



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Berkeley School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 29,263
Superintendent: Rodney Thompson
Board Chair: Kathy Schwalbe

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		
2011	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	9	11	1	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	77.4%	76.1%	70.7%	75.6%	73.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%	74.7%	69.7%	72.9%	73.6%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	41.7%	36.1%	22.8%	33.0%	32.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.7%	35.7%	22.9%	32.1%	33.5%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	81.8%	11.0%	7.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.8%	12.3%	8.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	94.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.5%

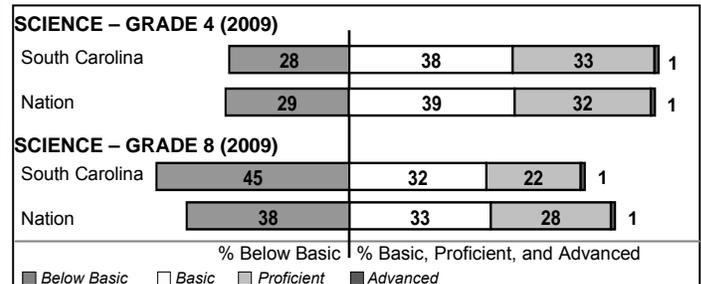
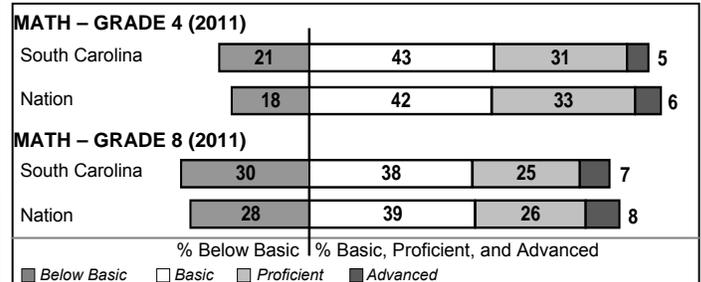
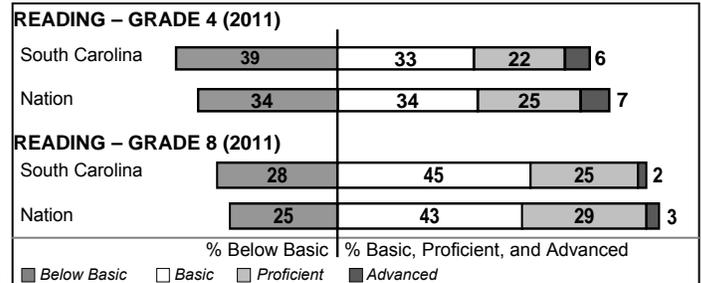
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.5%

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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.

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Berkeley School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=29,263)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Up from 1.6%	1.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.1%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.8%	Up from 12.2%	19.0%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.1%	Down from 10.5%	7.7%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.3%	Down from 3.4%	2.5%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 1.1%	0.9%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.8%	Up from 11.1%	17.9%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	53.8%	N/A	44.2%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.2%	Down from 30.1%	31.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	242	Up from 219	82	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	120	Down from 167	48	35
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 5.5%	3.0%	2.8%
Teachers (n=1,862)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.3%	Down from 59.9%	61.8%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	74.8%	Up from 71.4%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 89.7%	91.7%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.0%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,354	Down 1.3%	\$47,577	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Up from 1.2%	1.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.0 days	Down from 11.4 days	11.9 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Down from 22.2 to 1	22.2 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 89.6%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,332	Down 1.7%	\$8,820	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.6%	Up from 52.1%	54.8%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.4%	Up from 55.4%	58.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	39	Up from 38	14	9
Portable classrooms	1.0%	Down from 3.7%	1.3%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	39.0	Up from 38.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.5%	Down from 100.0%	96.8%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$79,147	Down 0.2%	\$78,534	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%		93.1%	93.1%

* 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	I/S	I/S

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

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

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Berkeley County School District is proud to announce many outstanding achievements this year, including national accreditation through AdvancED, and recognition as S.C. School Board Insurance Trust's Risk Control District of the Year.

Our schools made great strides, with Howe Hall AIMS being recognized as our first National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. College Park Middle was selected as a national School to Watch and Berkeley Elementary was again named a National School of Character. Five of our schools were named state Red Carpet Schools, and twenty-one of our schools achieved Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards. In addition, seven of our school counseling programs received national recognition for excellence.

College Park Middle's Ingrid Dukes was named the Middle School Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators. Dr. Carolyn Myers-Gillens, principal of Cross Elementary, was named Administrator of the Year by the S.C. School Counselor Association and Amanda Prince, principal of College Park Elementary, was named an Exceptional Educator of the Year by S.C. Council for Exceptional Children.

The District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 36 of 37 federal objectives this year, with 22 schools making AYP, up from 16 last year. On the PASS, we achieved gains in 21 of 30 targets, and surpassed the state average in 25 of 30 areas. Our ACT scores rose for the fourth straight year, and our drop-out rate declined to 2%. Our District State Report Card revealed an "Excellent" growth rating, and 97% of our schools maintained or improved their rating, with 14 schools rated "Excellent."

The Berkeley County Middle College opened its doors this year, and Berkeley High was authorized to offer our first International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. Our new Evening High School program allowed 240 students to complete 380 credits toward graduation, and 63 students were accelerated to the tenth grade through our Star Academy. We were successful in our bid to serve the academic needs of thousands of children through a major Head Start Grant, and in our proposal to launch our first Montessori program at Whitesville Elementary.

The District congratulated 1,759 graduates in the Class of 2011. Our graduates earned \$24,232,695 in academic scholarships in 2011, surpassing last year's record by 9%. Among our graduates were one National Merit Scholar; three National Achievement Scholars; 54 Palmetto Fellows; 305 Life Scholars and 169 Hope Scholars.

Construction began on Cane Bay Middle, to serve the western area of the county. In technology, we deployed an iPad and netbook pilot program, and laptops to every Middle College student through a one-to-one initiative. We received over \$7 million for technology upgrades, and launched a district-wide data warehouse.

Looking to the future, the District will hold fast to its vision, mission and goals, while focusing on the areas of literacy, STEM education and community engagement.

Mr. Rodney Thompson, Superintendent

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