



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

SUMTER School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 16,833
 Superintendent: J. Frank Baker
 Board Chair: E. Keith Schultz

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	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	4	10	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	64.1%	60.4%	62.0%	66.9%	69.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.0%	65.7%	64.1%	70.8%	71.1%
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	31.2%	22.8%	18.9%	23.9%	27.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.1%	28.6%	21.0%	30.7%	31.6%
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	60.4%	26.9%	12.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.2%	17.5%	10.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	87.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.7%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.5%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

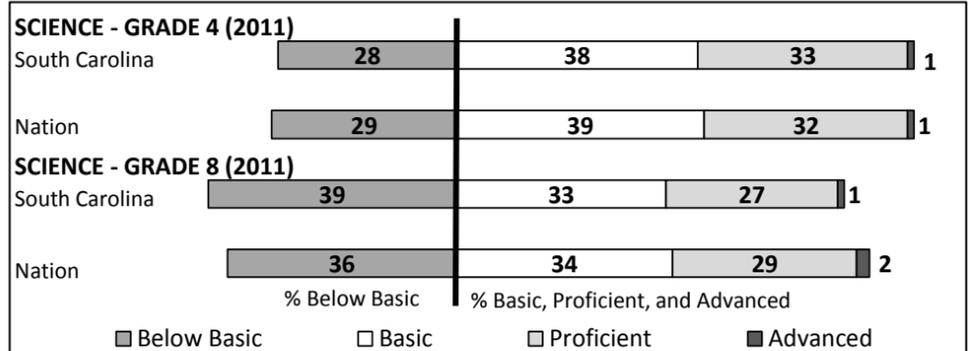
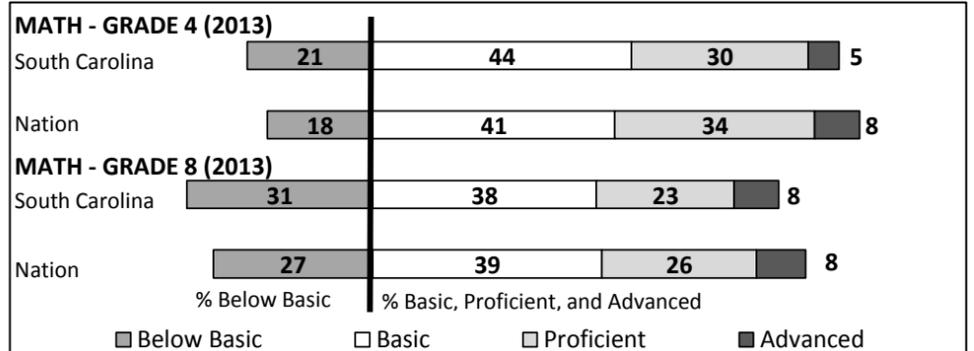
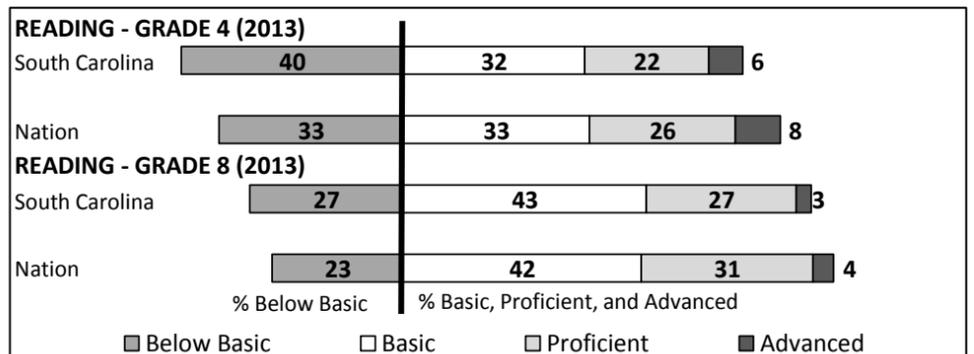
District	79.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.4%

** 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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SUMTER School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 16,833)				
Retention Rate	2.5%	Down from 3.2%	2.5%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	94.5%	Down from 94.8%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.8%	No change	11.3%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	14.2%	Up from 13.1%	13.9%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	7.0%	Down from 7.2%	4.9%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.8%	Up from 6.6%	11.5%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.9%	Up from 49.3%	47.1%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.9%	Down from 34.9%	30.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	1342	Up from 118	99	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	108	Down from 118	23	31
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 2.2%	2.3%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 1,028)

Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Down from 60.7%	61.2%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	72.4%	Down from 77.6%	79.3%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.1%	Down from 89.1%	90.0%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95.1%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,545	Up 2.9%	\$46,595	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.3%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.0%	Down from 12.1%	4.8%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	15.4 days	Up from 9.1 days	12.2 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 2.0	4.8	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	20.2 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 89.2%	89.5%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,430	Up 2.9%	\$9,287	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.4%	Down from 52.0%	51.9%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.8%	Down from 53.0%	53.6%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	27	No change	9	9
Portable classrooms	4.9%	Up from 0.1%	0.9%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	27.0	No change	8.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	95.4%	Down from 99.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$80,133	Up 1.0%	\$79,965	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	72.9	Down from 74.6	78.0	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

Sumter School District has approximately 17,000 students and consists of 16 elementary schools, seven middle schools, three high schools, an alternative program, a career center, and an Early Head Start program. We employ over 3,000 people and are one of the largest employers in the area.

Sumter is a progressive industrial, agricultural, culturally rich community. The area is home to Shaw Air Force Base, which includes the Air Force 20th Fighter wing, the Ninth Air Force, and the U.S. Army Central Headquarters; therefore, the school district serves a diverse, ever-changing population of local families as well as those new to the area.

The mission of Sumter School District is to equip students to be responsible, successful, and productive students in a global society. The faculty, staff, and administration of the district strive to be inclusive to all students and families, regardless of their varied needs and abilities. We realize that military families are affected by transition and often by family separation, and we remain vigilant and flexible with these families. For all our students, we offer a variety of classes to cater to those with differentiated learning styles and interests. For those musically, artistically, or athletically inclined students, Sumter School District offers a variety of classes and extra-curricular activities. We offer many opportunities for our students through the International Baccalaureate program, Advanced Placement courses, and college credit course offerings through our partnerships with USC Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College. We also have cutting edge courses available at our Sumter Career and Technology Center.

To improve and sustain the district's gains in English and language arts, professional development for teachers has emphasized engaging students in authentic reading and writing for longer periods of time. Our teachers have focused on the statewide literacy initiative, the integration of ELA into the content areas, and differentiation. In all academic areas, we remain committed to ensuring all students achieve proficiency and will work diligently to enhance strategies for continued improvement. The use of assessment data helps to tailor classroom instruction that is responsive to students' individual academic needs.

Although the economy has still not completely recovered in this area, our Board of Trustees remains committed to academic excellence and fiscal responsibility. The school district and all of the schools are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the SC State Department of Education. The accreditation process includes an intensive review of the instructional program, faculty and staff and their professional development, technology, communication, and leadership.

We encourage parents to become involved in our schools. Volunteer, visit for lunch, attend a sporting event or fine arts program, or join a PTA or booster club. We are very proud of the progress we have made in Sumter School District, and we want our community to share our pride.

Dr. J. Frank Baker, Superintendent