



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 4 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 981
 Superintendent: Dr. Bertha W. McCants
 Board Chair: Mrs. Rose Bacot

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	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	8	9

* 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	50.1%	52.4%	39.9%	49.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.5%	58.6%	45.3%	53.1%
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	13.6%	10.7%	13.6%	13.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.6%	16.8%	16.2%	16.9%
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	73.3%	13.3%	13.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.8%	15.3%	14.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	90.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	50.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.3%

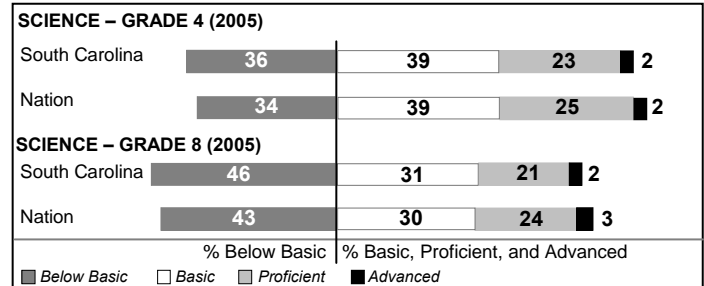
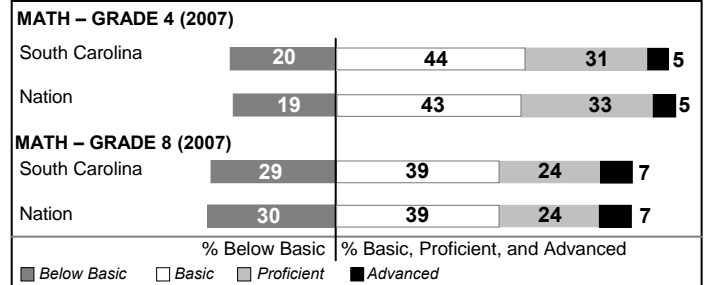
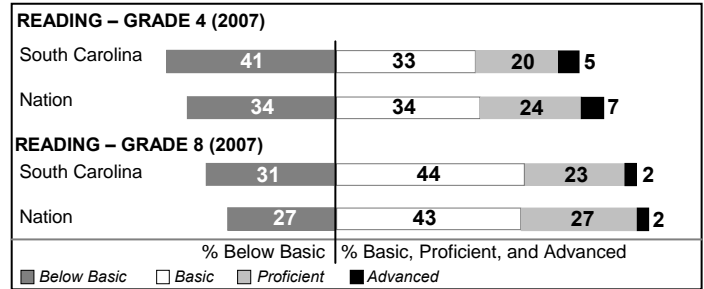
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	74.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%

** 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 4 School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=981)				
Retention rate	5.5%	Down from 7.7%	5.0%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.4%	95.2%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	2.4%	Down from 3.9%	5.6%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Up from 10.7%	10.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	1.1%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.0%	Down from 20.6%	5.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.6%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.5%	Up from 1.3%	25.5%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	2	Up from 0	35	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	0	No Change	11	27
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 5.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=80)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.0%	No Change	53.0%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	57.5%	Up from 48.8%	58.1%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	21.2%	Down from 24.6%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.7%	Down from 79.0%	83.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 96.5%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,099	Up 7.7%	\$42,494	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.3%	Down from 3.8%	1.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	16.5%	Down from 25.7%	5.3%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.1 to 1	Down from 18.7 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Up from 88.5%	87.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,429	Up 5.5%	\$10,078	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	47.4%	Down from 52.8%	47.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	48.0%	Down from 56.0%	51.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	3	No Change	4	9
Portable classrooms	3.6%	Down from 4.6%	5.2%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	11 Years	No Change	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	0.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$74,358	Up 1.8%	\$71,864	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%		57.1%	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

As superintendent of Florence County School District Four, I am committed to ensuring that students, parents, staff members, and the community at-large are aware of the strategies that must be consistently implemented for sustained student achievement. We all have a part to play on the journey to success as we embrace local, state, and federal accountability mandates.

There are great things happening throughout the district. We have talented students who excel in academics, the arts, and athletics. Our goal is to develop student characters and minds so that these students may grow into contributing citizens with compassion for mankind. Our staff members are top-notch professionals.

There is excitement in the air!

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Superintendent

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