



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 4 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,013  
 Superintendent: Dr. W. Rallie Liston  
 Board Chair: Mr. Milton Smith

## PERFORMANCE

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	15	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	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above
District	77.6%	84.1%	69.7%	75.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	78.2%	69.1%	72.8%
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	37.6%	44.6%	36.3%	37.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.8%	37.5%	37.9%	35.7%
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	92.4%	4.8%	2.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	82.8%	9.6%	8.1%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	96.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.2%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.0%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	88.4%
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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# Spartanburg 4 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=3,013)</b>				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 3.4%	3.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.8%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.1%	Down from 8.0%	15.6%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Down from 7.1%	10.1%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	0.9%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	35.2%	Down from 38.7%	15.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	28.6%	N/A	49.2%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.5%	Up from 29.4%	33.1%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	24	Down from 34	84	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	23	Down from 28	46	27
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	Down from 1.2%	3.4%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=180)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.8%	Up from 61.7%	55.5%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	82.8%	Up from 81.1%	76.7%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.3%	Down from 2.0%	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.7%	Down from 91.7%	90.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.5%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,166	Up 3.5%	\$46,089	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	Down from 2.0%	1.0%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	5.5	Up from 4.5	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.1 to 1	Up from 20.7 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 90.6%	89.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,122	Up 0.9%	\$8,154	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.5%	No Change	53.9%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.2%	Down from 57.7%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	6.2%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	22 Years	Down from 24 Years	23 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	Up from 3.0	14.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$74,034	Up 3.3%	\$76,037	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	86.2%		76.0%	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

Working together as a school district and community, Spartanburg School District 4 provides a successful academic environment. We lead the state in the percent of students enrolled in AP courses and score above the state average on PACT. Our fine arts program has continually produced SC top ten visual arts students along with a competitive, talented and well-disciplined band. Our athletic program has expanded to include soccer, cross-country, competitive cheerleading, as well as JV programs in softball, volleyball, and wrestling. Woodruff High School is a past winner of the Blue Ribbon High School award determined by the US Department of Education and was recently named one of the Top High Schools in America by Newsweek magazine.

Our comprehensive early childhood initiative incorporates parenting classes, childcare-supported adult education, and programs for students as young as three years old. Spartanburg Four offers full-day kindergarten for all four year-old students. Woodruff Primary School recently earned the Exemplary Writing Award by the SC Department of Education. Primary and elementary-aged students are engaged in a rich academic curriculum that includes a strong focus on reading and mathematics, as well as exciting hands-on science instruction. Students at the high-school level pursue studies in rigorous courses that complete their preparation for higher education, employment, and community service. The last year of a comprehensive five-year strategic plan has resulted in numerous improvements for students. A major curricular emphasis on individualization of instruction for all students, utilizing computer technology to assess student progress has shown preliminary success.

We will continue to make academic opportunities for students a high priority while insuring the safety of our children and employees, and will continue to communicate with parents, students, and the community in an effort to provide a climate of personalization and sense of family atmosphere in our schools. We will also continue to hire the best and brightest teachers. Spartanburg School District 4 wants to make a significant difference for every child. Thank you for your unprecedented support for our children. Working together, we can make a difference.

Dr. Rallie Liston, Superintendent

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