SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Berkeley School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 28,729**
Superintendent: Dr. Anthony L. Parker
Board Chair: Douglas Cooper

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	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	7	14	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	75.5%	70.8%	68.5%	73.6%	69.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.3%	72.6%	68.6%	73.0%	71.7%
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	35.7%	26.8%	17.7%	27.6%	26.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.6%	30.4%	19.3%	29.2%	30.8%
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	80.2%	10.6%	9.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.2%	12.1%	10.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	91.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	65.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.2

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	67.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%

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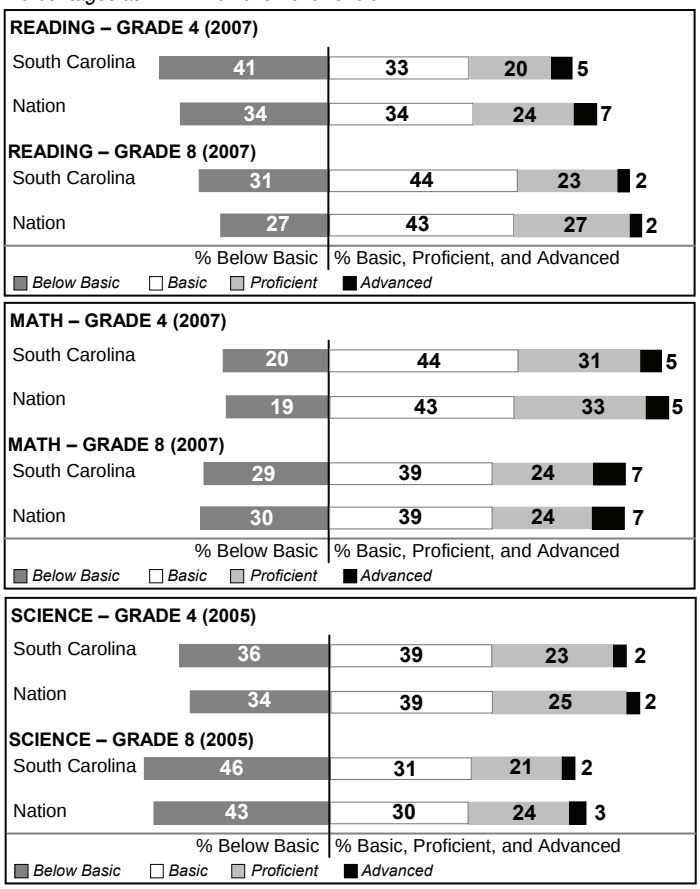
NAEP*

** 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=28,729)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 3.7%	2.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.5%	95.8%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.1%	Down from 10.2%	13.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Down from 10.8%	10.8%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	Up from 3.2%	3.3%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.9%	Up from 1.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.1%	Up from 6.4%	17.5%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	70.7%	N/A	55.3%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.3%	Down from 33.2%	32.7%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	149	Up from 111	96	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	114	Up from 80	61	30
Annual dropout rate	5.4%	Down from 6.3%	3.4%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,848)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Up from 56.7%	59.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	71.2%	Up from 67.8%	78.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.6%	Up from 4.4%	3.9%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Down from 88.4%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$46,776	Up 3.0%	$47,477	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Down from 0.7%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Up from 0.8%	1.5%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	12.3 days	Down from 14.3 days	13.0 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 11.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 89.0%	89.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,453	Up 7.4%	$9,028	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.1%	Down from 51.9%	55.3%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.1%	Down from 55.7%	58.7%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	36	Up from 35	15	9
Portable classrooms	8.5%	Up from 6.3%	4.8%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	18 Years	No Change	26 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	36.0	Up from 35.0	15.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	92.6%	N/A	95.4%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$79,295	Down 1.0%	$79,295	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%	Up from 73.0%	90.9%	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

The Berkeley County School District focuses on measured success for all children. Our new mission statement captures our commitment: Building upon our rich Lowcountry traditions, we will ignite, in every student, a passion for life-long learning. Through dynamic instruction, creative partnerships, and exceptional support, we will foster opportunities for each student to build a legacy of success.

Cane Bay Elementary opened in August, and Cane Bay High, in its second year, now serves 9th through 11th graders. Grades 9-12 will be served at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. A magnet School of the Arts opened at Goose Greek High, completing the magnet arts programs offered at Howe Hall AIMS and Marrington Middle. Another successful choice program, the STAR Academy, enables students who have fallen behind to complete both 8th and 9th grades in a single year. Last year this school-within-a-school at Berkeley High raised students' reading scores by two grade levels and math scores by three grade levels. Fifty-three of the 64 STAR completers (83%) succeeded in earning four or more high school credits.

Our Child Development Education Program (CDEPP) serves over 840 students in full-day four year old programs. Such early intervention has resulted in measured improvement in testing performance in primary grades. Reading performance, as measured by MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), has shown a steady improvement in all grades. Median spring scores for every grade level on the mathematics portion of the MAP test were all above the national average. Also, the number of students who passed both sections of the HSAP (High School Assessment Program) improved significantly in all high schools, with Berkeley County's passing percentage exceeding the State's.

Berkeley County remains a leader in innovative classroom technology. The district has SMART boards in most classrooms and provides training to K-12 teachers in the use of smart lessons related software. All new and renovated schools have Cynergi technology that links safety and communication needs to the learning environment. The district also has an instant messaging system allowing all schools and the district office to personally communicate with parents and employees regarding emergency situations, school events, and other important issues.

The district's quest for achievement is on-going. Last year 123 8th graders earned Jr. Scholar status and 41 7th graders–a record number–earned Duke TIP Scholar status. Both groups attended an expanded 3rd Annual Junior Scholar Acceleration Institute. The 2009 graduating class earned a record amount of scholarships monies – $24,541,000. Teachers impacted the excellence quest with 26 teachers earning prestigious National Board Certification, bringing the district total to 259. Student academic teams garnered national and international awards. Stratford High's team placed 2nd among US teams in the Oracle Global Data Modeling Competition and earned honorable mention internationally while Berkeley High's AFJROTC Academic Challenge team won the top national award.

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