

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fairfield School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 3,382

Superintendent: Samantha J. Ingram, Ph.D.

Board Chair: Mrs. Catherine Kennedy

## 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	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	At-Risk	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	0	7	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	58.7%	54.2%	45.4%	51.7%	55.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	58.1%	52.1%	48.0%	56.4%	54.7%
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	18.5%	13.5%	6.0%	9.8%	16.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	18.9%	12.7%	7.7%	12.8%	15.5%
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	66.5%	16.1%	17.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.8%	19.4%	18.8%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	87.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.1%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	41.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.5

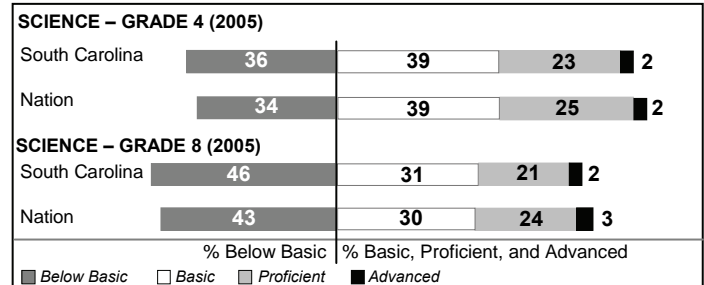
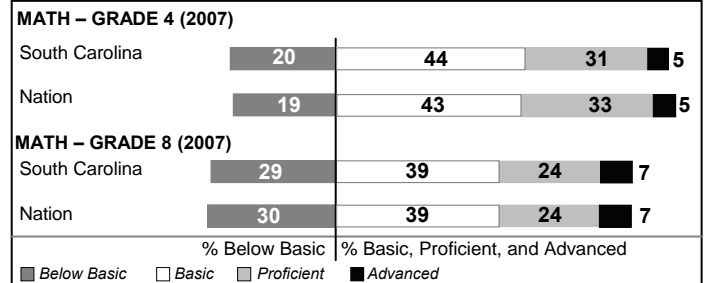
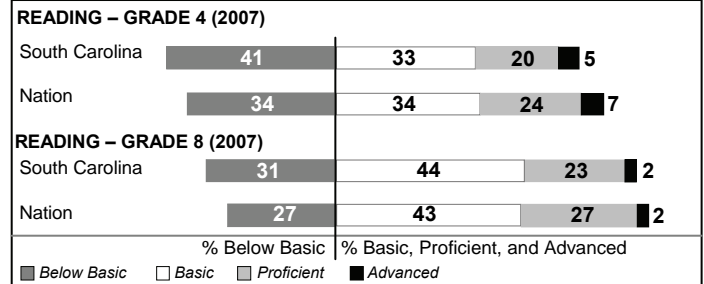
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.9%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### 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
<b>Students (n=3,382)</b>				
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 3.2%	4.0%	3.1%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.2%	95.3%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.3%	Down from 11.6%	5.6%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Down from 12.5%	11.4%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	Down from 4.1%	5.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.6%	Up from 12.3%	6.4%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	44.4%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.6%	Up from 9.0%	29.3%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	164	Up from 72	28	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	12	Up from 8	15	30
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Down from 3.5%	3.6%	3.4%
<b>Teachers (n=290)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.5%	Up from 52.8%	53.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	58.6%	Up from 54.7%	66.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	13.4%	Down from 17.8%	11.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.6%	Down from 85.9%	83.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 97.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,345	Up 3.0%	\$44,234	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.0%	No Change	1.7%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.4%	Up from 3.5%	6.9%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.1 days	Up from 12.1 days	12.7 days	13.1 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.5 to 1	Up from 16.5 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 92.2%	89.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,564	Up 3.3%	\$11,242	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	48.5%	Up from 47.9%	48.1%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.5%	Up from 51.3%	52.5%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	9.2%	Down from 13.6%	3.0%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	31 Years	Up from 30 Years	32 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.0%	N/A	92.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$79,110	Up 3.1%	\$74,218	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Up from 52.4%	67.4%	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

Fairfield County School District is located in a rural community and serves 3,320 students in nine schools. We are proud of the many accomplishments and new initiatives in Fairfield County, which have been supported by the Board of Trustees and community. Through the combined efforts of our principals, teachers, staff, students, parents, and stakeholders, we have made great strides in achieving our academic goals.

On the 2008 Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT), our district's highest percentage of students scoring Proficient or Advanced occurred in third and fourth grades in the area of English/Language Arts. The students in fourth and fifth grades were the top performers on the PACT in the area of mathematics. In science, the students in fourth grade had the highest percent of students scoring proficient or advanced, and in social studies, the students in sixth grade had the highest percent of students scoring proficient or advanced. Notable increases from the 2007 administration of PACT to the 2008 administration in regards to the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced are evident in the following areas: fifth grade English/Language Arts with a 5.1% increase; fifth grade mathematics with a 14.8% increase; seventh grade mathematics with a 7% increase; fifth grade science with an 11.6% increase; and seventh grade social studies with a 7.6% increase. On the High School Assessment Program (HSAP), the passage rate for both subtests increased 6.5%.

The strategic plan for the School District of Fairfield County focuses on teaching and learning, parental and community involvement, building leadership capacity, communication, and achieving beyond academics. In an effort to promote student achievement, we have implemented the following instructional programs: Reading First, embedded intervention in all schools, credit recovery, Making Middle Grades Work, High Schools that Work, Math Strategies, Activities Integrating Math and Science, and Skills Tutor. Students are assessed using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) twice a year for formative purposes, and are administered benchmark assessments four times a year to measure progress on South Carolina state standards.

Teachers, principals, students, parents, and stakeholders are dedicated to the success of every child in Fairfield County. Through the continued vision and leadership provided by the administration, teachers, Board of Trustees, and the community, the School District of Fairfield County will provide a quality, standards-based education for all students.

Marie Milam, Acting Superintendent, The School District of Fairfield County

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