



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 3 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,086
 Superintendent: Dr. James O. Ray
 Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
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	16	4	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	79.0%	73.6%	73.8%	71.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.6%	78.0%	68.7%	72.2%
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	38.1%	28.9%	39.3%	32.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.2%	37.5%	37.4%	35.2%
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	81.5%	9.0%	9.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.6%	10.1%	8.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	92.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	75.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.1%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	74.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.2%

** 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

Abbreviations Key

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,086)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 3.9%	3.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.4%	95.7%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.3%	Down from 16.1%	14.9%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	13.6%	Up from 11.6%	10.6%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.9%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.0%	Up from 14.7%	14.8%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	54.3%	N/A	58.5%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	61.6%	Up from 10.9%	32.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	12	Down from 13	108	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	11	Up from 10	51	27
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 1.6%	3.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=208)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.3%	Up from 67.6%	56.7%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	75.5%	Down from 78.9%	77.8%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.2%	Down from 2.7%	3.6%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0%	Down from 88.5%	90.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.8%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$48,917	Up 1.7%	\$45,840	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8%	Up from 0.5%	1.7%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	11.0	Up from 10.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Down from 20.3 to 1	20.5 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 91.5%	89.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,608	Up 2.1%	\$8,628	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	50.0%	Down from 53.2%	54.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	52.0%	Down from 55.0%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	7	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	5.5%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	No Change	25 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	7.0	No Change	15.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$81,458	Up 3.7%	\$75,846	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	69.0%		73.0%	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

Spartanburg School District Three had many opportunities to celebrate achievements during the 2007–2008 school year. Academics, Fine Arts, and Athletics continued their growth in excellence.

Broome High School students earned \$2,914,996 in higher education scholarships this year. The Athletic Department had another outstanding year with 6 region championships and two state champions in cross country and boys track. Music and art departments across the district showcased the talent of our students in a wide variety of venues. Many students were recognized for their artwork and musical talents not only in Spartanburg County, but statewide and in the southeast.

Once again our schools showed exceptional achievement in accountability measures. Cowpens Elementary, Pacolet Elementary, and Daniel Morgan Technology Center earned the prestigious Palmetto Gold and Silver awards which provide performance funding bonuses. Cannons Elementary School, for the fifth time in a row, also received special recognition by the state accountability commission for significant achievement gains with historically underachieving children.

Spartanburg School District Three has continued to be a state and national leader in technology. Every classroom throughout the district has Promethean Boards and sound amplification systems. Our classrooms reflect what a state of the art 21st century classroom should look like in this technological age.

Volunteer and community support for schools remains loyal and dependable. School Improvement Councils, booster clubs, and parent-teacher organizations – in concert with our Board of Trustees – never stop working to ensure that our district remains student-centered and “client friendly” for all.

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Superintendent

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