



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Williston 29 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 922**
Superintendent: Alexia C. Clamp
Board Chair: Mrs. Doris Young

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	3	17	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above
District	62.0%	68.8%	51.3%	49.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.6%	69.8%	60.4%	64.4%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced
District	19.9%	25.1%	20.8%	17.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	29.3%	27.0%	28.1%	26.8%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	70.4%	15.5%	14.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.9%	11.6%	11.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	96.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	56.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	58.3%

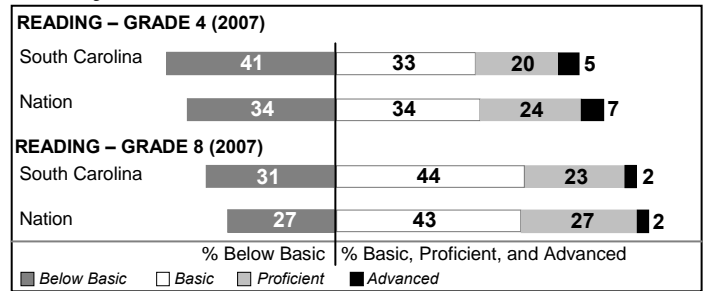
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	81.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.6%

** 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 GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=922)				
Retention rate	4.1%	Up from 3.7%	4.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.8%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.2%	Down from 10.7%	10.0%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Up from 12.9%	11.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.5%	Up from 2.3%	0.9%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	38.6%	Up from 22.6%	8.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	8.2%	N/A	45.9%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	38.9%	Up from 29.4%	29.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	7	Up from 3	24	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	7	Up from 2	18	27
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Down from 2.9%	2.7%	3.8%
Teachers (n=70)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.7%	Up from 37.1%	53.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	87.1%	Up from 81.4%	75.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.3%	Up from 1.8%	5.5%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.6%	Down from 87.8%	87.7%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.2%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$40,697	Up 5.2%	\$44,722	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.9%	Up from 1.4%	0.9%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 2.0%	3.0%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Down from 20.2 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Down from 88.7%	88.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,566	Down 2.6%	\$8,425	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	48.9%	Up from 47.2%	53.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	53.2%	Up from 52.5%	56.7%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	3	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	2.5%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	42 Years	No Change	27 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	1.0	No Change	8.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$79,006	Up 2.7%	\$76,824	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%		68.0%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community,

During the 2007-08 school year, the faculty and staff of the Williston-Elko School District have been committed to giving that extra degree of effort in planning improvement strategies and executing initiatives to assist students in their academic achievements. Our theme this year has been "Full Steam Ahead." We will continue to be committed to doing whatever it takes to make our district the best school district in the state for learners, teachers, and staff. Our students are worth the extra effort we have taken to realize the goals we set for the year.

Our five goals were developed by a group of teachers, administrators, support staff, and community members at a planning retreat. Our academic assistance initiatives this year have included the following: reduced class size, utilization of small group instruction to remediate/enrich math in grades 2-8, afterschool programs at K.E. and W-E Middle, Balanced Literacy in K-8, Read-180, Compass Learning Lab at K.E., and Virtual Schools at W-E High School.

The teacher quality goal was addressed in several ways including the funding of Math and Science Curriculum Coaches to work with teachers to improve delivery of instruction at Kelly Edwards. W-E Middle School teachers were supported by an Instructional Coach working in all four subject areas. Wednesday afternoons were set aside for professional development activities for staff at all three schools. Teachers were encouraged to attend professional conferences and to return to share the new ideas they received.

In order to involve parents and community, Parent Nights were hosted at Kelly Edwards and W-E Middle. We also continued to encourage parents to become Mentors for students. Our Arts in the Community, featuring student programs at businesses, was a success. The highlight of the season was the "Alice in Wonderland" play produced by the Kelly Edwards students under the direction of Kia Valentine and Denna Sessions. Thank you for supporting the annual H.S. play, "South Pacific," under the direction of Linda Alsept. Our School Board worked diligently this year preparing for a recommendation to ask the community to support a bond referendum to renovate our school facilities. The School Board hopes to finalize this decision by the summer's end.

Thank you to all our parents and community members for your continued support and encouragement as we commit to providing the best possible education to the children of Williston and Elko in a safe and nurturing environment. Our doors are always open to you to visit or to volunteer. Remember that my door is always open to you as well, so come by to discuss any concerns or suggestions you have. Together we will make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Your Superintendent,

Alexia C. Clamp

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