

South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Road,
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South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2016-17.

Grades: PK-12
Enrollment: 231
School Phone: 864-577-7540
School Website: www.scsdb.org

President: Page B. McCraw, PhD.
Board Chair: Mr. Robert A. Dobson



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by...

Founded in 1849, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) was established with the purpose to provide specialized educational programming to a small number of students with hearing disabilities. Today, SCSDB serves students with sensory disabilities to include those who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, and sensory multi-disabled. SCSDB provides educational programming and services to students with sensory disabilities in South Carolina in order to assist these students to realize their maximum potential through high quality educational programs, outreach services, and partnerships. SCSDB *Embraces the Possibilities* for each child!

The SCSDB vision is to be the statewide leader in both education and accessibility in providing services for students with sensory disabilities. SCSDB prepares students for the future by meeting their needs to be challenged academically, engaging them in the school and community, and supporting them socially and emotionally. Students are encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles while learning in a safe and secure environment through the educational program, the evening enrichment classes, athletics, and the residential program. SCSDB is accredited through AdvancED.

Through the use of specially designed curricula, technology, and adaptive teaching methods, SCSDB students have many opportunities to excel in academics. Students have numerous opportunities to be engaged in the school and the community through fine arts, sports, and character education programs. Fine arts experiences afford students the opportunity to demonstrate success in both visual and performing arts. Athletic programs include goalball, football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, track and field, and Special Olympic teams. Students have opportunities to be involved and improve leadership skills through service projects, student councils, and residential life programs. During 2016-2017, SCSDB continued efforts to focus on literacy and technology while embracing the unique needs of each student. The *Profile of the SC Graduate* guides our efforts in continuous improvement.

At SCSDB, we truly *Embrace the Possibilities* for the children we serve. To learn more, we invite you to visit our website at www.scsdb.org.

Page B. McCraw, PhD.
President

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MASTERY OF IEP GOALS = 86 % FOR 2016-2017

Gender	Mastery	Ethnicity	Mastery	Meals Status	Mastery
Male	86%	African-American	81%	Free/Reduced	85%
Female	86%	Indian-American	N/A	Paid	91%
		Asian	100%		
		Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A		
		Hispanic	83%		
		Two or More Races	100%		
		White	91%		

ACADEMIC GAINS COMPOSITE — FOR 2016 - 2017

91% of Students with Academic Gains

	English / Language Arts	Mathematics
Gender		
Male	88%	90%
Female	95%	92%
Ethnicity		
African American	93%	88%
American Indian	N/A	N/A
Asian	100%	100%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	73%	87%
Two or more races	100%	100%
White	94%	93%
Meal Status		
Free/Reduced	91%	89%
Paid	91%	97%

END OF COURSE TESTS **N/A**

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Current Year	Previous Year
Students (n = 231)		
Retention Rate	N/A	N/A
Attendance Rate	96%	96%
Annual Dropout Rate	.03%	0.4%
Graduation (Diploma) *	78%	81%
Occupational Credential	N/A	N/A
Medicaid Eligible	67%	71%
Students with Disabilities	100%	100%
Students with Disabilities other than Speech	100%	100%
Receiving Free or Reduced Lunch	87%	93%
Mainstreamed	<1%	9%
Average Length of Stay at SCSDB	6 years	6.5 years
Average Age of Enrollment	11 years old	9.9 years old
Opportunities for Career and Technology Education	Excellent	Excellent
Participation in Work-Based Learning Programs	69%	74%
Graduates Employed / Enrolled in Post-Secondary Programs	45%	41%
Residential Students	54%	53%
Enrolled in After-school Programs	100%	100%
Teachers (n = 60)		
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	84%	77%
Related Service Providers with Advanced Degrees	100%	100%
Percent of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	100%	95%
Teacher Attendance Rate	96%	96%
Average Teacher Salary	\$49,943	\$49,067
Teachers with Restricted Alternate Certificates	8%	5%
Receiving Satisfactory/Competent Ratings (EPMS)	100%	100%

* Based on those eligible to receive a state high school diploma.

Evaluation of School Climate

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents			
	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned *	71	29	21
Percent Satisfied with Learning Environment	87%	76%	86%
Percent Satisfied with Social and Physical Environment	92%	72%	95%
Percent Satisfied with Home-School Relations	72%	79%	90%

* Only 11th grade students and their parents were surveyed.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Current Year	Previous Year
District-Residential School		
Superintendent's Years in Office	3	2
Principal's Years in Office	9	8
Percent of Expenditures for Teacher Salaries	45%	45%
Student-Teacher Ratio in Core subjects	6:1	6:1
Percent of Expenditures for Instruction	52%	48%
Opportunities in Fine Arts	Excellent	Excellent
Parents Attending Conferences – IEPs, meetings, events	97%	93%
Customer Satisfaction Composite Rate	100%	96%
Statewide Outreach Service Delivery	100%	100%
Deaf/Blind Project – Number of Students Registered	135	127
Character Development Program	Yes	Yes
Media Center with Accessible Resources	Excellent	Excellent
Bandwidth Capacity	100M	100M
Percentage of Teachers with Technology Devices	100%	100%
Percentage of Classrooms with Wireless Access	100%	100%
Percentage of Students with Electronic Learning Devices	100%	100%
AdvancED Accreditation	Yes	Yes

State Ratings History of District

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

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Additional Resources

[SC State Content Standards](#)
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2016-17 Accountability Manual](#)
[Data files](#)

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