



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Oconee School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,716
 Superintendent: Dr. Michael Lucas
 Board Chair: Harry B. Mays, Jr.

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	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI-HOLD
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	16	3	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 % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	79.6%	80.7%	69.2%	72.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	78.2%	69.0%	72.7%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	38.1%	37.9%	35.0%	33.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.7%	37.4%	37.7%	35.6%
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	85.2%	8.3%	6.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	9.9%	8.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	95.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	67.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.0%

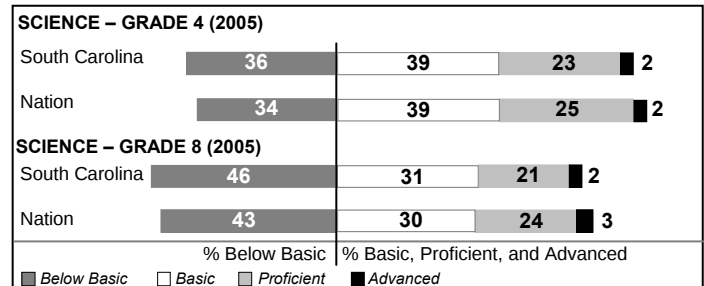
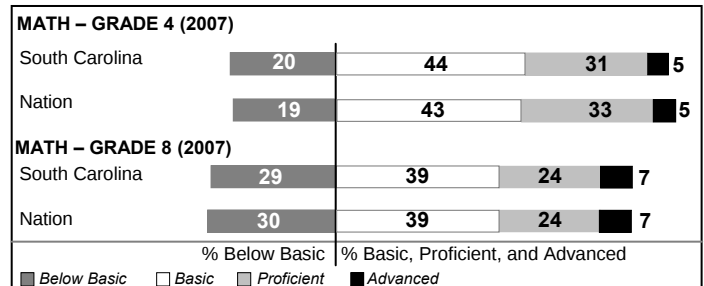
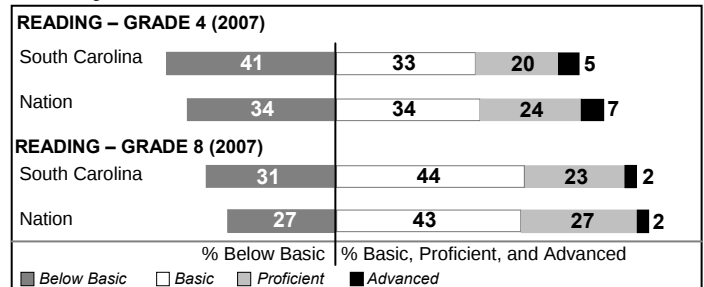
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	76.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.9%

** 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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Oconee School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=10,716)				
Retention rate	3.0%	No Change	3.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.0%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.7%	Down from 16.9%	14.9%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.3%	Up from 11.5%	10.7%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Up from 2.0%	1.0%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.9%	Up from 14.3%	14.9%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.2%	N/A	51.8%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	42.4%	Up from 39.0%	33.6%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	108	Up from 75	84	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	87	Up from 65	46	27
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Up from 1.7%	3.7%	3.8%
Teachers (n=830)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.9%	Up from 53.8%	55.5%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Down from 78.5%	76.7%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.1%	Up from 3.7%	3.4%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Up from 89.6%	90.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 94.4%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,954	Up 2.7%	\$46,089	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	1.1%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 4.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.6%	89.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,129	Up 3.9%	\$8,154	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.7%	Up from 53.2%	54.2%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.8%	Up from 56.6%	57.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	21	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	11.8%	Down from 16.5%	5.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	24 Years	Down from 25 Years	23 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	21.0	No Change	14.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$76,100	Up 3.6%	\$76,037	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	78.8%		75.9%	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 2007-2008 school year was eventful, challenging, and a success for the students, teachers, parents, and the Oconee County communities.

We opened the new West-Oak Middle School and added an addition to Hamilton Career Center. We began making plans for using Code Elementary as the Adult Education/Family Learning Center.

The achievements of our students helped us gain recognition as a school district that could compete nationally. Our Palmetto Silver and Gold Winners were Northside Elementary, Code Elementary, and Hamilton Career Center.

Six hundred and four students graduated from Seneca, Tamasee-Salem, Walhalla, and West-Oak High, earning \$9.5 million in scholarships. On the state's exit exam, 83.7 % of Oconee tenth graders passed on the first attempt, outscoring the state with an average of 77.1. On the nationally MAP our students consistently score above the national average.

The Education Foundation in its revival in the last two years has awarded over \$95,000 to teachers to enhance the teaching of science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics, and service learning (STEAMS). The annual BBQ event this past May was a successful collaborative effort between the City of Seneca, Arts on the Alley, and the Education Foundation.

For the second year in a row, the School District of Oconee County helped Oconee County earn the coveted America's Promise award as one of the 100 Best Communities for Youth!

"Education is Everyone's Business," is our motto in Oconee and we believe that this motto is what makes us unique.

I want to thank the dedicated teachers, parents, and community that support us everyday and thank them for making my first year as superintendent as one of the best years of my career.

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District Superintendent

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