



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lexington School District Four School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,494
 Superintendent: Linda G. Lavender, Ph.D.
 Board Chair: Jeff Hart, Jr.

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	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Below Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Below Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	1	8	1	0

* 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	63.7%	63.2%	69.2%	67.4%	58.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.2%	67.8%	66.9%	69.6%	68.1%
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	28.9%	21.6%	17.5%	22.7%	23.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.8%	27.6%	19.4%	26.8%	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	73.3%	13.8%	12.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.6%	13.9%	10.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	88.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	68.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.8%

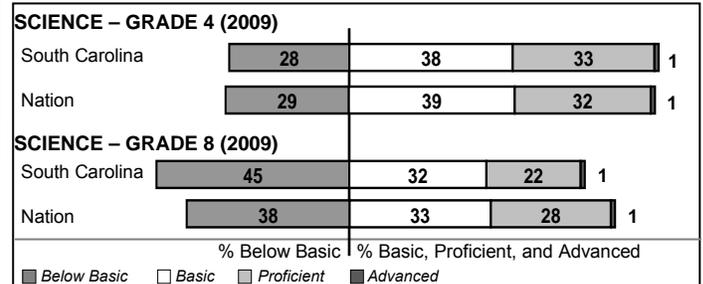
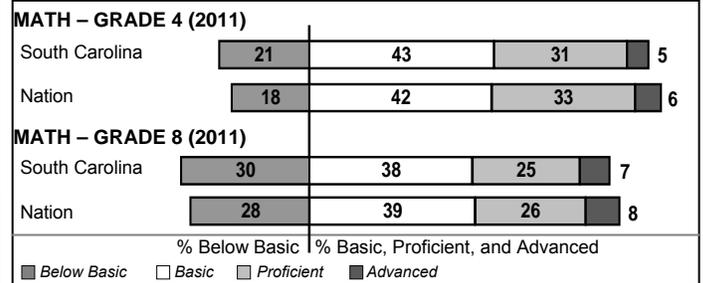
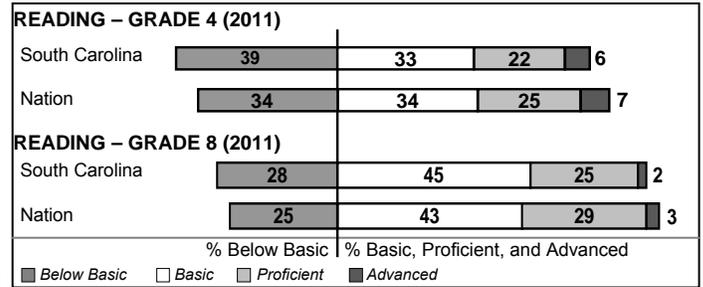
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%

** 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
Students (n=3,494)				
Retention rate	1.5%	Down from 2.8%	2.2%	2.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.6%	96.1%	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	0.9%	Down from 1.5%	0.9%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	37.2%	Up from 35.6%	7.9%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	22.0%	Up from 15.9%	27.9%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.7%	Down from 31.4%	28.7%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	32	Up from 26	37	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	22	Down from 23	18	31
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 4.8%	3.1%	2.7%
Teachers (n=190)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Up from 55.0%	60.0%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Up from 87.7%	90.0%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.4%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,765	Up 0.7%	\$45,677	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.5%	Up from 2.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Down from 14.1 days	10.9 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.2 to 1	Up from 22.2 to 1	22.9 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.9%	89.7%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,373	Down 5.1%	\$8,827	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	46.7%	Down from 47.7%	51.1%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.9%	Down from 51.4%	53.7%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	7	No Change	7	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Down from 1.0%	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Up from 96.9%	99.6%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$86,987	Up 0.6%	\$78,061	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	73.0	N/A	88.2	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

Lexington School District Four, Gaston-Swansea, serves approximately 3,400 students in preschool through adult education. Students are served in seven quality facilities that support innovative instructional programs. These instructional programs are supported by three overall goals for the district: improving student achievement, building teacher/ administrator capacity and improving school climate.

To achieve these goals, the primary focus of the Board of Trustees and administration is to promote employee quality. Therefore, we are committed to building and sustaining professional learning teams throughout the schools and district. We are committed to hiring, developing, and retaining the very best teachers and administration to serve students in Lexington School District Four.

Accomplishments this year include Palmetto Silver Awards for Sandhills Elementary and Middle Schools, Region V AA Championships in football, girl's soccer, and wrestling and numerous awards for participants in band, chorus, JAG, HOSA and Beta Club programs.

Challenges for the 2012-13 school year include, transitioning from state curriculum standards to the new common core standards, preparing for a quality assurance review through AdvancEd accreditation, and increasing our graduation rate.

Lexington Four is very grateful for the support received from our seven-member Board of Trustees, as well as our families and communities as we strive to always place students first. We will continue to devote our resources to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to be successful.

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