



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Chester School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: 5,652  
**Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Graves**  
**Board Chair: Dr. Richard Hughes**

## 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		
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	18	5	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 09/29/2011. 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	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	61.8%	58.3%	55.6%	61.9%	61.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.0%	65.7%	61.0%	65.8%	66.4%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	24.2%	20.2%	15.1%	22.1%	19.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.2%	26.2%	16.5%	23.0%	26.2%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	78.8%	11.4%	9.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.5%	12.4%	12.1%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	92.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.1%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.8%

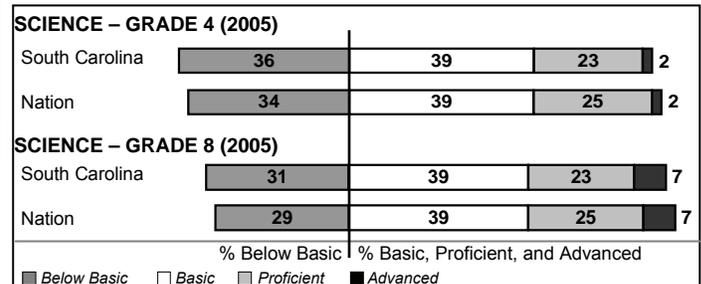
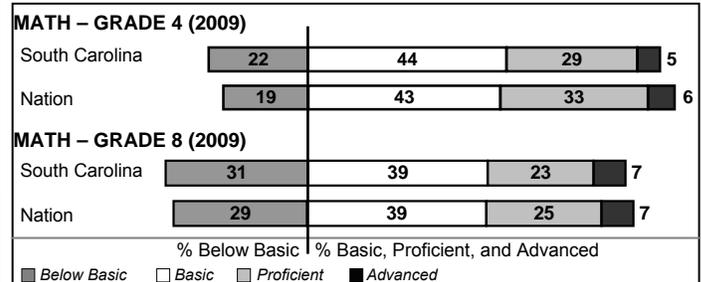
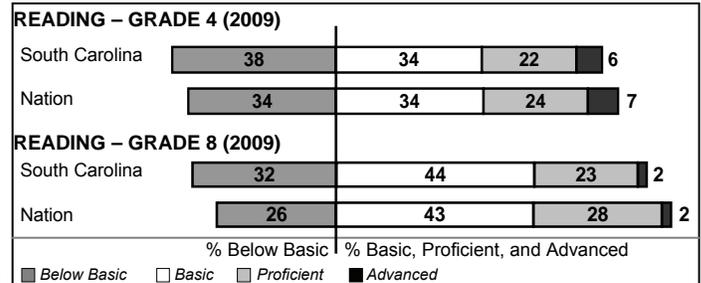
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%

\*\* 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 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.*

### Abbreviations Key

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=5,652)</b>				
Retention rate	4.1%	Up from 3.8%	2.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.1%	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.5%	Up from 8.8%	14.0%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.7%	Up from 8.8%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.4%	Down from 6.5%	4.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Down from 4.3%	0.6%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.5%	Down from 10.2%	7.8%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	48.1%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Down from 29.8%	31.1%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	57	Up from 40	50	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	37	Up from 36	35	29
Annual dropout rate	4.7%	Down from 5.1%	3.2%	3.1%
<b>Teachers (n=387)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Up from 56.2%	58.8%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	83.7%	Up from 73.9%	83.3%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.8%	Down from 6.0%	4.1%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Up from 85.0%	89.3%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.5%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,521	Up 1.2%	\$45,611	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	Up from 2.6%	1.9%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.6 days	Down from 10.1 days	12.4 days	12.6 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 3.0	2.8	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 89.6%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,118	Down 4.4%	\$9,366	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.9%	Up from 52.7%	53.1%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.7%	Down from 55.4%	55.7%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	4.1%	Up from 4.0%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	27 Years	Up from 26 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	No Change	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.8%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$70,324	No Change	\$78,468	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

\* 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	Adequate Yearly Progress
The Academy for Teaching and Learning Charter(ELEM. )	Good	Excellent	Met
The Academy for Teaching and Learning Charter(MIDDLE)	Average	Average	Met

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The 2009-2010 school year was definitely one of transition and adjustment for the Chester County School District. As Interim Superintendent, I was pleased to offer a sense of stability and educational guidance to a district faced with a myriad of trials and economic hardships.

This school year has provided the opportunity for continued school improvement while students, teachers, and administrators have observed the impact of the implementation of Benchmark Assessments in all subjects across all grade spans K-12. Rigorous expectations have also lead to several schools in the district being recognized as Palmetto Silver Award winning schools. Accountability for student performance will be a continued focal point of Chester County Schools as administrators are held more accountable for teacher performance and teachers are held more accountable for the academic achievements of their students.

Early Childhood continues to be a focus of the Chester County School District, and we are thrilled to be able to offer additional full-day pre-k classes, producing more "school ready" students each year. With the expansion of Early Learning in the district, more partnerships are being forged with various community agencies and Head Start to ensure that Early Learning is always a forethought.

This school year has been a momentous one, and I take personal pride in the strengthening of the district's working partnership with the district-sponsored Charter School in the county. Building such relationships provide for continuity and permanence with all students and teachers throughout the district.

J. Edwards Demming once said that schools should be about the business of creating a yearning for learning in the hearts and minds of students, and in Chester County that has become our mission. A very capable staff is gracefully leading the school district through what is a tumultuous time. It has been an adventurous year of new beginnings. It is my expectation to see great things result from Chester County's educational program in both the near and distant future.

Dr. Phillip J. McDaniel, Interim Superintendent, 2009-2010  
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