



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Dorchester 2 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 22,596  
 Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye  
 Board Chair: Frances Townsend

## 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	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2010	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI-HOLD

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

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

\* 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	82.3%	84.2%	77.4%	81.7%	82.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.4%	77.7%	73.8%	78.0%	77.3%
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	50.0%	49.0%	29.5%	43.6%	43.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.2%	40.1%	26.7%	38.8%	38.6%
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	84.4%	9.8%	5.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.7%	9.1%	6.2%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	93.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.5%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	77.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.5%

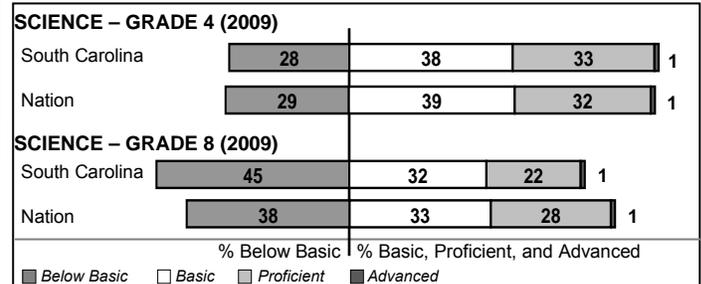
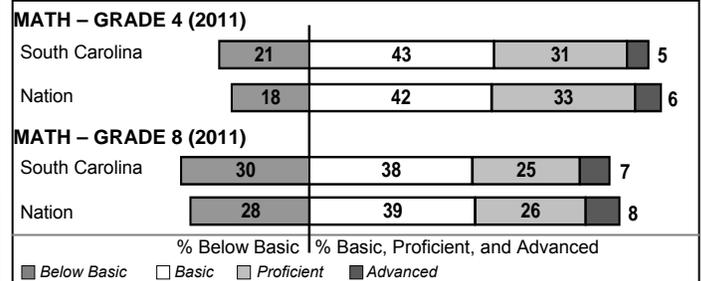
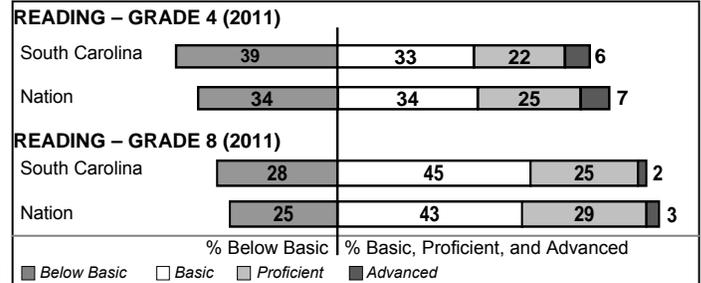
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	74.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%

\*\* 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 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
<b>Students (n=22,596)</b>				
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 1.1%	1.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.0%	95.6%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.9%	Up from 18.2%	20.1%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	3.8%	Down from 7.7%	6.0%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Down from 2.8%	2.0%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.6%	Down from 2.8%	1.2%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.8%	Down from 26.1%	25.5%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	60.2%	Up from 55.0%	60.0%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	34.9%	Up from 29.6%	37.5%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	292	Down from 296	247	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	222	Down from 251	153	35
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 4.3%	2.7%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=1,331)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.9%	Up from 53.6%	61.4%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	85.2%	Up from 80.6%	86.2%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 87.7%	91.4%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.0%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,539	Up 0.2%	\$46,450	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	No Change	1.1%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.3 days	Up from 13.0 days	10.8 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	12.0	Up from 11.0	7.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.1 to 1	Up from 23.2 to 1	23.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 89.0%	90.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,790	Down 3.9%	\$7,726	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.4%	Down from 56.8%	55.7%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.9%	Down from 60.5%	58.6%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	20	No Change	24	9
Portable classrooms	10.1%	Up from 9.2%	4.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	20.0	No Change	23.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.6%	Down from 98.3%	97.8%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$77,163	Down 3.1%	\$79,396	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	1	0
% of AYP objectives met	97.3%		94.3%	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	20.0%	31.6%

## 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 2010-2011 school year was one of extraordinary achievements and continued growth in Dorchester School District Two. As one of the fastest growing districts in the state, student enrollment is approaching 23,000. The award-winning school district continues to attract families to the area. To address this growth, the school district has built a new elementary school and has expanded Ashley Ridge High that will provide much needed space next year.

Despite major economic challenges, the district continued to increase student achievement with an emphasis on program efficiency and effectiveness. Explicit direct instruction, a teacher-centered approach to instruction, has been implemented in all schools. The instructional process Target Teach has been utilized in all middle schools with dramatic results in improved student achievement. This year Target Teach was implemented in all elementary schools. The district has developed a K-12 Intervention Pyramid framework to address the academic and behavioral needs of all students. These initiatives along with the dedication of teachers and staff have resulted in a year with the best student test scores ever attained. Sixteen of the twenty district schools earned Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for student achievement, and 90% of our schools made an Excellent or Good on the absolute rating on the 2010 state report cards. The district's growth rating improved to Excellent with an absolute rating of Good.

Innovative programs are making a difference for students as the district focuses on educating the whole child. Summerville Elementary is the only school in the state to adopt Sean Covey's "Leader in Me" program school-wide to create a culture of student leadership. Ashley Ridge High Guidance Department was named a 2011 Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program Award winner for an outstanding comprehensive guidance program to serve students. Five district schools have received ribbon or banner awards and one has been named Exemplar from the State Department of Education for implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) with fidelity and quality. Over \$100,000 in grants were awarded to after school programs for additional student resources.

This year also included major accomplishments by individuals and schools. Superintendent Joe Pye was named the South Carolina Superintendent of the Year. William Reeves Elementary was named a 2011 Palmetto's Finest school. The Summerville High Girls' Track & Field Team captured the 4-A state championship. Fort Dorchester High Boys' Golf Team won the state golf championship. Over \$25,466,685 in scholarships was offered to the graduating class of 2011. Two dedicated volunteers were named State Volunteers of the Year by the State Board of Education. Summerville High Navy JROTC was selected as the top Navy JROTC Unit in North and South Carolina.

As Dorchester School District Two plans for the coming year, we look forward to new milestones and continuing student success.

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