

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Williston 29 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 975**
Superintendent: Alexia C. Clamp
Board Chair: Mr. Calvin Melton

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	NI
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below 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	0	2	15	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	62.6%	64.1%	52.7%	56.9%	59.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.3%	64.5%	61.0%	66.7%	63.5%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	20.8%	20.5%	9.5%	8.8%	18.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	28.6%	21.9%	14.4%	21.9%	22.5%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	62.2%	18.9%	18.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.1%	14.0%	12.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	95.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	50.4
Districts with Students Like Ours**	54.3

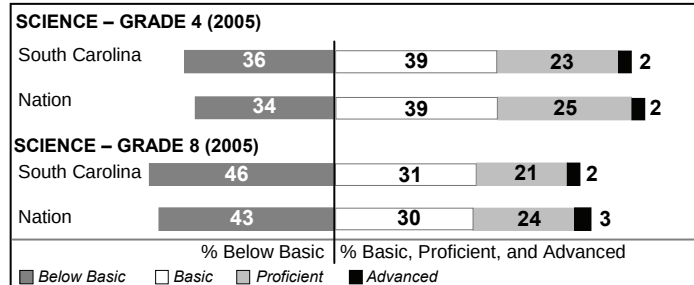
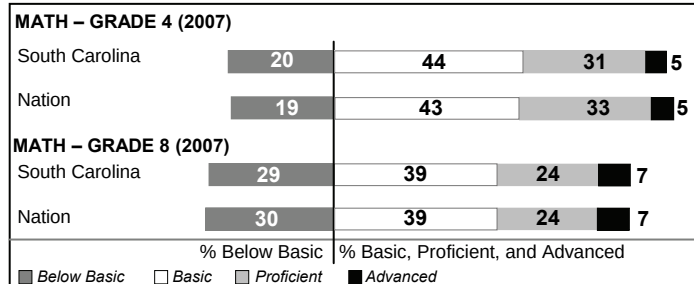
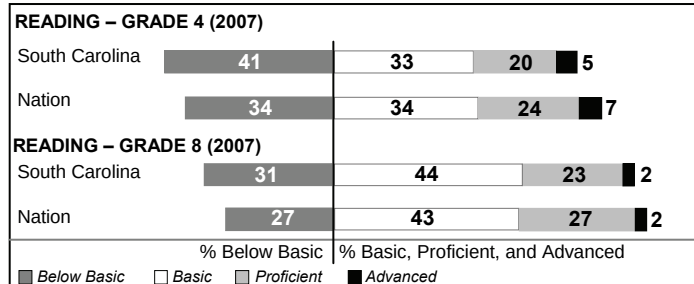
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.9%

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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 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=975)				
Retention rate	5.5%	Up from 4.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.7%	95.4%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.1%	Up from 5.2%	9.8%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.4%	Down from 13.7%	10.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.8%	Up from 4.8%	4.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 2.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.4%	Down from 38.6%	8.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	51.1%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.1%	Down from 38.9%	29.5%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	9	Up from 7	34	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	5	Down from 7	22	30
Annual dropout rate	3.0%	Up from 1.7%	3.4%	3.4%
Teachers (n=71)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.9%	Up from 45.7%	55.8%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	81.7%	Down from 87.1%	76.5%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.5%	Up from 3.3%	5.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.2%	Down from 87.6%	87.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 94.6%	95.5%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,082	Up 3.4%	\$45,806	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 2.9%	0.4%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.4%	Up from 1.0%	3.4%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	24.0 days	Up from 16.8 days	13.9 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.3 to 1	Down from 19.4 to 1	20.5 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 87.3%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,929	Up 15.9%	\$9,203	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.9%	Down from 48.9%	51.8%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.2%	No Change	55.4%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	3	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	2.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	43 Years	No Change	28 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	1.0	No Change	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	N/A	94.9%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$78,247	Down 1.0%	\$78,515	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	71.4%	Up from 61.9%	85.2%	85.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** 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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community,

Our school district has focused this year on establishing more positive relationships between students, staff, and families. Our theme for the 2008-09 year has been "Hand in Hand—Making Connections." Each school hosted two Family Nights throughout the year. These six events attracted families to visit the schools with the students, participate in educational as well as recreational activities, and to promote relationship building while having fun together. We are confident that when strong bonds develop between student, teacher, and families that we will be able to form a partnership to encourage students to do better academically.

District-wide we continued some of the initiatives begun last year: Balanced Literacy, RIT-band instructional morning groups, and use of math manipulatives and problem-solving in all classes. We began utilization of the Positive Behavior Interventions System in all three schools, organizing Student Assistance Teams immediately when students began to struggle academically or behaviorally. We feel strongly in the district that we must have consistent contact with parents in order to be successful with children. We utilized high school mentors with elementary and middle school students in a structured class setting. An Advisor-Advisee period was added to the high school schedule during which time teachers focused on careers and life skills. Teachers at the elementary and middle schools were involved in planning with our Curriculum Coach as well as Technology Coach. Our district focused professional development on meeting the needs of impoverished students studying the book entitled The Under-Resourced Learner.

Extracurricular activities give students an opportunity to be more well-rounded. Athletically, Williston-Elko had a great year. Our W-E football team attained the Upper State Championship and runner up in State Class 1-A. Baseball, Men's and Women's Tennis, and Golf brought home the Region Championship. Our Golf Team placed 5th in the State Class 1-A Tournament. Academics and athletics work together in our district to teach character, work ethic, and setting high goals. Our Band placed 5th in the State 1-A competition. Our high school drama class produced the musical "Grease," much to the delight of the community. All of our academic teams were competitive, including the Math Team, Speech and Debate, and the Knowledge Masters and Quiz Bowl.

Our community continues to be an important member of this team working together to produce the best future citizens and leaders in Williston. We thank you for your continued support and ideas for improvement and encourage you to provide input to us, attend school events, be a part of School Improvement Councils, and be present at Board meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday in the month.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call or come by my office. We are always here to serve you.

Your Superintendent,
 Alexia C. Clamp.