



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Berkeley School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 28,360
Superintendent: Dr. J. Chester Floyd
Board Chair: Douglas Cooper

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	14	3	0

* 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	76.6%	75.7%	69.3%	72.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%	77.9%	68.5%	72.4%
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	37.0%	32.2%	35.1%	34.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.6%	37.3%	37.2%	35.2%
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	82.2%	9.8%	8.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.4%	10.0%	8.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	93.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.7%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	72.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	64.9%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	70.5%
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 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=28,360)				
Retention rate	3.7%	Down from 3.9%	3.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.9%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.2%	Up from 9.9%	14.6%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.8%	Up from 9.5%	10.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Up from 1.2%	1.2%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.4%	Down from 6.6%	15.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	58.7%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.2%	Up from 30.6%	32.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	111	Up from 96	109	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	80	Down from 96	52	27
Annual dropout rate	6.3%	Down from 6.5%	3.4%	3.8%
Teachers (n=1822)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.7%	No Change	56.4%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	67.8%	Down from 73.1%	74.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.4%	Up from 4.2%	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 89.3%	90.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 94.8%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,395	Up 2.3%	\$45,862	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Up from 0.6%	0.4%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Down from 1.5%	1.4%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	11.0	Up from 10.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Down from 22.0 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.3%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,868	Up 5.7%	\$8,226	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	51.9%	Down from 53.6%	54.2%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	55.7%	Down from 57.2%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	35	Down from 36	17	9
Portable classrooms	6.3%	Up from 3.8%	6.2%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	17 Years	Down from 19 Years	24 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	35.0	Down from 36.0	15.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$80,078	Up 9.4%	\$75,619	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	73.0%		73.0%	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

Berkeley County continues its commitment to high performance and measured improvement. We believe in a strong emphasis on academic instruction for all grades, full day instruction at all levels, and extended learning opportunities for students who need remediation or enrichment.

Cane Bay High School opened in August; renovations to Berkeley Alternative are complete; and renovations and additions continue at Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School, Westview Elementary, and Westview Middle. Cane Bay Elementary construction is on schedule for its August 2009 opening.

Our Child Development Education Pilot Program (CDEPP) serves over 700 students in full-day four year old programs. Second through ninth grade reading performance improved in all grades as measured by MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), with greatest growth demonstrated by lowest achieving students. Grades 2-8 scored above the national average in math, also as measured by MAP. High School Assessment Program (HSAP) English/Language Arts performance improved significantly in all six high schools for students scoring proficient and above.

Implementation of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) is being realized through our Making Middle Grades Work and High Schools that Work programs. Last year, all 8th and 9th graders completed eIGPs and received individual counseling. Plans will extend to 10th and 11th graders this year. High schools have increased course offerings through virtual learning, dual credit, career and technical offerings, and advanced placement. Virtual enterprise, pre-engineering, industrial systems technology, and architectural/mechanical drafting and design are a few of the technology based courses offered. Middle and high students have earned state and national honors in Robotics, and Stratford High's Oracle Team placed 2nd among U.S. teams and 11th internationally.

Berkeley County has nearly 1,200 SMART boards and provides training to K-12 teachers in the use of smart lessons. Eight instructional technologists provide staff development and support. All new and renovated schools have Cynergi technology that links safety and communication needs to the learning environment. The district also expanded its technology reach with the implementation of Connect ED. This instant messaging system allows all schools and the district to personally communicate with parents and employees regarding emergency situations, school events, and other important issues.

A record 151 8th graders earned Jr. Scholar status, and 10 seventh graders were named Duke TIP scholars, one qualifying for national recognition. Both groups attended an expanded 2nd Annual Junior Scholar acceleration Institute. The 2008 graduating class earned \$21,770,614 in scholarships, which was another record. Teachers impacted the quest with 33 earning prestigious National Board Certification, bringing the district total to 231.

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