

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Kershaw County School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,217  
 Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.  
 Board Chair: Mara H. Jones

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	6	0	0	1

\* 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	79.3%	75.4%	76.6%	77.8%	77.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.3%	74.3%	74.2%	76.1%	75.8%
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	41.8%	34.2%	25.3%	35.2%	34.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.4%	34.8%	23.3%	35.5%	34.0%
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	83.4%	10.7%	5.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.4%	10.0%	5.6%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	93.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.6%

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

District	76.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%

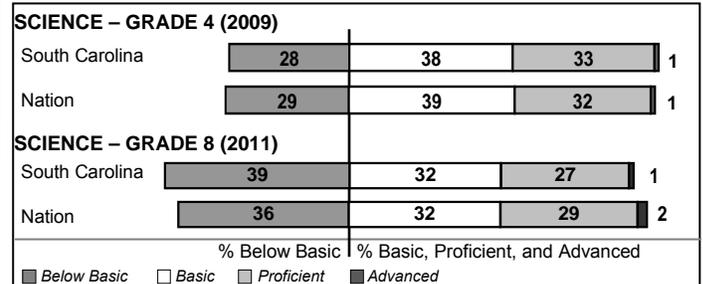
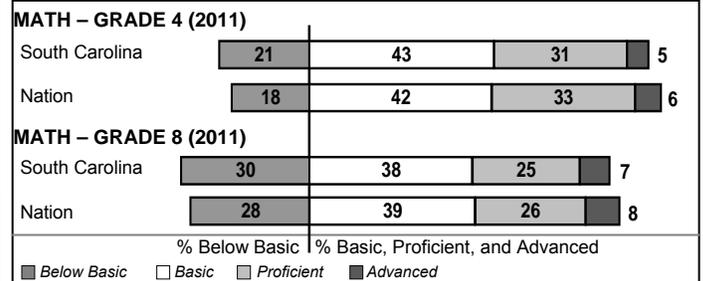
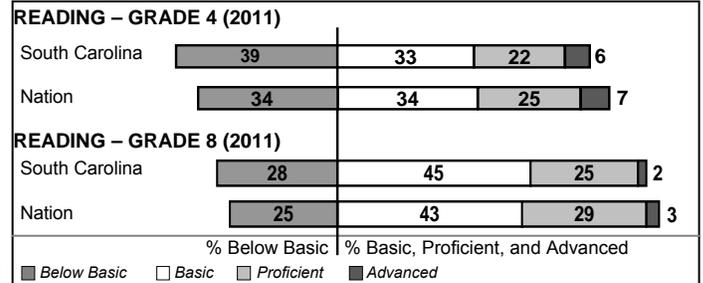
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	83.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%

\*\* 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=10,217)</b>				
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 2.5%	1.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.3%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.6%	N/A	15.1%	12.0%
With disabilities	11.6%	N/A	12.5%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	4.5%	N/A	4.1%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Up from 0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.6%	Up from 15.7%	18.6%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	47.7%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.2%	Down from 25.1%	32.6%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	83	Up from 63	67	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	59	Up from 39	48	37
Annual dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 2.9%	2.4%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n=632)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.1%	Down from 67.7%	62.4%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	86.6%	Up from 85.5%	82.2%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 92.7%	91.5%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.3%	94.9%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,187	Up 2.5%	\$49,146	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.4%	No Change	1.4%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.9 days	Down from 11.3 days	10.2 days	10.3 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	Down from 24.3 to 1	22.6 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 90.7%	89.9%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,617	Up 4.0%	\$8,568	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.0%	Down from 53.8%	55.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 59.4%	58.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	19	11
Portable classrooms	0.8%	Down from 1.2%	1.1%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	Up from 18.0	14.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Down from 100.0%	99.4%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$83,411	Up 1.9%	\$80,151	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	88.7	Up from 84.5	86.3	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

This has been another school year of great student achievement and academic excellence. KCSD received a "B" from the SC Department of Education, indicating our "performance exceeds the state's expectations" as a part of a new federal accountability rating system. Five Title I schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Midway Elementary and Mt. Pisgah Elementary—were honored as Reward Schools for Performance. Ninety-five percent of the Absolute ratings for our schools' state report cards were Excellent, Good or Average. Thirteen schools—ATEC, Baron DeKalb Elementary, Bethune Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Camden Elementary, Camden Middle, Doby's Mill Elementary, Lugoff Elementary, Lugoff-Elgin High, Lugoff-Elgin Middle, Stover Middle, North Central Middle, and Pine Tree Hill Elementary—were recognized in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for academic achievement and closing achievement gaps. Pine Tree Hill Elementary was one of only 15 schools statewide to receive silver awards for general performance and closing the achievement gap. Thirty-one KCSD students scored the highest possible score on PASS tests. Sixteen more KCSD teachers earned National Board certification or recertification, bringing the total number of teachers who are National Board certified to 125 or 18 percent of our teaching staff.

The district's performance received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Lugoff-Elgin Middle was the first SC school to be recertified twice as a "School to Watch." Blaney Elementary's SIC was one of nine named to the SC School Improvement Council's 2013 Honor Roll. The Blaney Elementary and Stover Middle archery teams both won the state National Archery in Schools competition. The KC Robotics team was ranked 9th out of 65 teams overall in the FIRST® First Robotics Competition in Myrtle Beach. KCSD's website and four photographs were winners in the SC chapter of the National School Public Relations Association's 2013 Rewards for Excellence. Doby's Mill Elementary was one of 29 schools and districts across the country to be named a 2013 National School of Character. Camden High's newspaper The Palmetto Leaf received a Class I award from the SC Scholastic Press Association. All ATEC cosmetology graduates passed both sections of the state licensing exams. Three ATEC students swept medal honors in the SC Skills USA computer maintenance technology competition. Sixty-six persons—twice the number from the previous year—received their GEDs or high school diplomas from our adult education program. The overall graduation rate of the district improved to 87.4%; in 2007, it was 72.7%.

KCSD completed Phase I of the Facilities Equalization Program. Because of excellent financial and construction management, 13 projects beyond what was originally planned were completed, including a new Jackson School, an addition to Blaney Elementary and multi-purpose rooms at Stover Middle and North Central Middle. KCSD continued to garner national attention for the programs implemented through a \$5.7 million "Safe Schools/Healthy Students" grant. KCSD again received "unqualified opinions"—the top results possible—during its annual financial audit. The district's continued strong financial performance led to the improved outlook on its bond rating. Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D., Superintendent

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NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status