



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 1 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 15,453  
 Superintendent: Larry Jackson  
 Board Chair: Porter Stewart

## PERFORMANCE

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	14	4	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	78.0%	76.2%	66.8%	68.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.3%	77.9%	68.6%	71.7%
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	37.5%	33.9%	33.2%	29.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	38.1%	36.5%	36.8%	34.2%
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	74.0%	15.4%	10.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.3%	10.2%	8.5%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	92.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.0%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	64.8%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	70.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.6%

\*\* 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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# Florence 1 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=15,453)</b>				
Retention rate	4.1%	Down from 5.5%	3.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.9%	95.6%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.0%	Up from 7.8%	14.3%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.6%	Up from 11.3%	11.2%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.6%	0.8%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.1%	Up from 14.1%	13.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	58.8%	N/A	58.5%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.9%	Up from 17.3%	32.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	148	Up from 112	103	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	85	Up from 63	47	27
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Down from 8.5%	4.2%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=1095)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.0%	Up from 54.7%	56.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	80.2%	Down from 81.4%	76.0%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.0%	Down from 4.2%	3.6%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 89.8%	91.0%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.4%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,559	Up 4.6%	\$45,559	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.1%	No Change	0.4%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.3%	Up from 7.8%	1.1%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 19.8 to 1	20.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 89.7%	89.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,707	Up 8.3%	\$8,680	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.0%	Down from 56.0%	54.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.3%	Down from 59.1%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	21	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	17.7%	Up from 14.5%	5.5%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	32 Years	No Change	25 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	21.0	Up from 20.0	14.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$75,974	Up 2.6%	\$76,320	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	81.8%		75.8%	69.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Palmetto Youth Academy	At-Risk	At-Risk	Met

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This year, Florence School District One's Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) scores improved over the previous year in practically every subject area and at every grade level.

Schools meeting AYP include Briggs, Carver, Delmae, Greenwood, McLaurin, Royall, Timrod, and the Palmetto Youth Academy. Schools receiving Palmetto Gold & Silver awards for high levels of academic achievement are Briggs, Moore, South Florence High, Delmae, McLaurin and Timrod; Carver Elementary. Schools receiving good or excellent absolute and improvement ratings include Briggs, Delmae, and South Florence.

The Class of 2008 received over \$10 million in scholarships, and had 34 Palmetto Fellows, three All-State Academic Team members, one National Merit Scholar, and has over 90% of the graduating class attending post-secondary institutions this fall. Over \$90,000 in grants have been awarded to teachers for innovative ideas designed to enhance instruction.

North Vista Elementary's Catherine Johnson was named Elementary Art Teacher of the Year, and Yvonne Rhodes of Wilson was named the 2008 SC Law Related Education High School Teacher of the Year. Twelve teachers achieved National Board Certification status by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, raising our number to 96. South Florence High & Wilson High received the National Award of Excellence; Darryl Page of Wilson High was named Coach of the Year; and Charles Nelson of West Florence was named south sectional Tennis Coach of the Year. The West Florence Knights Tennis Team were named State 4A Champions, and the Wilson High School Football Team was named State 3A Champions.

Through maintaining instructional improvement efforts, high expectations, and meaningful partnerships with parents, businesses, and the greater Florence community, Florence School District One will continue to evolve into a first class school system for the first class community in which it is located. We solicit everyone's support in these efforts.

Larry Jackson, Superintendent

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