



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Darlington School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,931
 Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight
 Board Chair: Connell Delaine

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	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below 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	2	15	6	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	68.0%	65.5%	64.3%	69.7%	65.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.2%	64.6%	60.6%	65.1%	65.7%
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	31.2%	24.4%	19.0%	26.2%	23.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	32.4%	25.2%	16.3%	22.4%	25.6%
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	71.8%	13.6%	14.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.5%	13.0%	12.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	90.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.5%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	62.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	58.7%

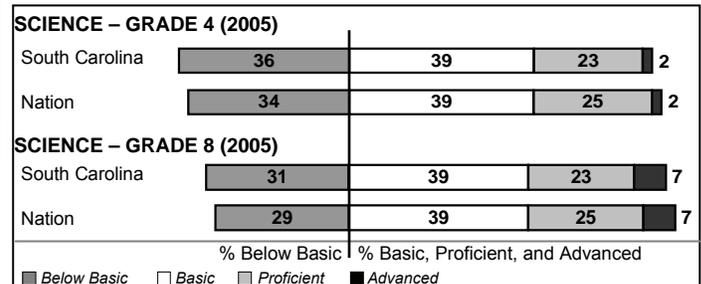
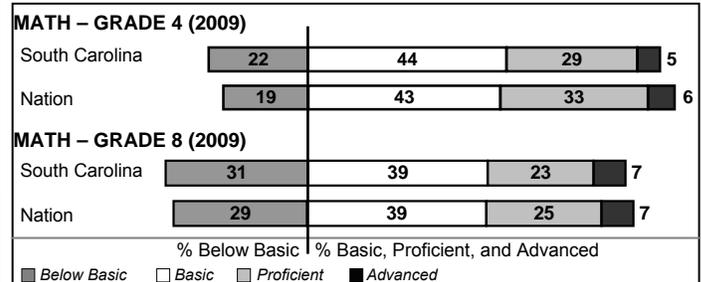
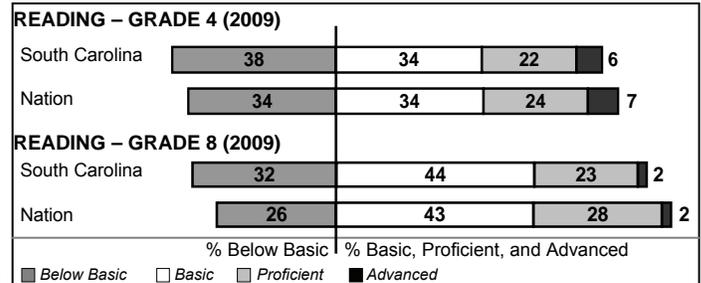
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	87.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.1%

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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=10,931)				
Retention rate	4.0%	Down from 5.1%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.4%	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.5%	Up from 9.7%	11.6%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Down from 13.0%	11.3%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	5.6%	Up from 4.9%	4.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.3%	Down from 8.1%	7.3%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	51.1%	Down from 51.2%	48.3%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.1%	Down from 31.3%	30.6%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	423	Up from 271	38	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	107	Down from 119	23	29
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 1.7%	3.4%	3.1%
Teachers (n=707)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.2%	Up from 51.1%	58.5%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Up from 71.8%	83.0%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.9%	Down from 7.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Up from 87.9%	88.8%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,809	Down 0.7%	\$45,532	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.9%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Down from 3.8%	2.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.6 days	Down from 18.9 days	12.8 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	11.0	Up from 10.0	2.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 89.8%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,366	Up 2.5%	\$9,118	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.2%	Down from 51.8%	53.1%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.8%	Down from 56.4%	55.7%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	23	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	3.5%	Up from 3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	36 Years	Up from 35 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	23.0	Up from 22.0	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.8%	Up from 93.3%	97.0%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$80,660	No Change	\$79,316	\$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	I/S	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Choices(HIGH)	N/A	N/A	Not Met
Choices(MIDDLE)	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Darlington County School District serves over 11,000 students in 23 schools, including a state-of-the-art career and technology center, an alternative school, and several magnet schools. All schools, and the District, are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (AdvancED) and the SC Department of Education.

Our District believes in providing challenging educational experiences for all children. In addition to our regular classes, Darlington County School District offers elementary and middle school art-and-science magnet programs. Three high schools offer magnet programs for students who wish to pursue a more academically challenging course of study: International Baccalaureate/Honors College at Hartsville High School; Math, Science & Technology at Mayo High School; and Early College at Darlington High School. In addition, students who struggle academically have many resources available to them, including interventionists, computer-assisted learning, extended school days, and an extended school year.

We believe that exceptional educators are the key to a student's success. The district supports a comprehensive program of professional development. The district also offers several degree programs through partnerships with local colleges and universities. Our new teachers are part of an extensive mentoring network and are given the support and tools they need to succeed.

Darlington County School District is committed to providing cutting-edge technology in the classroom. Through our comprehensive technology plan, all core curriculum teachers have laptop computers and document cameras. All schools are wired for the Internet, with some featuring wireless laptop computer labs, computer-based programs to evaluate and differentiate instruction, or online credit-recovery tools for our students. Most of our schools also have interactive whiteboards in the classrooms.

We are proud of our many successes this year. Seventeen students were recognized as Junior Scholars. Six schools earned Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver awards, which recognize high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. West Hartsville Elementary School earned the national TAP Ambassador Award for their leadership in school reform. Though the national and state SAT average scores have remained stagnant, Darlington County School District's scores continued to increase. Two county high schools and the district as a whole have exceeded the state average for SAT scores. Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology and Lamar High School are included in the U.S. News & World Report's fourth annual ranking of "America's Best High Schools." Darlington High School, Hartsville High School, and Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology were recognized by the SC Department of Education for their SAT/ACT performances this year. Our 80% graduation rate is among the highest rate in the Pee Dee. Darlington County School District's 2010 graduating seniors earned more than \$13.8 million in scholarships! We are very proud of the achievements of our students!

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