

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Dorchester 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 21,812**
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair: Bufort "Bo" Blanton

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	4	0	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 % Met or above	2009 Math % Met or above	2009 Science % Met or above	2009 Social Studies % Met or above	2009 Writing % Met or above
District	81.0%	77.5%	74.9%	80.8%	81.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.0%	73.4%	72.5%	77.3%	74.7%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading % Exemplary	2009 Math % Exemplary	2009 Science % Exemplary	2009 Social Studies % Exemplary	2009 Writing % Exemplary
District	42.4%	33.2%	22.6%	36.7%	41.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.0%	31.4%	21.9%	33.5%	34.9%
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	81.6%	10.3%	8.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	9.8%	8.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	96.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	73.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.7

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.6%

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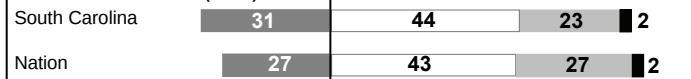
NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

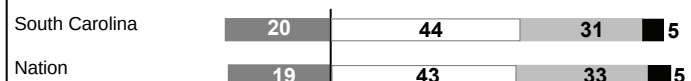


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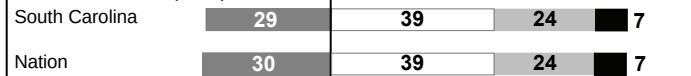


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MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)

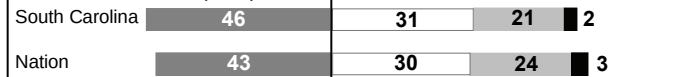


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SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



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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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Dorchester 2 School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=21,812)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 4.3%	2.6%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	No Change	96.1%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.4%	Down from 15.3%	15.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Up from 7.6%	8.7%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.0%	Up from 3.9%	2.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.8%	Down from 5.5%	1.2%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	17.2%	Down from 17.4%	18.5%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	66.7%	Up from 65.3%	66.7%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.2%	Down from 31.5%	34.2%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	245	Up from 234	255	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	207	Down from 213	130	30
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Down from 6.1%	3.5%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,407)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.5%	Up from 51.4%	58.2%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	70.6%	Up from 68.9%	74.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.5%	Down from 5.6%	4.0%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 86.1%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	No Change	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,017	Up 4.5%	\$46,875	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	No Change	1.1%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.9 days	Down from 14.9 days	11.8 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	10.0	Up from 9.0	7.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 89.1%	90.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,799	Up 8.2%	\$7,957	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.3%	Down from 57.4%	55.2%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.3%	Down from 61.9%	58.9%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	20	Up from 19	23	9
Portable classrooms	9.6%	Up from 9.3%	5.0%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	21 Years	Down from 22 Years	18 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	20.0	Up from 19.0	23.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.1%	Down from 98.1%	94.7%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$79,613	Up 3.1%	\$82,380	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%	Up from 81.1%	93.9%	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

Dorchester School District Two's commitment to strengthen academic programs and increase student achievement has shaped district decisions and goals this year. District improvements in test scores and graduation rates reflect the rigor and relevance in classrooms at all twenty-two facilities.

As the district focuses on comprehensive initiatives to increase student achievement at every level, indicators are showing steady and continual growth. The 2007-2008 graduation rate had an 11.5% gain to 75.8%. To accelerate future gains, the district is in the second year of the implementation of a Best Options Plan that offers high school students a variety of options to successfully complete graduation requirements. The plan includes an evening school program established at two high schools this year to serve students struggling in traditional programs. In addition, Apex computer programs provide credit and unit recovery opportunities; 9th grade academies support a smooth transition for students into high school; homework and tutoring support are available for students; a school counselor at each site is dedicated to working with students below grade level; and career/vocational school opportunities are available.

Instructional technology continues to be an integral part of classroom instruction with the use of innovative software programs that include Apex, Waterford, Compass, and Read 180 that serve the individual needs of students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Detailed analysis of assessment data at each school site has provided the foundation for school action plans to improve student achievement. To increase achievement levels in math, the district formed a math task force comprised of teachers and district staff that have developed a comprehensive instructional math model for K-12 grades.

Our schools and students excel in all areas of academic and extracurricular activities. The graduating class of 2008 earned over \$25 million in scholarships. Thirty-three seventh graders were named Junior Scholars by the Duke University TIP program. Two retired citizens who volunteer in district schools were selected as State Volunteers of the Year by the State Board of Education. The district is home to the Summerville High School 2008 state cheerleading champions. Two high school JROTC programs have been named national distinguished units. District Two is one of a few districts in the state and nation to achieve district-wide accreditation as a quality school system by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. Three schools have earned certification as National Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence by National PTA. Three schools were named Red Carpet Schools for the second time by The State Department of Education. Fifteen teachers achieved National Board Certification, bringing the district total to 149. Newington Elementary's principal was named SC Elementary Principal of the Year.

In this year of budget challenges and overcrowded schools, I commend the teachers, staff, and students of Dorchester School District Two for their outstanding achievements and successes.

Joseph R. Pye, Superintendent

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