

transformSC

tomorrow won't wait for our students



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Progress...

Our PK-12 system has made great progress over the past ten years, raising our **high school graduation rate** from below 60% (at 49th in the U.S.) **to 75%** (at 37th in the U.S. and within two points of the national average.)

South Carolina has proven we can achieve dramatic gains in education outcomes when we are focused and determined.

...Challenge

The challenge is **25% of our students do not graduate** and that will cripple the future growth of our state's economy and prosperity for our families.

And many of our high school graduates are not college, career and citizenship-ready. Of the high school graduates entering our technical college system, **41% require remediation** before beginning college level courses, **at a cost of \$21 million** per year to SC taxpayers.

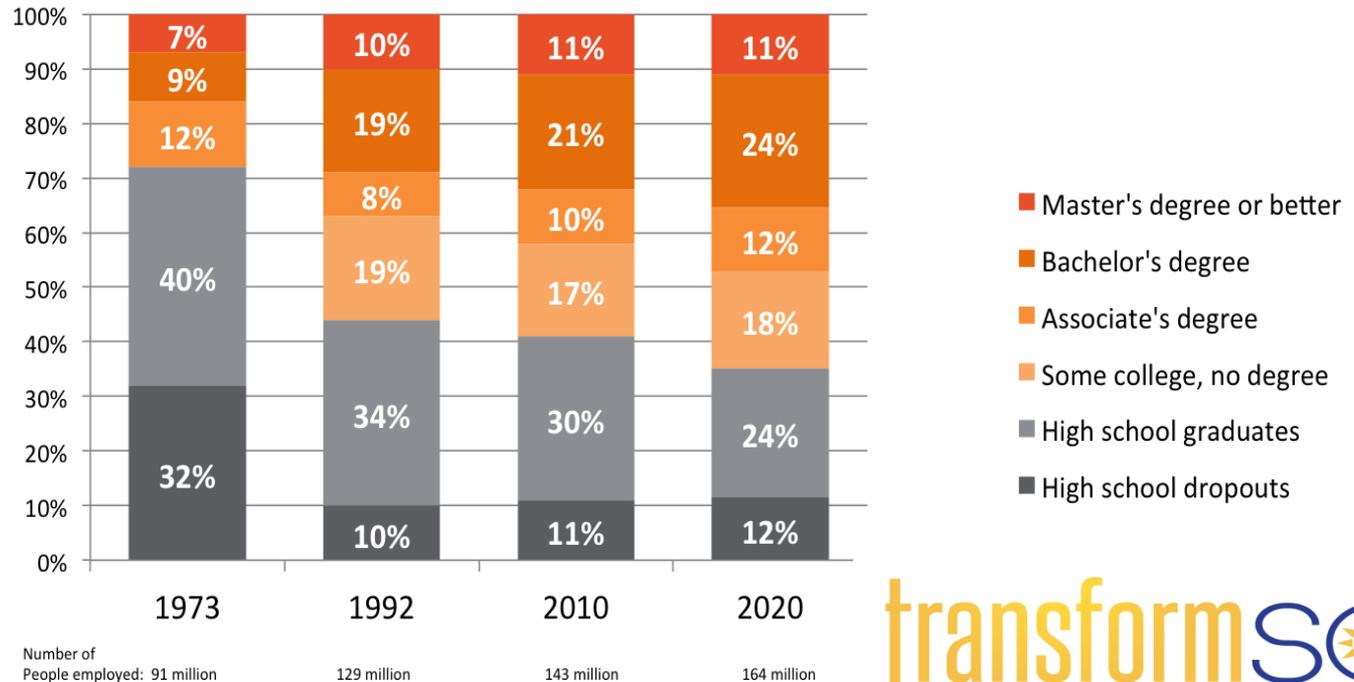
The knowledge economy is not waiting around.

Business Viewpoint

The **number one issue** for companies looking to expand or locate in S. C. is a sustainable, educated and highly qualified workforce that can constantly raise its skills in a globally competitive economy.

2020 Educational Requirements

By 2020, 65% of all jobs will require post-secondary education, training and/or certification.



Transform Our K-12 Model

- The current K-12 model is **badly outdated** and **cannot produce the learning required** of our students in the 21st century.
- TransformSC is a business-led coalition of educators, employers and policy leaders that advocates for and supports local innovation and public education **transformation**.

Parents Support Transformation

Struggling students don't get the attention needed

50%

Teachers are pressured to "teach to the test"

78%

Lack of flexibility for teachers

54%

Support increased flexibility with measurable learning

72%

Skill based learning environment

63%

Rethink how public education works to improve it.

74%

Based on data from a 2013 poll of 300+ SC parents with children in grades 6-12 conducted by Norman Analytics and Research.



TransformSC Provides...

A Framework

- Profile of the Graduate
- System of Learning Characteristics

A Network

- TransformED Platform and connections to experts virtually and in person
- Statewide and regional transformation update meetings

Advocacy

- Support TransformSC schools with policy makers and state leaders

Profile of the South Carolina 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



System of Learning Characteristics

- **Personalized** - one size does not fit all
- **Students drive their own learning** - teacher as facilitator
- **Learner focused** approaches to teaching
- **Competency and proficiency based learning** - not seat time based
- **Technology enabled** - leverage access to and use of new technology
- **Evidence based** - assessments that are meaningful and trusted by students, their families, educators and employers
- New, **cost effective** structures
- **Effective partnerships** with parents, families and communities



TransformSC Fall Education Summit
Student Panel with
Sir Ken Robinson and Anita Zucker

- Spring Education Summit May 1st
- Schools selected to participate July 30th
- District orientation sessions completed September 14th
- Training in customized online platform September 24th
- Fall Education Summit September 25th
- EOC reviewing Assessment Systems
- Regional Education Sessions Spring 2014
- Spring Education Summit June 2014





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