

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Newberry County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,740
 Superintendent: Bennie Bennett
 Board Chair: Jody Hamm

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	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	8	5	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	71.6%	72.3%	69.4%	75.6%	69.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	73.4%	72.3%	74.6%	73.9%
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	34.5%	31.9%	20.9%	34.9%	26.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.8%	34.4%	22.7%	34.7%	31.9%
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	77.5%	12.8%	9.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	10.8%	7.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	90.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	68.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.7%

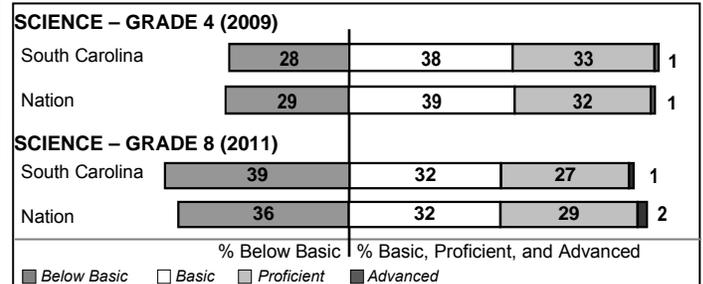
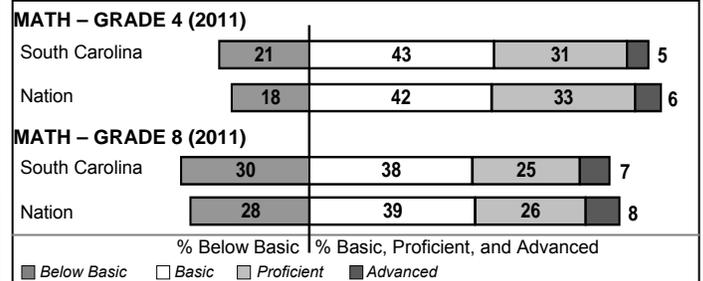
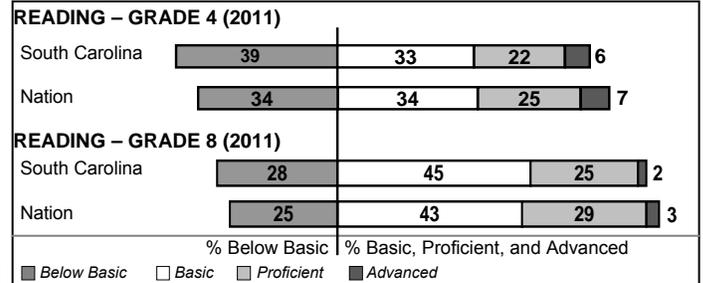
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.6%

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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=5,740)				
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.8%	1.8%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.2%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.9%	N/A	14.9%	12.0%
With disabilities	13.5%	N/A	14.1%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	N/A	4.5%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Up from 0.3%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.0%	Up from 9.2%	14.0%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	58.4%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	40.4%	Down from 50.3%	32.9%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	55	Down from 63	53	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	49	Up from 39	40	37
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 1.9%	2.1%	2.3%
Teachers (n=423)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.3%	Down from 69.0%	64.3%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.9%	Down from 86.4%	85.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Down from 91.2%	91.3%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.3%	95.0%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,966	Up 2.1%	\$48,500	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	No Change	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	1.5%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	14.4 days	Down from 15.5 days	10.2 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Down from 20.0 to 1	21.4 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 90.0%	89.9%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,805	Up 2.1%	\$9,023	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.0%	Down from 53.6%	53.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.0%	Down from 55.3%	56.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	15	Up from 14	11	11
Portable classrooms	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	0.8%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	28.0	Up from 13.0	11.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	99.8%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$77,681	Up 0.4%	\$79,713	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	75.8	Down from 87.9	81.7	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 School District of Newberry County's mission is to engage students at all levels in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning. Serving over 5,900 students, the district has 12 schools and a technologically advanced career center; nine of those schools received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for General Performance and/or Closing the Achievement Gap and all schools received a C or better on the new AYP ratings. Eleven of the twelve district schools improved their numerical index for the South Carolina School Report Card. We also had 22 students who scored perfect PASS scores. A district video highlighting the opportunities and successes of district students was created and can be viewed at www.newberry.k12.sc.us.

As the focus remained on continuous improvement for all students, the district implemented the Common Core State Standards for all students in grades K-2 and the writing Common Core State Standards for students in grades 3-12. Professional development was provided to all teachers to support this implementation. This professional development was provided by district staff as we continue to build and develop our internal capacity to promote leadership from within. We are also beginning a formal STEM initiative and look to include multiple STEM offerings for our students in the upcoming years. All of this is done while maintaining a fund balance of over \$10 million.

Schools within the district received security upgrades this school year and all schools continue to update and monitor their emergency plans. The alternative program for middle and high school students was redesigned to better serve students and return them back to their original schools. Newberry High School is also in year two of receiving School Improvement Grant funds to assist with funding additional staff in the Freshman Academy, advancing technology access for all students, and other school-based initiatives.

The School District of Newberry County maintains partnerships with Newberry College and Piedmont Technical College. Collaborative efforts from both institutes continue to assist teachers and students. Community support for schools remains positive and we are always grateful for the support and involvement from parents, community members, and local businesses.

Bennie Bennett, Superintendent
One District. One Team. One Mission.

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