

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 3 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 3,700**
Superintendent: Mrs. Beth M. Wright
Board Chair: Mr. David Eaddy

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	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA-HOLD
2007	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

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	58.1%	55.3%	48.4%	60.2%	51.6%
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	20.6%	14.8%	8.0%	15.5%	12.0%
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	65.1%	15.3%	19.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.8%	19.4%	18.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	92.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	42.8
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.5

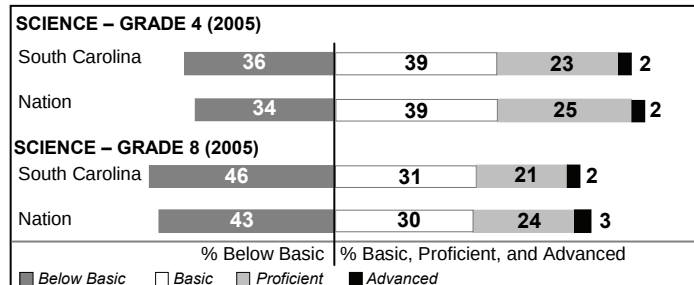
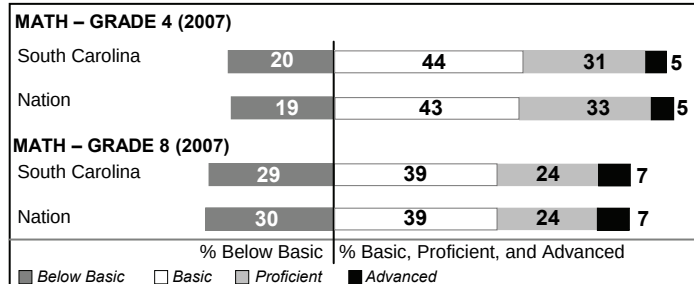
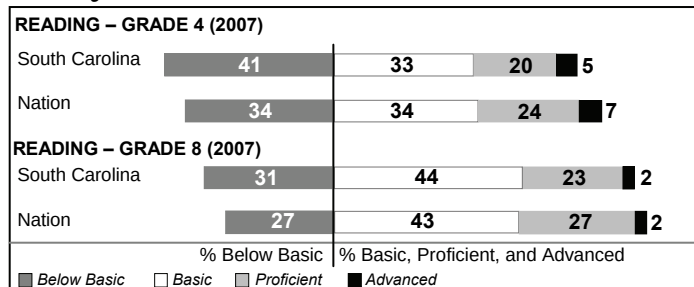
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.9%

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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=3,700)				
Retention rate	3.1%	Down from 5.0%	4.0%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.4%	Down from 10.6%	5.6%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	15.2%	Up from 14.7%	11.4%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Down from 5.1%	5.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 1.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.0%	Up from 8.0%	6.4%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	31.5%	Up from 27.3%	44.4%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.2%	Down from 32.1%	29.3%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	88	Down from 108	28	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	64	Up from 44	15	30
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	Up from 2.0%	3.6%	3.4%
Teachers (n=266)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	42.5%	Up from 40.3%	53.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	59.0%	Up from 55.0%	66.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.3%	Down from 11.0%	11.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.1%	Down from 80.1%	83.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Down from 94.1%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,500	Up 2.1%	\$44,234	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	No Change	1.7%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	6.9%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	19.8 days	Up from 16.2 days	12.7 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	8.0	Up from 7.0	3.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.3 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	19.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Down from 87.6%	89.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,529	Up 4.7%	\$11,242	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.7%	Down from 47.8%	48.1%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.7%	Up from 52.1%	52.5%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	9.0%	Down from 16.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	33 Years	Up from 32 Years	32 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	2.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	90.5%	Down from 94.4%	92.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$71,066	Up 1.3%	\$74,218	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	69.0%	Up from 60.0%	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

Florence County School District Three's students, staff, and administrators can look back on the 2008-2009 school year with pride for their many accomplishments. A small sample of that long list of 2008-2009 highlights:

J. C. Lynch Elementary School and Lake City High School both met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Olanta Elementary School met 10 (77%) of its 13 objectives, while Scranton Elementary School met 13 (76%) of its 17 objectives. Lake City High School earned two Palmetto Silver Awards, one for its Absolute and Improvement ratings and another for closing the achievement gap. J.C. Lynch Elementary School earned a Palmetto Silver Award for its Absolute and Improvement ratings.

Six eighth students from J. Paul Truluck Middle School and two from Ronald E. McNair Middle School have been identified as 2008-2009 South Carolina Junior Scholars. Lake City High School seniors were awarded a total of \$2,408,698 in college scholarships.

Employees in Florence County School District Three schools received performance incentives for the 2007-2008 school year for improved student achievement under the district's Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). The 293 certified and 258 classified employees were presented their payouts through a federally funded Teacher Incentive Fund grant to implement a financial incentive program for teachers and administrators who improve student achievement at high-poverty schools.

Florence County School District 2 & 3 Adult Education program was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education during its "Celebrating Our Success" luncheon in Columbia on November 21. The Adult Education program, which serves both districts at Florence Three's Graham Road campus, received the Palmetto Masters award and the Palmetto Trendsetters award. In addition, an adult education teacher was inducted into the Teacher's Hall of Fame.

Three Lake City High School students were named Palmetto Fellows for 2008-2009. Amy Kirby, Kayla Bramlett, and Chelsey Yarborough each received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. High school seniors that have a 3.5 GPA, are in the upper 5% of their class, and scored 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT are eligible for the \$6,700 renewable scholarship.

Kentrell Palmer, a Lake City High School student, is among the 53 African American seniors in 34 South Carolina public high schools to be named a semifinalist in the 45th annual National Achievement Scholarship competition.

We are proud of the strides we have made and look forward to continuing our successes next year with our students, staff, the Board of Trustees, parents, and the communities we serve.

Beth Wright, Superintendent

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