



# SC Annual District Report Card Summary

**AIKEN COUNTY School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: **24,701**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English**

## 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
2014	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	3	2	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	71.7%	68.5%	63.2%	70.1%	74.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.9%	74.1%	71.1%	76.6%	77.0%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

## SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	38.1%	30.4%	19.3%	26.9%	34.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.7%	37.5%	26.3%	36.8%	38.5%
Average District	42.4%	36.6%	26.6%	37.5%	38.6%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests	Passed 1 Subtest	Passed No Subtests
District	80.5%	12.1%	7.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.9%	13.3%	7.8%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	94.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.4%

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

District	78.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.5%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

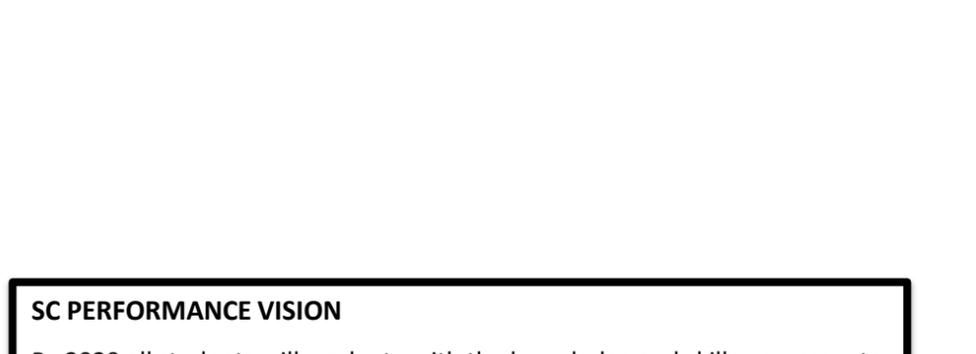
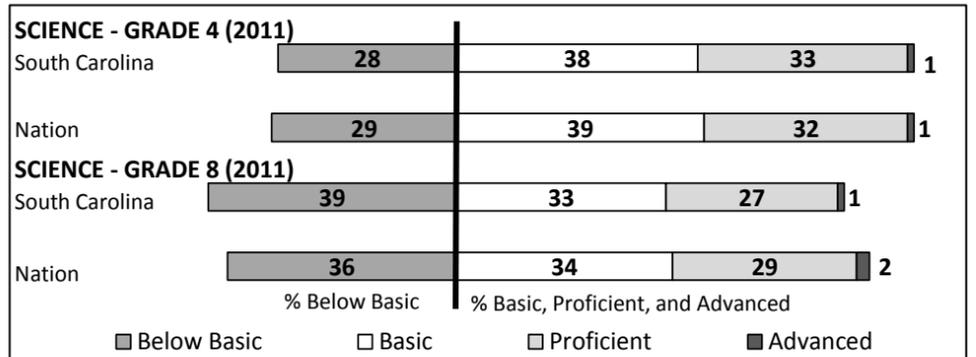
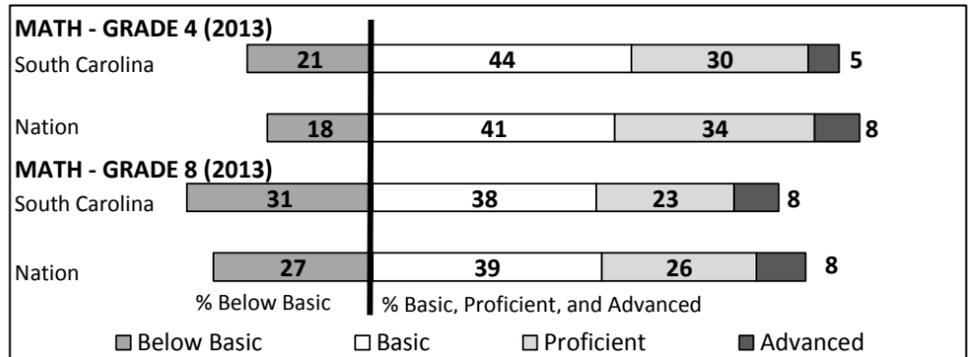
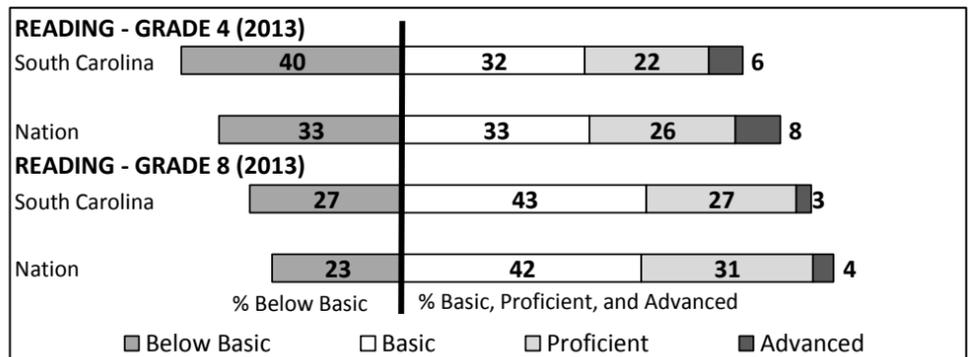
District	82.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.7%

\*\* 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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# AIKEN COUNTY School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n = 24,701)</b>				
Retention Rate	1.9%	Up from 1.8%	1.6%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	96.4%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.0%	Down from 15.1%	16.6%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	No change	13.4%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Down from 5.1%	3.9%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	24.9%	Down from 28.5%	20.9%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	50.8%	N/A	51.7%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.7%	Up from 32.6%	39.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	740	Up from 117	158	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	131	Up from 116	33	31
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 3.8%	2.4%	2.3%

## Teachers (n = 1,548)

Teachers with advanced degrees	57.3%	Up from 56.3%	62.5%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	79.7%	Down from 79.8%	83.1%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Down from 92.0%	91.3%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,929	Up 0.0%	\$49,155	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	Up from 1.5%	1.9%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.1 days	Up from 10.7 days	11.2 days	11.1 days

## District

Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 89.5%	90.7%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,241	Up 3.4%	\$9,114	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.3%	Down from 58.0%	53.7%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 61.0%	57.5%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	44	No change	13	9
Portable classrooms	5.7%	Down from 5.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	39.0	No change	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$76,704	Down 0.6%	\$80,490	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	5	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	80	Up from 75.4	85.3	79.5

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	SC 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
LLOYD-KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL (ELEM. )	U	U	F
LLOYD-KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL (MIDDLE )	B	A	F
MIDLAND VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (ELEM. )	G	A	B
MIDLAND VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (MIDDLE )	B	E	B
AIKEN PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY (HIGH )	G	E	B

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Aiken County is South Carolina's fifth largest public school district educating a diverse population of nearly 25,000 students. Our purpose is to enable all students to become productive members of society, empowered with the knowledge and ability necessary to compete and contribute in a global society by providing challenging and rewarding academic and extra-curricular experiences.

In 2013-2014 our schools continued the tradition of excellence in the Palmetto Gold and Silver awards program with eleven schools being acclaimed for academic achievement and three recognized for closing the achievement gap. Aiken County students taking the SAT national assessment continued to perform above the state average and above national average on the ACT. Our graduates again set a district record in 2014 by earning over \$46.7 million in scholarships. Extracurricular and supplemental programs such as the FFA, culinary arts, drama, visual arts, JROTC, FBLA, Career and Technology Education, and athletics programs received numerous state and national awards and recognition. Schools and teachers regularly receive grants and awards for science, math, arts, literacy, social studies, and STEM programs.

We attribute our enduring success to our emphasis on reading achievement, our early focus on college and career ready standards, our collaborative approach to curriculum alignment, and school restructuring based on High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work. The District also continues to emphasize reading success with intervention services in elementary schools focusing individual and small group intervention on struggling readers. In addition, working closely with our local colleges, we are preparing students for post high school success by increasing the number in dual-enrollment and concurrent enrollment classes. Community partnerships include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) institutes and science standards institutes with Ruth Patrick Science Education Center; Professional Development Schools with USC Aiken; Pre-engineering Academy with Aiken Technical College; and a Young Entrepreneurs Academy with the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce.

As superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools, I am afforded the distinct opportunity to work alongside highly motivated, qualified faculty and staff. With the shared vision of academic success, our communities and the Aiken County Public School District will surpass goals and set the achievement bar even higher during the 2014-15 school year.

Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent