



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

FAIRFIELD COUNTY School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,953
Superintendent: J.R. Green
Board Chair: Beth Reid

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	C	N/A
2013	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	D	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
1	1	11	4	2

* 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	63.2%	59.2%	56.7%	69.0%	70.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	56.3%	53.1%	48.0%	57.9%	62.1%
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	27.2%	18.1%	12.9%	25.3%	27.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	23.2%	17.2%	10.1%	16.5%	22.1%
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	63.8%	24.2%	12.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.3%	22.7%	16.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	85.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	85.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	65.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	56.9%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

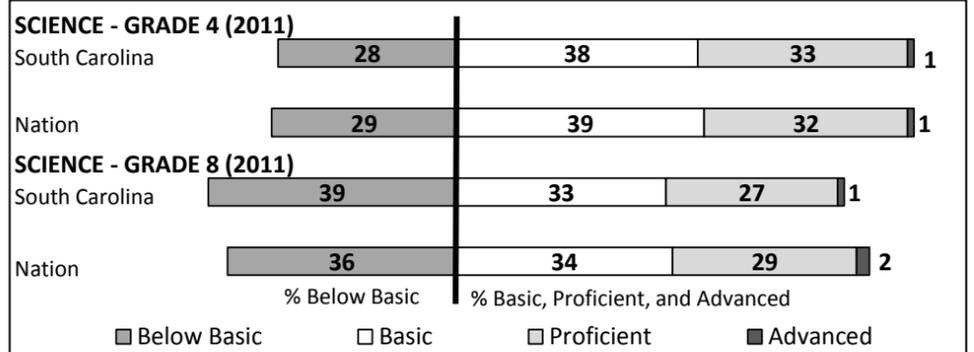
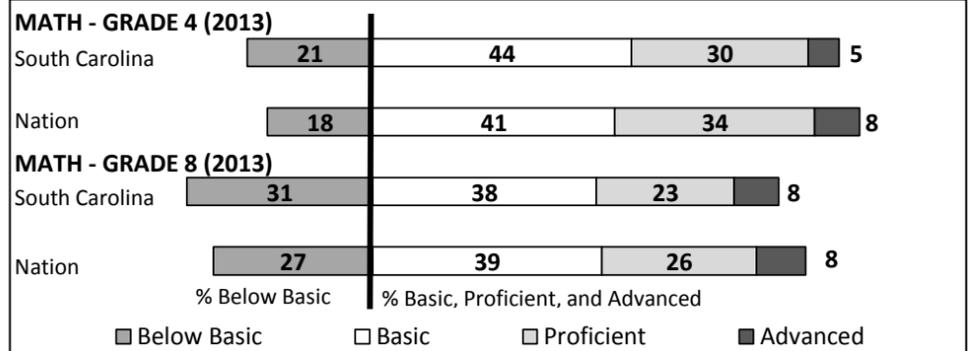
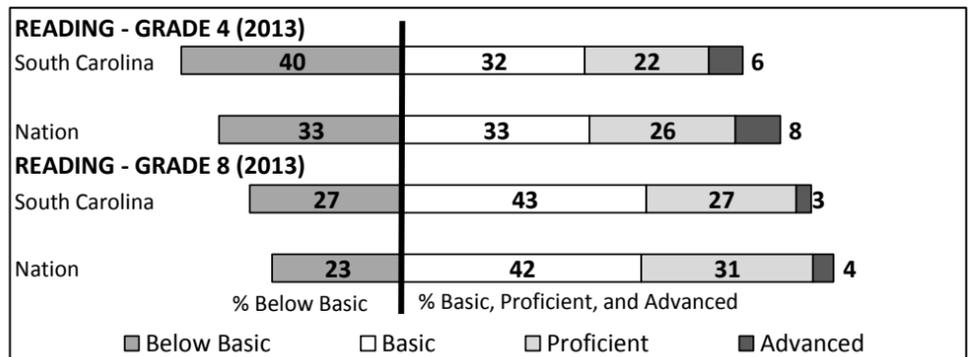
District	76.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.2%

** 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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FAIRFIELD COUNTY School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 2,953)				
Retention Rate	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	3.0%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.0%	95.8%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.7%	Up from 11.4%	6.7%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	14.4%	Up from 14.2%	13.1%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 3.8%	6.0%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	1.1%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.9%	Up from 4.4%	7.0%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	18.1%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.0%	Down from 31.8%	28.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	43	Down from 93	44	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	40	Down from 48	22	31
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Up from 1.6%	2.6%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 253)

Teachers with advanced degrees	59.3%	Down from 61.4%	59.3%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	61.3%	Down from 69.5%	69.0%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.2%	Down from 85.9%	85.2%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.2%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,011	Up 0.6%	\$44,222	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 1.2%	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Down from 4.7%	7.2%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 12.0 days	8.4 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.1 to 1	Down from 17.9 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 90.4%	90.0%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$13,602	Down 3.7%	\$11,221	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	46.2%	Down from 47.0%	46.4%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	51.4%	Up from 51.0%	50.5%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No change	6	9
Portable classrooms	2.9%	Down from 3.4%	0.5%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No change	5.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Up from 97.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$75,981	Up 0.3%	\$75,059	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	72.4	Up from 63.8	57.8	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Fairfield County School District serves approximately 3000 students and is located in a rural, close knit community comprised of 9 schools. We are proud of the many accomplishments and new initiatives in Fairfield County. This year, we welcomed the addition of a second cohort to our STEM Early College Academy where students had the opportunity to be engaged in a project-based, 1:1 technology rich learning environment. In grades 7-12, students were allowed to bring their own devices to enhance their learning in the classroom.

Fairfield County School District celebrated many successes this year. Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science was the recipient of the Palmetto's Finest Award given annually by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA). This is the first time that a school in Fairfield County has received this distinguished award. Fairfield Magnet School of Math and Science, Geiger Elementary, and Kelly Miller Elementary received the Palmetto Gold Award for performance, while McCrorey Liston School of Technology received the Palmetto Silver Award. Geiger Elementary and Kelly Miller Elementary also received the Silver award for Closing the Achievement Gap. The percentages of students passing the End of Course Exam increased during the 2013-2014 school year for Fairfield Central High School. Additionally, US History saw approximately a 28% increase in the number of students successfully passing.

Through the collaborative efforts of our principals, teachers, staff, students, parents, and community stakeholders, we have made great strides in achieving our academic goals. Many students had the opportunity to extend their classroom experiences through field studies to Puerto Rico, Nashville, Florida, Myrtle Beach, Greenville, Charleston, Georgia and other various locations. Fairfield County School District also received the Arts in the Basic Curriculum grant for the third consecutive year. Our school district was the only South Carolina district recently selected to be featured in a special Google video spotlight. This video highlighted some of the innovative practices taking place in our classrooms every day utilizing the Google Chromebooks and Nexus tablets. Additionally, we recently broke ground on the new Fairfield Career and Technology Center with anticipated completion by 2015.

Our district is committed to excellence for all students. We strive to provide academically rigorous, safe learning environments that support the diverse needs, interest and skills of our students. High expectations and strong home/school and community partnerships ensure our students are college or career ready.

J.R. Green, Superintendent

Beth Reid, Board Chair