



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Richland 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 23,853
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner
Board Chair: Stephen Shellenberg

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	4	0	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	79.9%	77.7%	73.1%	78.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.2%	79.2%	72.8%	76.7%
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	43.3%	38.6%	42.9%	42.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.9%	38.8%	41.9%	40.8%
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	87.4%	7.3%	5.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.1%	6.9%	6.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	95.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.7%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	76.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%

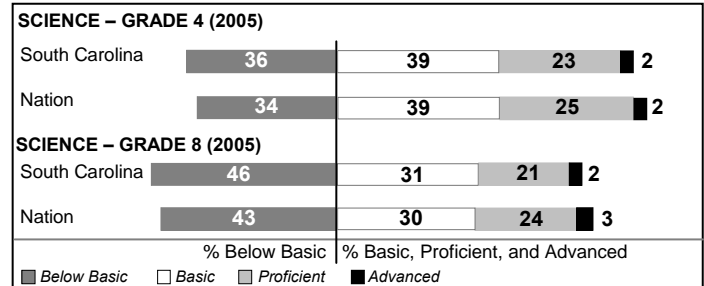
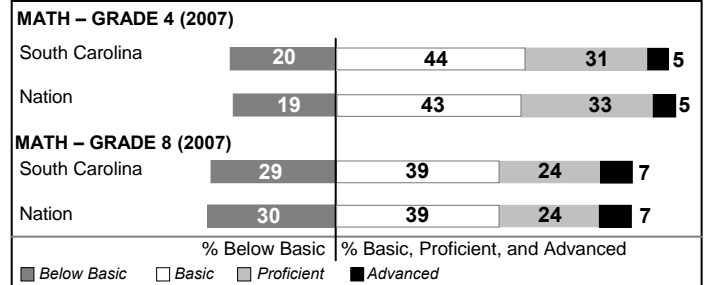
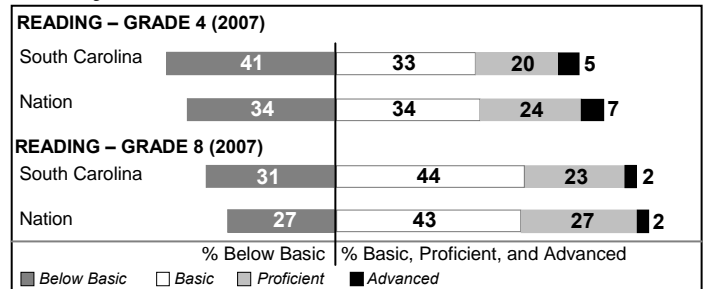
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%

** 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=23,853)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.1%	2.7%	4.0%
Attendance rate	97.3%	Down from 97.6%	96.1%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.6%	Up from 16.3%	17.3%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.9%	Up from 7.3%	9.4%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.0%	Up from 1.4%	0.6%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.4%	Down from 23.1%	21.4%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	71.5%	N/A	64.3%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.2%	Up from 31.3%	39.2%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	99	Down from 114	99	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	49	Down from 54	56	27
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 2.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=1670)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.8%	Up from 67.0%	56.4%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	63.5%	Down from 72.7%	74.0%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.9%	Up from 5.3%	3.7%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.9%	Down from 87.4%	88.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 96.8%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,351	Up 3.1%	\$45,894	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.4%	Up from 0.8%	0.2%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	14.5	Up from 13.5	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	21.3 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Down from 93.2%	90.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,961	Up 5.5%	\$7,621	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	55.7%	Down from 56.6%	55.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.9%	Down from 58.9%	60.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	25	Up from 24	19	9
Portable classrooms	5.0%	Down from 10.1%	2.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	12 Years	Down from 16 Years	13 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	25.0	Up from 24.0	19.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$84,946	Up 12.7%	\$79,079	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	84.8%		84.8%	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 students, teachers, and administrators of Richland School District Two continue to bring honor and praise to our district. Because of the hard work of those groups, our journey toward "World Class" status continues. As a result of our efforts to improve academics and manage district growth, Richland Two became home to another Palmetto's Finest school, bringing the total to 12. 3 of our schools were awarded Palmetto Gold Awards and 2 received Palmetto Silver. 4 schools were recognized as Red Carpet Schools; and 6 schools were recognized for their progress in closing the achievement gap.

Blythewood Middle School was recognized as a National school to watch. Dent Middle and Killian Elementary won state-level awards for their single-gender programs. Spring Valley High School was named one of the 50 Best High Schools in America by Siemens and the College Board. Richland Northeast High School is one of three Midlands public high schools on the Newsweek/Washington "Post Challenge Index." This year we opened a new middle school, and after welcoming almost 1300 new students, Richland Two is now the largest district in the Midlands with over 23,000 students.

The Richland Two Youth Action Council was awarded a \$100,000 State Farm grant. E.L. Wright Middle School's News Bowl Team was national champion for the 8th consecutive year. The North Springs Elementary Academic Bowl Team placed 1st in the state. Blythewood High School won the State 3A Track Championship, and the Spring Valley High School Soccer Team was ranked #1 in the nation. The ranks of our faculty include the S.C. Special Needs Teacher of the Year, the S.C. Preserve History Teacher of the Year, the S.C. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Outstanding Administrator of the Year, the South Carolina Association of Student Councils' Administrator of the Year, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators' W.B. Harley Administrator of the Year, and the S.C. Association of School Resource Officers' Educator of the year - just to name a few. The district also continues to lead the State in teachers achieving National Board Certification. Richland Two, with 412, currently has more National Board Certified Teachers than any other district in South Carolina and more than many individual states.

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