

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Chesterfield County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 7,989**
Superintendent: Dr. John E. Williams
Board Chair: Chad Vick

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	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2008	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	19	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	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
PASS	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	70.0%	67.3%	62.3%	66.9%	64.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.4%	65.2%	60.6%	65.9%	64.0%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
PASS	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	30.3%	24.6%	15.4%	22.4%	25.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	28.9%	22.9%	14.1%	21.3%	23.1%
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		75.6%	13.2%	11.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**		72.8%	14.2%	13.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)	
District	95.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.0%

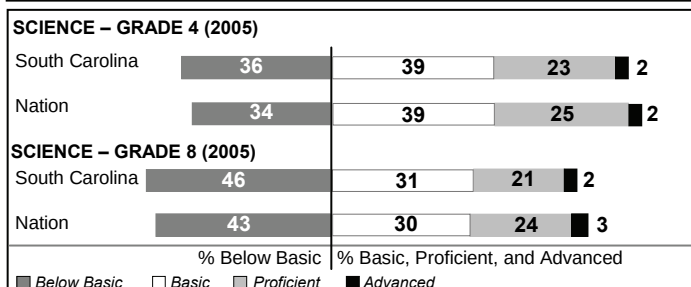
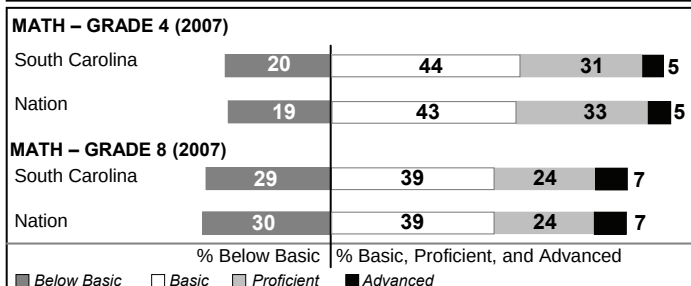
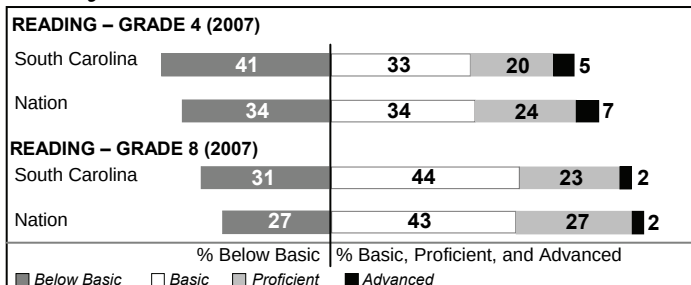
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	51.9
Districts with Students Like Ours**	55.1

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	78.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.5%

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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=7,989)				
Retention rate	3.0%	Down from 3.5%	3.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 95.3%	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.8%	Down from 10.0%	11.5%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Down from 10.3%	10.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 3.5%	4.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.0%	Down from 7.9%	8.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	51.1%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.1%	Down from 36.8%	29.5%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	34	Down from 53	40	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	23	Down from 31	23	30
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 3.5%	3.9%	3.4%
Teachers (n=540)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Up from 61.5%	56.2%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	76.5%	Down from 77.5%	78.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.8%	Up from 5.5%	4.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.7%	Down from 93.4%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.2%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,130	Up 1.5%	\$46,226	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Down from 0.9%	0.3%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Up from 4.1%	1.8%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	16.3 days	Down from 21.4 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 21.0 to 1	20.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 88.3%	89.6%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,483	Up 6.4%	\$9,316	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.2%	Down from 55.4%	52.7%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.4%	Down from 58.8%	55.7%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Fair	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	16	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	6.8%	Up from 6.2%	2.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	23 Years	Up from 22 Years	28 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	16.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	N/A	95.0%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$75,405	Up 4.5%	\$78,515	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	86.2%	Up from 69.0%	84.8%	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

Thanks to the superb efforts of our students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators, the Chesterfield County School District continued to show progress in many important areas during the 2008-2009 school year. The district earned national accreditation from AdvancED, indicative of the high quality of education in our schools.

On the PACT test, Chesterfield County students scoring advanced or proficient increased in all subject areas for 4th, 6th, and 7th grades, and increased in math, science, and social studies for 3rd and 5th grades. Eighth graders saw an increase in the number of students that scored at the advanced or proficient level in science.

On the High School Assessment Program test (HSAP), Chesterfield High and McBee High bettered the state average of students who passed both sections of the test on their first attempt.

Central Pageland High School and Chesterfield High School both had composite SAT scores that bettered the state average and the national average with composite scores of 1,545 and 1,521, respectively.

Six Chesterfield County schools were recognized for academic achievement, student academic improvement, and closing achievement gaps in 2008. The Education Accountability Act of 1998 created the Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver awards program. The program includes two parts – recognition for general school performance as well as progress in closing achievement gaps between groups of students. Chesterfield High School earned gold awards in both areas, and Cheraw High School won silver awards in both areas. Long Middle School, McBee Elementary School, and McBee High School won silver awards for general school performance, while Ruby Elementary School earned a silver award for closing achievement gaps.

Two teachers earned National Board Certification, bringing the total to 70 for the district. Chesterfield County schools also had 33 Junior Scholars, six Duke TIP Scholars, and seventeen National History Day participants.

Our students continued to excel in athletics; Chesterfield High School won a state championship in football and wrestling, and a number of student-athletes won individual state championship in their respective sports.

Eight Chesterfield County schools won gold awards from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service for meeting the USDA's HealthierUS School Challenge at the highest level.

I would like to thank all of the teachers, principals, district staff members, and other district employees, as well as citizens, for working cooperatively to provide a positive environment, which enables all students in Chesterfield County to receive a quality education. I challenge you to build on these successes in the future.

John E. Williams, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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