



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Dillon 1 School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 905**  
**Superintendent: Stephen Laird**  
**Board Chair: Earl Gleason, Jr.**

## PERFORMANCE

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

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

| EXCELLENT<br>0 | GOOD<br>0 | AVERAGE<br>1 | BELOW AVERAGE<br>6 | AT-RISK<br>3 |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|

\* 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<br>% Basic and above | 2008 Math<br>% Basic and above | 2008 Science<br>% Basic and above | 2008 Social Studies<br>% Basic and above |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| District                            | 62.6%                             | 69.0%                          | 51.6%                             | 51.5%                                    |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 65.6%                             | 67.3%                          | 58.8%                             | 62.5%                                    |
| Average District                    | 76.0%                             | 76.0%                          | 67.4%                             | 71.3%                                    |

| PACT                                | 2008 Reading<br>% Proficient & Advanced | 2008 Math<br>% Proficient & Advanced | 2008 Science<br>% Proficient & Advanced | 2008 Social Studies<br>% Proficient & Advanced |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| District                            | 21.4%                                   | 29.0%                                | 21.3%                                   | 19.7%                                          |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 24.6%                                   | 23.4%                                | 27.2%                                   | 23.5%                                          |
| 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                            | 71.4%                 | 20.6%                 | 7.9%                   |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 73.2%                 | 14.8%                 | 11.9%                  |

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 91.3% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 89.7% |

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 64.2% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 55.8% |

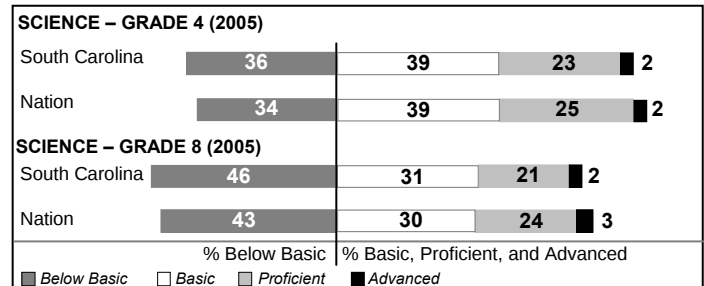
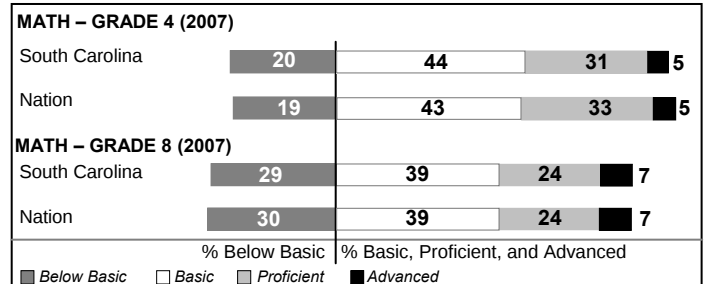
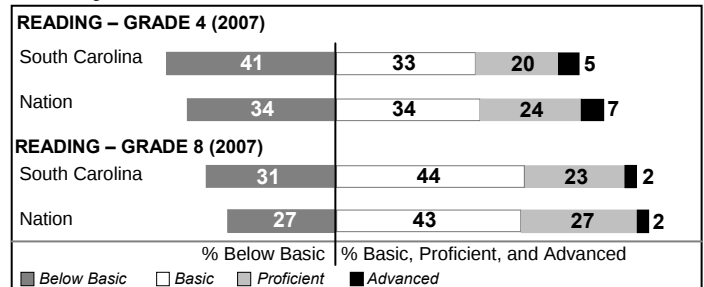
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 88.7% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 73.4% |

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## 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 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Students (n=905)</b>                                                    |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Retention rate                                                             | 2.7%         | Up from 2.5%          | 4.2%                              | 4.0%            |
| Attendance rate                                                            | 95.0%        | Down from 96.4%       | 95.3%                             | 95.6%           |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                           | 3.0%         | Down from 3.9%        | 8.0%                              | 11.4%           |
| With disabilities other than speech                                        | 11.2%        | Up from 8.5%          | 11.5%                             | 10.5%           |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 1.9%         | Up from 0.5%          | 0.9%                              | 0.8%            |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs                                                 | 4.1%         | Down from 8.6%        | 7.4%                              | 10.3%           |
| Successful on AP/IB exams                                                  | N/A          | N/A                   | 55.4%                             | 56.0%           |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship                                              | 30.0%        | Up from 29.8%         | 29.4%                             | 31.1%           |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs                        | 0            | No Change             | 23                                | 48              |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs                     | 0            | No Change             | 19                                | 27              |
| Annual dropout rate                                                        | 4.1%         | Up from 0.4%          | 4.0%                              | 3.8%            |
| <b>Teachers (n=61)</b>                                                     |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                             | 36.1%        | Up from 33.9%         | 54.0%                             | 54.8%           |
| Continuing contract teachers                                               | 67.2%        | Up from 64.5%         | 67.9%                             | 73.9%           |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                        | 9.6%         | Down from 10.0%       | 8.8%                              | 5.0%            |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                      | 88.1%        | Up from 86.7%         | 86.2%                             | 88.8%           |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                    | 95.1%        | Up from 93.0%         | 95.3%                             | 94.9%           |
| Average teacher salary                                                     | \$39,511     | Up 2.2%               | \$43,506                          | \$45,107        |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks                                         | 1.6%         | Down from 4.8%        | 0.8%                              | 0.5%            |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                            | 8.3%         | Down from 12.7%       | 6.0%                              | 2.5%            |
| <b>District</b>                                                            |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Superintendent's years at district                                         | 17.0         | Up from 16.0          | 4.0                               | 3.0             |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                     | 19.3 to 1    | No Change             | 20.5 to 1                         | 20.2 to 1       |
| Prime instructional time                                                   | 86.4%        | Up from 85.9%         | 88.9%                             | 89.1%           |
| Dollars spent per pupil*                                                   | \$8,615      | Up 6.2%               | \$8,524                           | \$8,666         |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*                              | 50.2%        | Up from 49.9%         | 51.4%                             | 53.1%           |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction*                                   | 54.3%        | Up from 53.4%         | 55.2%                             | 56.5%           |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                  | Good         | No Change             | Excellent                         | Excellent       |
| Number of schools                                                          | 3            | No Change             | 6                                 | 9               |
| Portable classrooms                                                        | 0.0%         | No Change             | 2.8%                              | 4.3%            |
| Average age in years of school facilities                                  | 38 Years     | No Change             | 29 Years                          | 26 Years        |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation                                  | 0.0          | No Change             | 6.0                               | 8.0             |
| Average administrator salary                                               | \$79,497     | Up 4.9%               | \$76,673                          | \$76,032        |
| Number of charter schools                                                  | 0            | No Change             | 0                                 | 0               |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                    | 61.9%        |                       | 62.0%                             | 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

The Dillon District One schools are committed to excellence for all students in all areas. Our schools have worked extremely hard to meet the needs of our students. The current report card is based on spring 2008 test scores which have not yet been published. The 2007 report card led to Lake View Elementary and Lake View High School being named Palmetto Gold winners. Lake View Elementary also won the Red Carpet award this year. We are extremely proud of these schools and their staff.

To help our students meet the standards of the state we again had an after school program for middle school students in need. The teachers and students in these programs should be commended for the extra time they spent working on academics.

Continued improvement is our goal, and to meet this goal there is an expanded emphasis on literacy. The balanced literacy model, which has been successful at the elementary school, is being expanded to the middle school. We have also planned for computer assisted teaching to help teachers with differentiating instruction for students.

The Dillon County community is to be commended for passing a sales tax referendum for school buildings. This money will allow us to renovate and build new buildings on our campuses. We thank you for your support.

Our schools cannot succeed without the contributions of parents and community. Our students need your support in every area of their lives. Make them aware that academic achievement is the key to success in life. We thank you for all you have done and ask that you continue your support.

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Superintendent

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