



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

CHESTER COUNTY School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,438
 Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman
 Board Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hensley

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	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	4	11	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	63.6%	61.4%	59.8%	64.9%	67.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.8%	65.4%	64.0%	70.7%	70.9%
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	29.2%	22.3%	16.2%	24.6%	24.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	34.9%	28.4%	20.9%	30.5%	31.3%
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	71.8%	20.4%	7.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.9%	17.6%	10.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	90.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

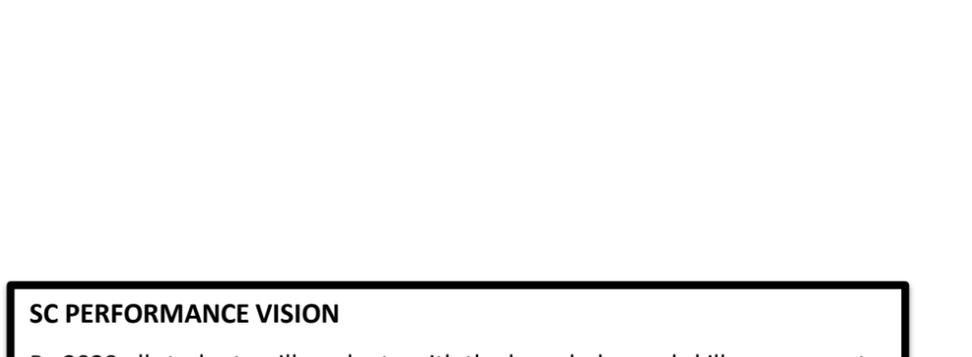
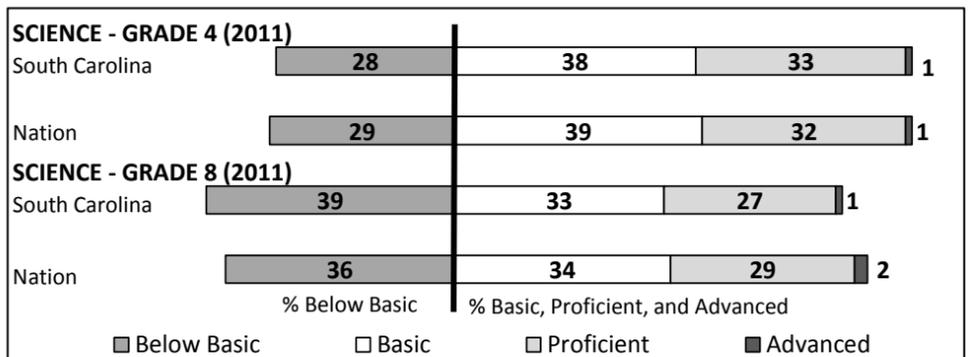
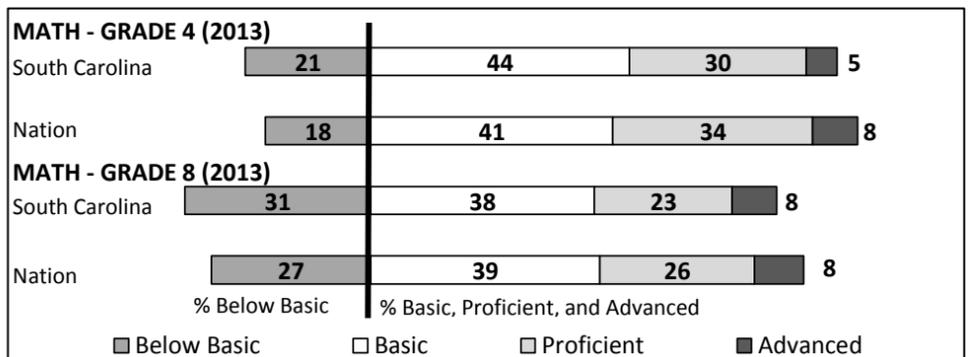
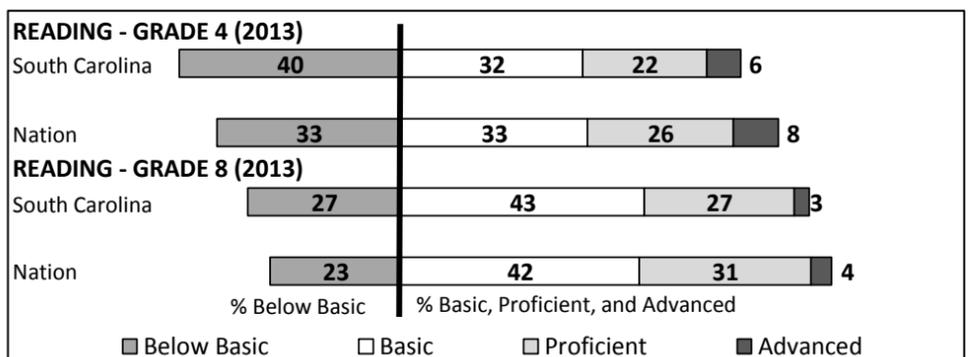
District	75.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.3%

** 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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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 5,438)				
Retention Rate	3.5%	Down from 3.6%	2.5%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Up from 94.7%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.6%	Up from 12.6%	11.2%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Down from 12.6%	13.9%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	6.6%	Down from 7.3%	4.9%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 5.4%	0.5%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	99.0%	Up from 14.8%	12.4%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	32.4%	N/A	47.4%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.8%	Down from 34.9%	30.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	88	Up from 33	88	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	28	Up from 22	18	31
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Up from 2.9%	2.3%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 377)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.3%	Down from 63.4%	61.2%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	71.9%	Down from 84.2%	78.9%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Down from 91.6%	90.0%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.0%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,052	Down 0.7%	\$46,545	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Down from 2.3%	5.0%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	5.4 days	Down from 8.6 days	12.0 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.5	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 22.3 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.4%	89.4%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,275	Up 1.0%	\$9,275	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.7%	Up from 51.0%	51.7%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.6%	Down from 54.0%	53.6%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No change	7	9
Portable classrooms	0.6%	No change	0.8%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	No change	6.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$73,396	Up 2.0%	\$80,133	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	2	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	68.5	Up from 61.3	77.8	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
THE ACADEMY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (ELEM.)	A	E	C
THE ACADEMY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (MIDDLE)	A	A	C

The Chester County School District proudly received full accreditation status from AdvancED. The AdvancED review committee complimented the district's new initiatives, especially the placement of reading coaches and interventionists in all elementary schools, and reading interventionists in all middle school. Along with the district's exciting reading program, hiTEC kicked off for all high school students and all district teachers. hiTEC, which stands for Helping Integrate Technology, Education and Careers, placed a Windows-based tablet in the hands of all high school students and all district teachers and administrators. This portable device now enables students to complete important assignments at home. Thanks to a unique private business/public education partnership between the district and two local communications companies, Internet hotspots are now available throughout our large rural district (in parks, community buildings, private businesses, etc) so students and staff can freely and more easily access information after school hours. In addition to hiTEC, the district also launched Telemedicine, a state-of-the-art program that uses technology to virtually connect a doctor with student patients. Using specially equipped cameras mounted on medical instruments, a doctor can examine a student while he/she is in the school nurse's office, thus diagnosing and treating sick students quickly and reducing missed instructional time. The CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) is yet another important way students' health needs are being addressed. CATCH, soon to be in all elementary schools, teaches students to make wise food choices and incorporate exercise into daily routines. The district boasts four Palmetto Gold and Silver Schools, including Lewisville High School which earned a perfect 100 on its state report card for the second year in a row. Chester Park School of Inquiry received the Dick and Tunky Riley What Works SC Award for Excellence. Great Falls Elementary was named a Microsoft Innovative Pathfinder School. Lastly, both Great Falls High School and Lewisville High School were named to the prestigious US News & World Report's Best High Schools 2014 list.

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