



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Laurens 56 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,051
 Superintendent: David C. O'Shields
 Board Chair: Jim Barton

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	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Below Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	2	13	5	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	68.1%	69.9%	63.5%	63.1%	67.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.8%	67.7%	62.2%	66.5%	66.4%
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	31.5%	34.4%	16.9%	25.3%	28.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.0%	28.5%	17.4%	25.3%	26.5%
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	72.2%	11.7%	16.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.8%	13.6%	11.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	85.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	58.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.8%

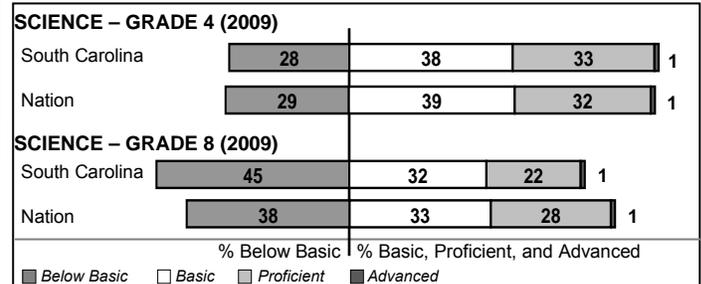
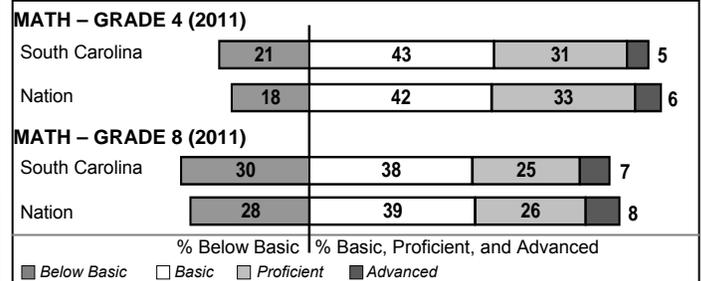
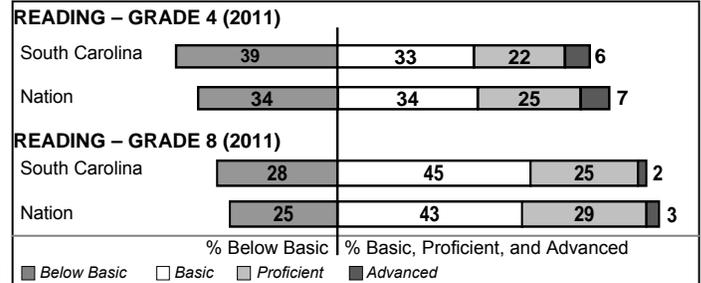
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	65.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.8%

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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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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,051)				
Retention rate	3.4%	Up from 3.1%	2.5%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.6%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.0%	Up from 12.5%	13.4%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.4%	Down from 12.1%	7.4%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.6%	Down from 3.6%	3.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.9%	Up from 0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.0%	Down from 35.0%	7.9%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	18.4%	Up from 13.3%	47.5%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.7%	Down from 52.1%	30.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	64	Up from 43	54	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	22	Up from 19	26	35
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 3.7%	3.0%	2.8%
Teachers (n=187)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Up from 57.1%	60.8%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	95.7%	Up from 89.3%	87.3%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 89.3%	89.9%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,191	Down 1.0%	\$45,718	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Up from 0.4%	2.1%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.7 days	Up from 8.2 days	12.8 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	No Change	2.8	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	No Change	21.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 91.0%	89.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$15,427	Up 50.3%	\$8,821	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Up from 49.7%	53.0%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.2%	Up from 53.2%	55.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	1.6%	Down from 4.8%	1.2%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	No Change	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	90.5%	Down from 91.3%	96.9%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$72,125	Down 5.0%	\$78,561	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	85.2%		90.5%	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	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

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

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

During the 2010-2011 school year, Laurens County School District 56 forged new traditions, embraced change, and achieved excellence. The school district pursued SACS CASI District Accreditation through the AdvancED worldwide organization and hosted a Quality Assurance Review Visit in March 2011. The district received AdvancED accreditation with commendations in the areas of commitment to a legacy of excellence and advancing the vision and mission of the school district; system of strong visionary leadership to begin the processes of data-driven decision making, collaborative planning, and continuous improvement; caring, committed, and dedicated teachers and staff; equitable access to current instructional technological resources; and exemplary community partnerships supported by the district.

The Board of Trustees selected me as the new district superintendent in the spring of 2011 to lead Laurens District 56 into the future. Our mission is to provide the highest quality education and to prepare all students for future learning. The district will achieve this mission by supporting a culture of continuous improvement driven by integrity, teamwork, and perseverance.

New traditions are being established in Laurens District 56 with the opening of the new Clinton High School. Teachers and students at the high school have been able to take advantage of state of the art technology in every classroom along with access to an auditorium. Clinton High School initiated the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program through a partnership with United Way of Laurens County. Starting in the fall of 2011, Clinton High will be offering new CATE Programs in Mechatronics and Welding.

Change is occurring in Laurens District 56 as all schools, except MS Bailey Child Development Center, will be participating as TAP schools in the 2011-2012 school year. TAP is a comprehensive school reform system designed to increase teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

Our schools and students achieve excellence. Bell Street Middle School's Science Olympiad Team won the state tournament for the ninth consecutive year; Clinton High School's Science Olympiad Team won the state tournament for the third consecutive year. Clinton Elementary was awarded the TAP Ambassador Award for representing TAP principles beyond their campus and offering assistance to others. Eastside Elementary received a Gold Award for Absolute Performance and a Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. Under No Child Left Behind, Eastside Elementary and Joanna Woodson Elementary met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

The goal for all students in Laurens District 56 is to graduate from high school. With continued support from all stakeholders - whether they are students, teachers, administrators, staff, parents, businesses, or residents - we will ensure the best education possible for our children, thereby ensuring a future for our community.

David C. O'Shields, Superintendent

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