



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Colleton School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 6,375  
 Superintendent: Charles W. Gale Jr.  
 Board Chair: P. A. Pournelle

## PERFORMANCE

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

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	3	4	4

\* 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	62.7%	64.5%	57.4%	58.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.5%	62.3%	51.9%	58.2%
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	21.9%	18.6%	25.8%	18.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	22.3%	19.1%	20.8%	19.8%
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	71.7%	16.3%	11.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.3%	16.3%	10.4%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	84.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.3%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	57.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	52.0%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	54.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%

\*\* 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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# Colleton School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=6,375)</b>				
Retention rate	8.3%	Down from 9.7%	5.0%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.1%	95.0%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.0%	Down from 8.6%	7.9%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.9%	Up from 9.6%	11.2%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Down from 3.2%	1.4%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.3%	Up from 4.3%	5.2%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	63.0%	N/A	39.5%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.3%	Up from 20.6%	29.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	82	Up from 62	43	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	75	Up from 58	27	27
Annual dropout rate	10.1%	Down from 10.9%	3.8%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=446)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.5%	Up from 46.7%	54.1%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	65.9%	Down from 74.7%	66.9%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	13.5%	Up from 11.1%	11.0%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.5%	Down from 85.4%	85.9%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,817	Up 2.8%	\$43,194	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Down from 2.2%	0.7%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.2%	Down from 10.7%	5.4%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	No Change	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Down from 20.6 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Up from 87.6%	87.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,890	Up 10.8%	\$9,097	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	51.8%	Down from 52.5%	50.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.1%	Up from 56.0%	54.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	No Change	6	9
Portable classrooms	14.4%	Up from 6.0%	1.3%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	Down from 32 Years	29 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	2.0	Down from 3.0	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$66,030	Up 4.1%	\$71,502	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	65.5%		61.9%	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

The Mission of the Colleton County School District is to ensure that all students meet or exceed state standards in preparation for becoming productive citizens. The district's strategic plan is focused on improving student achievement, teacher quality, parental involvement and character education.

Our schools have implemented a variety of school improvement initiatives such as school-wide Title I programs, Reading First, America's Choice school reform model, Explicit Direct Instruction, Reading Renaissance and Accelerated Reading and math.

Colleton County School District is a great place for teachers to teach and students to learn. The district has implemented an excellent standards-based curriculum for the core curriculum in grades Pre-K - 8. We are committed to becoming a data-driven instructional system, focused on results and utilizing best instructional practices to meet the needs of all our students. As we strive for excellence, we are committed to improving instruction, student achievement, parental involvement, and student behavior.

Colleton County School District values its employees and understands that they comprise our greatest strength. We believe that the greatest gift we can provide our students is a highly qualified and motivated teacher who experiences a high degree of job satisfaction and professional growth day in and day out. We will not rest until we achieve that goal!

Colleton County School District is comprised of seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, and one career and technology center, serving approximately 6000 students. We are proud to be a student-centered school system focused on maximizing student achievement by utilizing research-based best practices. We believe that our students' achievement will improve as we focus instruction and staff development on a highly rigorous standards-based curriculum. We invite the community to join us in a collaborative partnership to develop the leaders of tomorrow, today.

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Superintendent

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