



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Greenville School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 69,443
 Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
 Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

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	CDI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	5	2	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	78.2%	78.1%	70.6%	74.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.8%	79.4%	72.3%	76.1%
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	40.7%	37.5%	39.3%	38.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.6%	38.7%	40.8%	40.0%
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	81.4%	9.7%	8.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	86.3%	7.8%	5.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	92.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	66.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.0%

** 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=69,443)				
Retention rate	3.3%	Down from 3.8%	3.0%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.0%	96.2%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.3%	Down from 18.1%	17.0%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.5%	Up from 11.0%	9.0%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 1.1%	0.7%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	29.9%	Down from 39.5%	19.1%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	65.1%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	34.6%	Up from 32.8%	36.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	310	Up from 228	95	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	224	Down from 228	68	27
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	Down from 4.1%	4.4%	3.8%
Teachers (n=4701)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.1%	Down from 54.4%	58.3%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	74.0%	Down from 75.1%	74.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.7%	No Change	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.4%	Down from 89.9%	90.2%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.8%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,197	Up 2.1%	\$46,322	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.1%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.4%	No Change	0.9%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.1 to 1	No Change	21.5 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 90.4%	90.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,621	Up 6.4%	\$7,838	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.4%	Down from 55.3%	55.1%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	58.3%	Down from 59.1%	58.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	90	Down from 91	22	9
Portable classrooms	2.3%	Down from 3.8%	4.9%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	8 Years	Down from 9 Years	18 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	86.0	Up from 85.0	16.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$74,969	Up 3.7%	\$76,212	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	6	Down from 7	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	73.0%		81.1%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Greenville Technical Charter	Excellent	Excellent	Met
Meyer Center for Special Children	Excellent	Good	Not Met
Wohali Academy (ELEM.)	At-Risk	Good	Not Met
Wohali Academy (HIGH)	At-Risk	Excellent	Not Met
Wohali Academy (MIDDLE)	At-Risk	Below Average	Not Met
Langston Charter Middle School	Good	At-Risk	Met
Fuller Normal Advanced Technical Charter	At-Risk	Good	Not Met
Brashier Middle College Charter	N/A	N/A	Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Greenville County Schools serve over 68,000 students in an 800 square mile geographic area.

Creativity in planning for and meeting the needs of students is developed through an Education Plan- a living document, developed in collaboration with the community, that outlines the five goals that are central to the mission of the District.

The primary goal is improved student achievement; this is the ultimate focus of all strategic initiatives. Advancements such as smaller class sizes, expanded early childhood programs, early intervention reading programs, a center for the highly gifted in grades 3 through 8, professional science teachers in all elementary schools, increased rigor at the middle level, a District-wide challenge program, and cutting edge instructional technology that includes interactive white boards, laptop carts and distance learning, have resulted in positive gains on accountability measures. For example, the average SAT score in Greenville County is 44 points above the state average and within eight points of the nation.

In addition, 74.7% of Greenville County students taking the HSAP for the first time in 2007 recorded passing grades. In 2008, Newsweek ranked eight GCS high schools in the top 5% nationally, and the 2007 class was awarded \$76.6 million in scholarships with 90% of the graduating seniors pursuing some form of higher education.

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