

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Calhoun School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 1,684
 Superintendent: James K. Westbury
 Board Chair: Thomas Arant

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	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	0	6	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	77.1%	76.8%	72.3%	74.0%	75.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.2%	53.4%	49.3%	57.8%	55.8%
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	29.8%	22.9%	16.9%	20.8%	26.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	19.6%	13.2%	8.1%	13.4%	16.1%
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	69.9%	15.5%	14.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.0%	18.9%	18.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	92.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	53.6
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.6

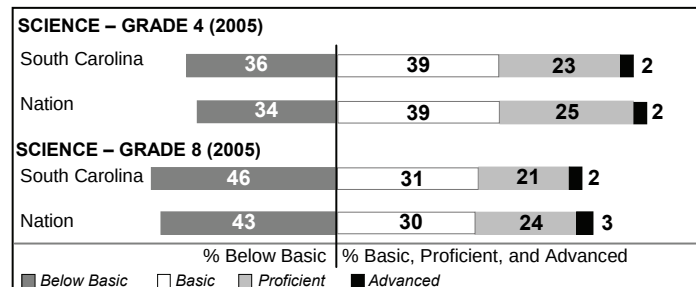
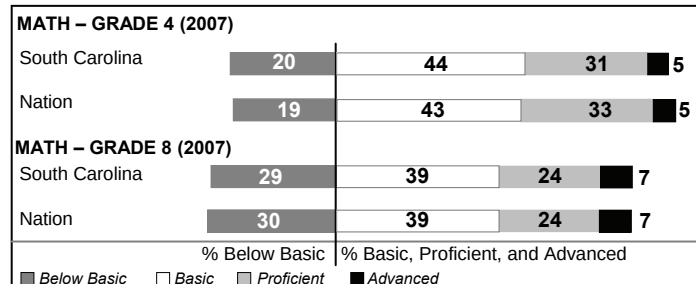
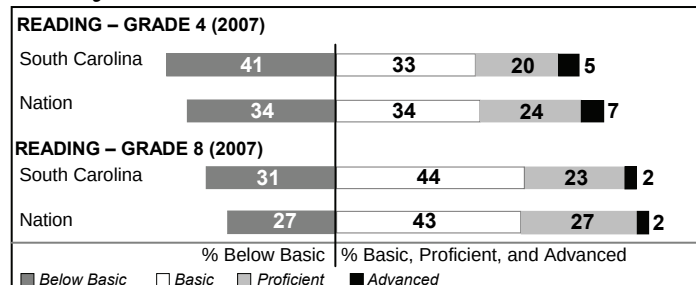
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%

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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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Calhoun School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=1,684)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 6.2%	4.0%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.3%	No Change	95.3%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.5%	Down from 8.7%	5.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.5%	Up from 9.2%	11.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.1%	Up from 4.5%	5.5%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 1.6%	0.3%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	5.9%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	44.4%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Up from 25.0%	29.1%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	9	Down from 51	40	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	6	Down from 27	14	30
Annual dropout rate	1.6%	Down from 3.5%	3.8%	3.4%
Teachers (n=125)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Up from 54.5%	53.3%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	85.6%	Up from 80.6%	68.9%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.1%	Up from 4.8%	11.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 86.0%	83.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 93.5%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,343	Up 2.3%	\$44,562	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	1.6%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8%	Down from 5.0%	7.3%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Down from 12.4 days	12.3 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 17.7 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 88.8%	88.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,405	Up 13.6%	\$11,135	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.3%	Down from 47.7%	48.1%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.2%	Up from 49.8%	52.5%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	6.3%	Up from 4.9%	5.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	22 Years	Up from 21 Years	32 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	89.3%	Up from 85.2%	92.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$84,766	Up 2.9%	\$73,870	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Down from 95.2%	68.0%	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 2008-2009 school year was very productive for Calhoun County School District. We received notification that 100% of our schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the previous year. That is quite an accomplishment in a state that has some of the toughest standards in the nation and where a small percent of schools make that standard. Of particular note is the fact that John Ford Middle made AYP, since few middle schools across the state meet that standard. I would like to congratulate and thank our students, parents, and staff for all the effort that went into this great achievement.

In addition to the AYP achievements, I would like to congratulate each of our schools for other recognitions they received throughout the year. Guinyard Elementary School was selected as a finalist in the competition for Palmetto's Finest. All schools were awarded either a Palmetto Gold or Silver Award, with Calhoun County High receiving two Palmetto Gold Awards. Calhoun County High was chosen for the second straight year as one of the nation's best high schools by U S News and World Reports. All these awards speak to our schools' performance in the areas of student achievement.

The 08-09 year also saw the successful implementation of partnerships that gave our high school students the opportunity to attend either Orangeburg District Five's Technology Center or Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College. Students who attended the Technology Center were able to take advantage of the much broader vocational course offerings of the center. Students who attended OCTECH were able to earn dual credit courses that counted toward both their high school diploma and a college degree. Both schools spoke very highly of the performance of our students.

Our athletic programs produced another state champion in basketball, our fourth in a row. We also went to post-season play in football, baseball, and softball. This success points to the winning spirit that prevails in all our programs in Calhoun County School District.

In the facilities area, the new Saint Matthews School was completed and the Sandy Run School expansion was completed, paving the way for the future of Calhoun County public education. Also, work is well underway on the renovation and expansion of Calhoun County High School. It is very exciting to have all our students housed in modern, state-of-the art, technology-rich learning environments. These facilities will serve the district well for many years into the future.

We are still in some of the toughest budget times that have been experienced by our nation and the world. We will continue to put every effort into providing our students the best quality education for their future in a global work place by being good stewards of the resources provided by the taxpayers.

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