



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Marion Two School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: 1,984  
**Superintendent: Dr. Nathaniel Miller**  
**Board Chair: Elizabeth Hammond**

## PERFORMANCE

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	6	10

\* 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	57.7%	51.0%	46.8%	49.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.3%	58.3%	45.0%	53.2%
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	20.1%	17.5%	18.3%	15.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.6%	16.8%	16.2%	16.7%
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	74.7%	15.1%	10.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.3%	15.5%	14.3%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	95.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.8%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	38.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.5%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	74.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.7%

\*\* 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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# Marion Two School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=1,984)</b>				
Retention rate	4.4%	Up from 3.7%	5.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 96.3%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.6%	Up from 7.9%	6.0%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.8%	Up from 11.2%	11.2%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 1.6%	1.1%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.0%	Down from 5.6%	6.6%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	20.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.7%	Up from 29.1%	26.4%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	9	Up from 6	37	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	3	Down from 4	13	27
Annual dropout rate	5.6%	Up from 2.9%	4.3%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=135)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	46.7%	Up from 37.1%	53.0%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	68.9%	Down from 82.3%	61.3%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.2%	Up from 3.5%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0%	Up from 87.9%	84.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95.1%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,750	Up 3.2%	\$42,622	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.2%	Down from 4.0%	1.8%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 4.8%	8.1%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.5	Up from 1.5	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 89.6%	87.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,863	Up 3.3%	\$9,684	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	48.7%	Down from 52.0%	47.9%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	51.9%	Down from 55.5%	52.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	5.2%	Up from 5.0%	4.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	34 Years	No Change	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$71,864	Up 7.7%	\$71,370	\$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

Marion School District Two serves the educational needs of over 2,100 students in a population base of 13,000 residents. Located in a small rural area of the Pee Dee, the district operates four schools on five sites with 150 teachers. Approximately 80 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Over 40 percent of the families live below the poverty level and have a taxable income of less than eight thousand dollars. Marion County continues to rank near the top in the state in unemployment.

With grade restructuring, students remain in schools over a greater grade span and schools are able to learn the students better and focus on specific student needs. This has allowed for greater vertical articulation and fewer student transitions. With the computerized MAP tests, teachers are able to know, within days of administration, specific student deficiencies and they are then able to design curriculum and instruction to meet individual needs.

The utilization of after school programs and Title One support programs were effective in the increase gains made in the achievement of the students. Mullins High School continues to show increased improvement in the SAT scores and the graduation rate.

All district schools have had campus security and vulnerability assessments conducted; feedback from reports helps determine the avenue each school needs to take to make their learning environment safe and secure. School administrators have received training in developing Crisis Response Teams within their school so that emergencies can be handled as efficiently as possible.

Marion School District Two enjoys a healthy partnership with several businesses in the community. These partnerships have been forged in the areas of financial support, mentoring, community forums, and participation and services in kind. We appreciate our community and its involvement.

The main focus of the Marion School District Two's Board of Trustees is to foster the development of a well-rounded individual that will someday become a productive citizen and community member. The board recognizes that this can only be accomplished through the support of our community as well as our legislative delegation.

Nathaniel Miller, Ph.D., Superintendent

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