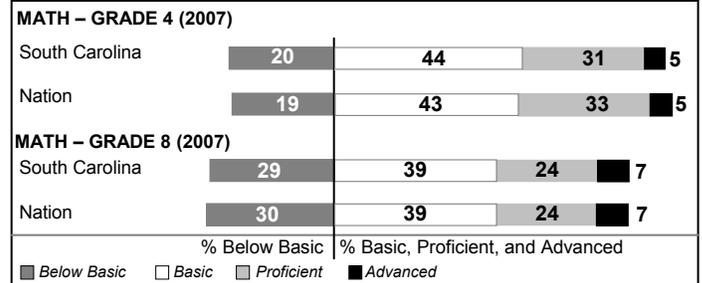
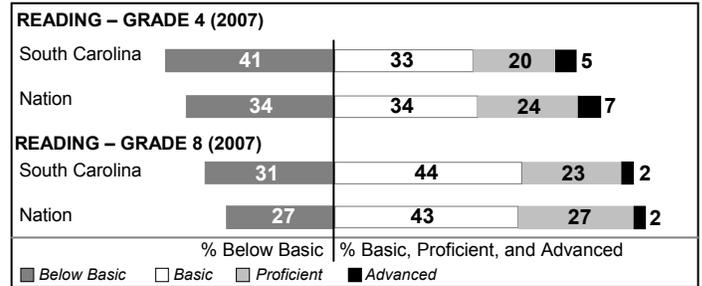
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.3%

\*\* 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
<b>Students (n=5,543)</b>				
Retention rate	4.1%	No Change	5.0%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.0%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.0%	Down from 4.2%	6.4%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	15.2%	Down from 15.7%	11.9%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 2.0%	1.2%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	1.9%	Down from 3.2%	5.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.6%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.6%	Up from 22.5%	25.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	170	Up from 116	26	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	18	Down from 25	11	27
Annual dropout rate	0.5%	Down from 1.6%	3.8%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=365)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.7%	Up from 54.7%	52.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	58.1%	Down from 63.2%	57.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	21.8%	Up from 19.0%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Down from 85.8%	83.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.9%	94.5%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,079	Up 1.7%	\$42,079	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	5.2%	Up from 4.9%	1.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.3%	Down from 19.7%	5.3%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	Down from 22.4 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 89.3%	87.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,198	Up 7.3%	\$9,939	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	48.6%	Down from 49.6%	47.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	52.8%	Down from 53.9%	51.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Fair	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	4	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Down from 2.7%	6.1%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	37 Years	No Change	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	Up from 12.0	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$70,130	Up 5.5%	\$71,864	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%		57.1%	69.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Youth Academy Charter	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Williamsburg County School District is located in a rural community comprised of three high schools, one junior high school, eight elementary schools, one charter school, and a career and technology center. We are proud of the hard work our principals, teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members have accomplished this school year. Through their combined efforts, we have made great strides in our goals toward academic achievements.

Our district continues to support our teachers and students by providing professional development, relevant resources, scientifically based research, innovative strategies, and best instructional practices. We have implemented the following instructional programs to enhance our current curriculum in an effort to increase student achievement: a Balanced Literacy Program, Reading First, computer assisted remediation and enrichment programs, Accelerated Reader, Reading Counts, Accelerated Math, Credit Recovery, instructional technology labs to include Plato and NCS Learn, Standards in Practice, Differentiated Instruction, and career education.

Williamsburg County School District continually develops opportunities to extend challenging and diverse learning opportunities for our students. Our curriculum is under constant revision to ensure its alignment with the most current South Carolina Curriculum Standards for each grade level and subject area. To enhance the curriculum, we also incorporate web resources, current textbooks and resources, hands-on approaches through the use of manipulative, applied, and integrated approaches.

We are continuing to provide a safe environment in all of our schools. Together, we will continue to encourage our students to maximize their potential to ensure their success in a global society.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Fennell, Jr.  
Superintendent

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