



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

CHEROKEE School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 9,124
Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore
Board Chair: Mike Ellis

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	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	4	9	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	64.2%	66.2%	59.7%	62.6%	67.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.5%	66.7%	64.7%	71.7%	71.5%
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	33.0%	30.0%	15.0%	23.8%	29.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.6%	29.7%	21.8%	31.6%	32.1%
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	77.6%	10.2%	12.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.2%	16.6%	10.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	90.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.4%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

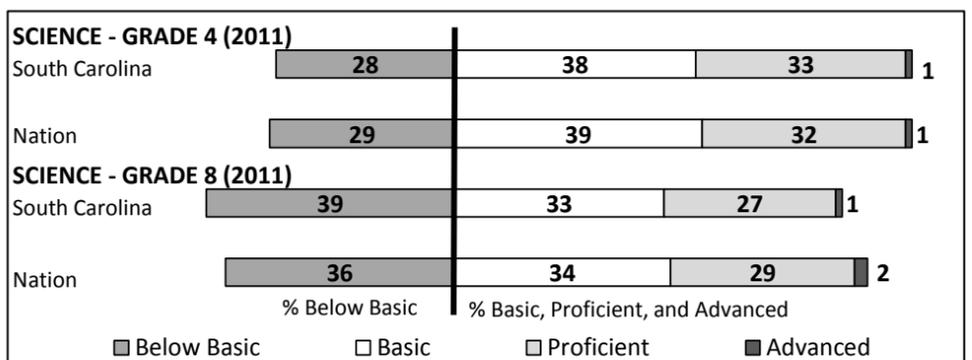
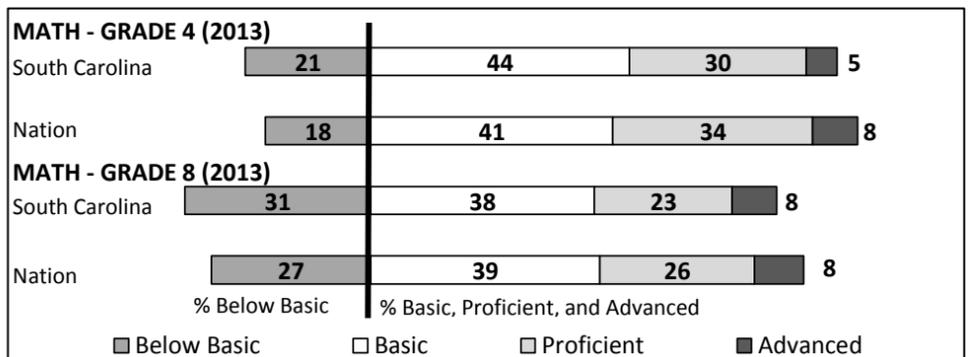
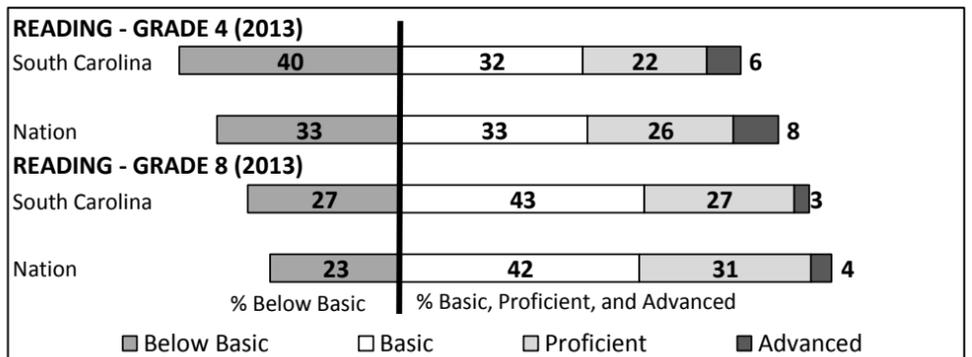
District	79.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.0%

** 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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CHEROKEE School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 9,124)				
Retention Rate	2.3%	Up from 1.6%	2.3%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.7%	Up from 96.5%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.7%	Up from 14.1%	12.1%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Down from 10.6%	13.9%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	2.9%	Up from 2.8%	4.9%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.5%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.5%	Down from 14.5%	11.5%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.0%	Down from 49.8%	50.9%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	69.2%	No change	31.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	109	Up from 107	162	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	122	Up from 106	37	31
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Down from 2.6%	2.6%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 625)

Teachers with advanced degrees	61.9%	Up from 60.9%	61.9%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	84.2%	Down from 85.0%	80.8%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Down from 92.9%	90.2%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.7%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,263	Down 0.2%	\$47,161	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	No change	0.2%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Up from 0.7%	4.2%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.0 days	Up from 10.4 days	12.7 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	2.5	Up from 1.5	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 20.1 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 89.9%	89.4%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,973	Up 3.0%	\$9,209	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.4%	Down from 53.0%	52.5%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.6%	Down from 57.0%	55.1%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No change	11	9
Portable classrooms	1.0%	Down from 5.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No change	11.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$78,876	Down 1.1%	\$79,797	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	69.9	Up from 68.8	78.1	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Cherokee County School District had another great year serving our students.

Cherokee County School District was pleased to learn that five district schools received 2013-2014 Palmetto Gold or Silver Awards for Performance or Closing the Achievement Gap. Blacksburg High, the Cherokee Technology Center, and Draytonville Elementary earned a Gold Award for General Performance. Palmetto Silver General Performance Awards were earned by Blacksburg Middle, Corinth, and Granard Middle. Draytonville also earned a Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award. Blacksburg Elementary, Corinth, Draytonville, Goucher, and Northwest were also recognized as 2013-2014 Title One Reward Schools.

The Gaffney High School AFJROTC Unit received the Distinguished Unit Award for 2013-2014 from the United States Air Force, a distinction they have received for twelve consecutive years. CMSgt. Randall Byars received the AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor award, an award that he has earned for four consecutive years.

One member of the class of 2014 graduated from high school with 12 years of perfect attendance. Also, the graduates received \$13,728,608 in scholarship offers. The class of 2014 included 11 Palmetto Fellows and earned 351 Life Scholarships. 33 eighth grade students earned Junior Scholar recognition for PSAT scores. Two seventh grade students were recognized as Duke TIP scholars. Twelve students achieved a Perfect Score on one or more areas of SC PASS or HSAP. Granard Middle School received the Exemplary Writing Award sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Two high school students achieved state championship honors in wrestling and track and field. Mark Huff, basketball coach at Gaffney High School, was named to the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Ms. Robbin Smith was named District Teacher of the Year. Mr. James Mickles was recognized as Support Staff Employee of the Year. Limestone Central Elementary has been designated as a Limestone College Professional Development School.

Our district earned five-year accreditation status after receiving a great review form an AdvancEd Accreditation team in March. The team recognized our district leadership and staff for their commitment to a collaborative culture focused on continuous improvement. The team also recognized the partnership between the district and the Know(2) initiative and commented that this movement will help us achieve our goal to increase student achievement.

Many factors contributed to a successful year: student effort, teacher dedication, parent support, and community help and input. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from everyone in making 2013-2014 a very successful school year for the students and staff. We are proud and determined to create an ethic of excellence in Cherokee County School District.

Quincie L. Moore, Superintendent