

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Darlington County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,252
 Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight
 Board Chair: Warren Jeffords

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
2013	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	11	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. 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	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	74.5%	71.6%	73.7%	74.8%	66.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.6%	67.4%	67.4%	70.4%	68.6%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	36.0%	30.3%	23.5%	35.0%	23.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	34.5%	28.7%	18.7%	30.2%	26.5%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	82.9%	9.8%	7.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.6%	12.3%	9.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	94.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.9%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	69.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.7%

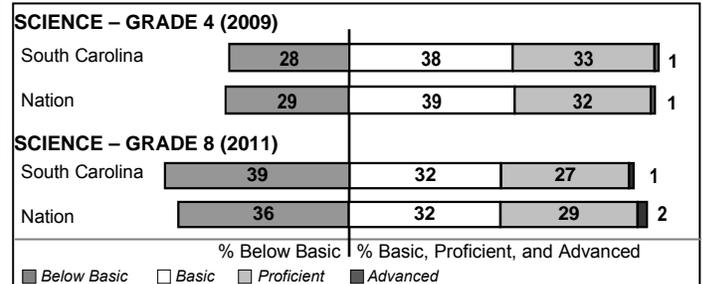
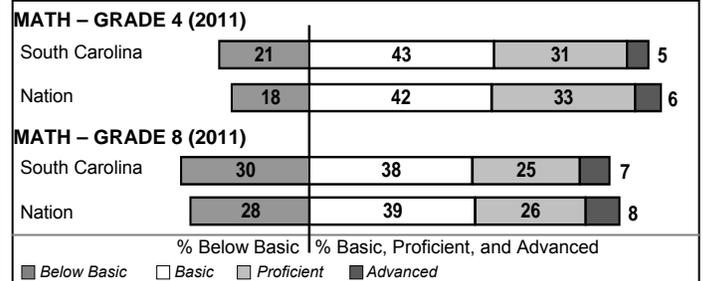
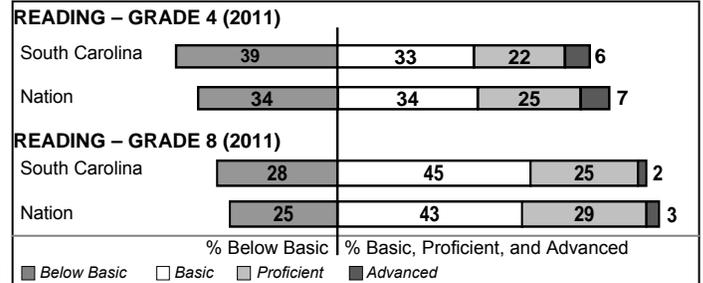
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	93.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.4%

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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=10,252)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 3.8%	2.7%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.4%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.3%	N/A	11.6%	12.0%
With disabilities	13.6%	N/A	14.2%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	7.7%	N/A	6.1%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	No Change	0.4%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.3%	Up from 7.9%	11.5%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	48.6%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.5%	Up from 29.3%	32.9%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	74	Down from 326	33	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	61	Down from 89	27	37
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	Down from 0.6%	2.6%	2.3%
Teachers (n=631)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.7%	Down from 57.7%	61.7%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.5%	Down from 86.7%	83.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.8%	Down from 89.9%	90.5%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.7%	94.8%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,088	Up 0.9%	\$46,664	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Up from 0.8%	2.0%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	14.3 days	Down from 17.7 days	11.6 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	14.0	Up from 13.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.4 to 1	Down from 27.0 to 1	21.8 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.8%	89.1%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,726	Up 2.3%	\$9,026	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.0%	Up from 50.3%	52.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.0%	Up from 53.8%	54.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	25	Up from 23	10	11
Portable classrooms	2.3%	Down from 2.9%	0.6%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	23.0	No Change	10.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$82,237	Up 3.5%	\$79,713	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	2	Up from 1	0	0
ESEA composite index score	88.7	Down from 94.4	77.4	81.0

* 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

The Darlington County School District (DCSD) is a countywide district serving more than 10,400 students in 23 schools, including a state-of-the-art career and technology center, an alternative school, and both a nationally recognized high school and a nationally recognized early childhood center. All schools and the district are fully accredited on the state and national level by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/AdvancED and the SC Department of Education.

Our District believes in providing challenging educational experiences for all children. In addition to our regular classes, Darlington County School District offers elementary and middle school magnet programs in the arts, as well as science & technology. Three high schools offer challenging academic magnet programs: The International Baccalaureate/Honors College at Hartsville High School; Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology; and the Early College at Darlington High School. Our district has established a one-of-a-kind public-private partnership with Sonoco, Coker College, Yale University and the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (SCGSSM) to offer Hartsville students the PULSE program. For students who struggle academically, our district offers interventionists, computer-assisted learning, and extended school days.

We believe that exceptional educators are the key to a student's success. The district supports a comprehensive program of professional development, including offering several degree programs through partnerships with local colleges and universities. Our teachers are dedicated and committed to providing our students with the best educational opportunities available.

Darlington County School District is committed to providing cutting-edge technology in the classroom. Through our comprehensive technology plan, all core curriculum teachers have laptop computers and document cameras. All schools are wired for the Internet, with some featuring wireless laptop computer labs, computer-based programs to evaluate and differentiate instruction, online coursework, and/or online credit-recovery tools for our students. All of our schools also have interactive whiteboards in the classrooms. In 2013, DCSD will begin to rollout our iTel (iPad) pilot program, which will allow teachers to implement a personal learning system for our students and which will eventually provide one-to-one mobile computing devices for all our students.

We are proud of our many successes this year. Our district is ranked third in the state in terms of academic achievement, according to the South Carolina Department of Education. Our drop-out rate is 0.6%, the third lowest rate in the state. The district's graduation rate is 93%, far exceeding the state average of 74.9%. Twenty students were recognized as Junior Scholars. Thirteen schools earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards, which recognize high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. We are proud of our students and staff!
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