



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Williston School District 29 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 929  
 Superintendent: Tom Siler, Ph.D.  
 Board Chair: J. Calvin Melton

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI-HOLD

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

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

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	64.9%	77.4%	67.7%	72.2%	71.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.5%	68.2%	66.5%	69.4%	68.2%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	30.5%	31.2%	20.7%	25.9%	32.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	34.0%	28.0%	19.0%	26.5%	29.8%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

### HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	82.5%	7.0%	10.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.6%	14.0%	10.5%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	94.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.9%

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

District	64.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.9%

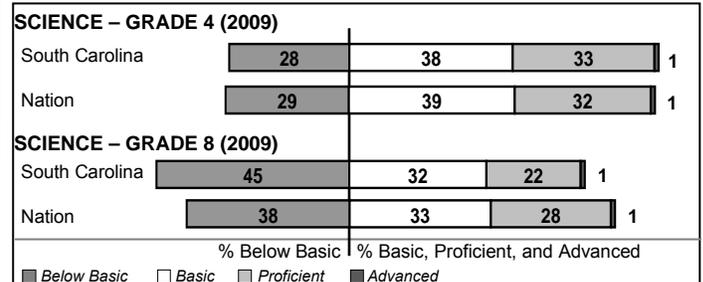
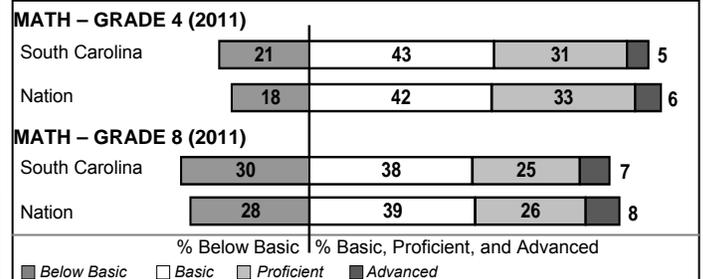
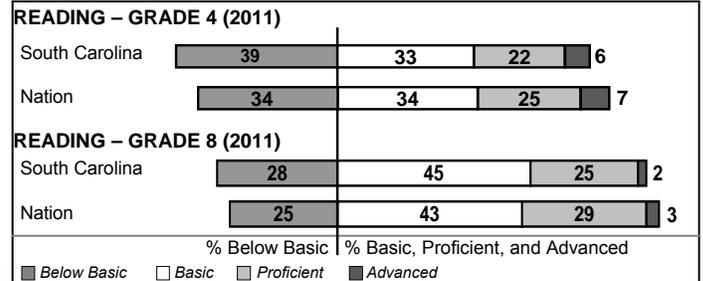
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	88.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%

\*\* 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.*

#### Abbreviations Key

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=929)</b>				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.4%	2.3%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.2%	95.9%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.1%	Up from 13.7%	7.9%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	22.4%	Up from 20.4%	30.8%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.1%	Up from 25.8%	27.9%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	4	Down from 11	42	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	3	Down from 10	22	31
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Down from 2.5%	3.4%	2.7%
<b>Teachers (n=62)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.5%	Down from 59.1%	60.0%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Down from 90.2%	90.3%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 94.1%	94.7%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,466	Up 2.9%	\$45,677	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.9%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	27.2 days	Up from 13.3 days	11.2 days	12.4 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 8.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.9 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	22.9 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 88.8%	89.4%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,827	Down 8.3%	\$8,760	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.1%	Up from 47.4%	51.6%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.7%	Up from 52.7%	53.8%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	3	No Change	7	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	1.0	No Change	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Up from 95.7%	99.8%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$78,061	Down 3.7%	\$77,424	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	94.5	N/A	84.3	85.6

\* 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	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community of Williston School District,

Thank you for your support of the educational programs of Williston School District 29 as we educate the children of Williston-Elko. We are committed to providing quality educational experiences for all students. Our commitment to excellence is grounded in three essential goal areas: Student Achievement, Teacher Quality, and Positive Climate. The essence of every action we take stems from the desire to continuously push our students to achieve more while providing the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools needed to be competitive in the 21st Century.

For our students to reach their potential it is necessary to train and support quality educators, develop a positive culture, and establish positive relationships with all key stakeholders. In short, we want to create an environment that instills the desire to achieve more. For students who struggle academically we provide classroom interventions, data driven instruction based on quarterly benchmark assessments, and computer-assisted learning opportunities.

We know that outstanding educators are the key to our students' success. The professional development program for teachers focuses on aligning the assessments to the standards taught in the classroom, enhancing instruction with training provided by a technology coach, guidance on utilizing sound intervention practices in the classroom, and developing efforts to create positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

Williston School District 29 is committed to providing technology driven instruction using laptop computers, interactive boards and document cameras daily. All schools are wired to provide internet connectivity. Wireless laptop computer labs and computer based programs assist with differentiating instruction and online credit-recovery programs for students.

The variety of activities provided students play a vital role in our efforts to educate all students. We continue to be competitive academically, athletically, and artistically throughout the region with both Kelly Edwards Elementary and Williston-Elko Middle Schools receiving the Palmetto Silver Award for academic achievement. Williston-Elko High School earned program accreditation through AdvancEd. The AdvancEd process is designed on a standards-based framework to feed continuous improvement and transform education on a global scale.

Lastly, the students of our graduating class of 2011-2012 earned \$1,431,870.00 in college scholarships.

Sincerely, Tom Siler, Ph.D., Superintendent

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