

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Laurens 56 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,920  
 Superintendent: David C. O'Shields  
 Board Chair: Jim Barton

## 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	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Below Average	Below 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	75.6%	74.6%	72.0%	74.5%	72.9%
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	38.9%	33.8%	20.9%	33.1%	29.7%
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	76.2%	13.4%	10.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.6%	12.3%	9.5%

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

District	86.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.9%

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

District	70.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.7%

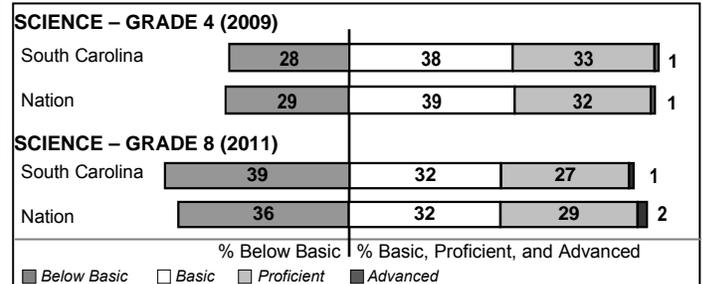
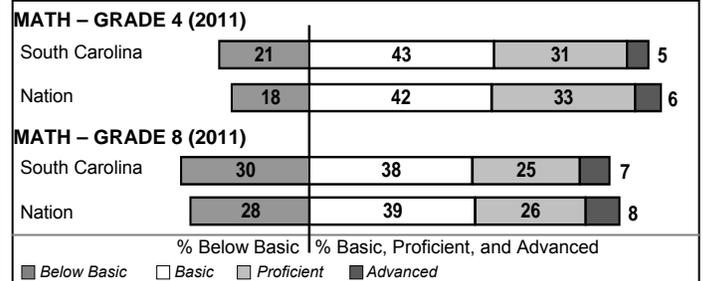
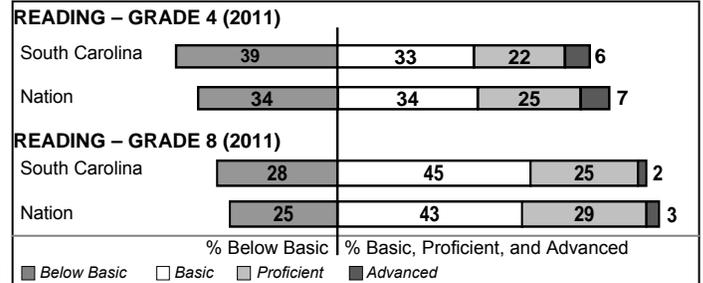
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	76.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.4%

\*\* 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=2,920)</b>				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.2%	2.7%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.3%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.9%	N/A	11.6%	12.0%
With disabilities	17.6%	N/A	14.2%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	N/A	6.1%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 0.9%	0.4%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.5%	Down from 13.1%	11.5%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	46.9%	Up from 25.0%	48.6%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.5%	Up from 44.0%	32.9%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	56	Up from 42	33	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	22	Up from 18	27	37
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 3.1%	2.6%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n=178)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.0%	Up from 58.2%	61.7%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	82.0%	Down from 96.2%	83.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Down from 91.0%	90.5%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.4%	94.8%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,114	Up 2.5%	\$46,664	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Down from 2.3%	2.0%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.6 days	Up from 6.1 days	11.6 days	10.3 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	21.8 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 90.7%	89.1%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,389	Up 3.4%	\$9,026	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.0%	Down from 50.0%	52.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.0%	Down from 52.5%	54.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	10	11
Portable classrooms	1.9%	Up from 1.0%	0.6%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	No Change	10.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$77,193	Up 3.4%	\$79,713	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	83.3	Up from 82.9	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

During the 2012-2013 school year, Laurens County School District 56 achieved excellence, embraced innovation, and forged new traditions. Our mission is to provide the highest quality of education and be an advocate for all students by preparing them for future learning. The district will achieve this mission by supporting a culture of continuous improvement driven by integrity, teamwork, and perseverance.

Our district, schools, and students achieved excellence. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Federal Accountability System, Laurens District 56's overall grade was a B signifying performance exceeds the state's expectations. Clinton High School's graduation rate increased from 65.2% to 70.2%. Joanna Woodson Elementary received a Silver Award for General Performance, and Eastside Elementary received a Gold Award for General Performance and a Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. Bell Street Middle School's Science Olympiad Team won the state tournament for the eleventh consecutive year; Clinton High School's Science Olympiad Team won the state tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

Laurens District 56 embraced innovation this year by adding MS Bailey Child Development Center to the list of TAP schools in the district thereby making Laurens District 56 a TAP district. TAP is a comprehensive school reform system designed to increase teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

New traditions are being established in Laurens District 56. Our high school has expanded the opportunities for our students to participate in dual enrollment courses, as well as, expanded career exploration opportunities through the growth of our mechatronics, welding, and agriculture CATE programs. Our elementary and middle school students participated in programs sponsored by the Upper Savannah Regional Education Center, Fifth to the Future and Sixth to Success, which connected businesses with education and focused on building workplace readiness qualities and building work ethic. Our third grade students partnered with the Joe R. Adair Outdoor Education Center and local businesses in Team Ecology to learn how to protect our environment and reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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. We thank you for your support and sharing the responsibility of the accomplishments of our students, our school, and our community.

David C. O'Shields, 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