SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 4 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 911**
Superintendent: Dr. Bertha W. McCants
Board Chair: Mrs. Rose Bacot

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	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below 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	50.4%	43.4%	47.5%	54.9%	48.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	57.0%	50.7%	45.9%	54.0%	54.1%
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	16.5%	9.8%	6.7%	9.8%	10.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	17.9%	11.9%	6.6%	11.1%	15.1%
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	66.7%	21.7%	11.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.6%	20.1%	18.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	88.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	36.8
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.1

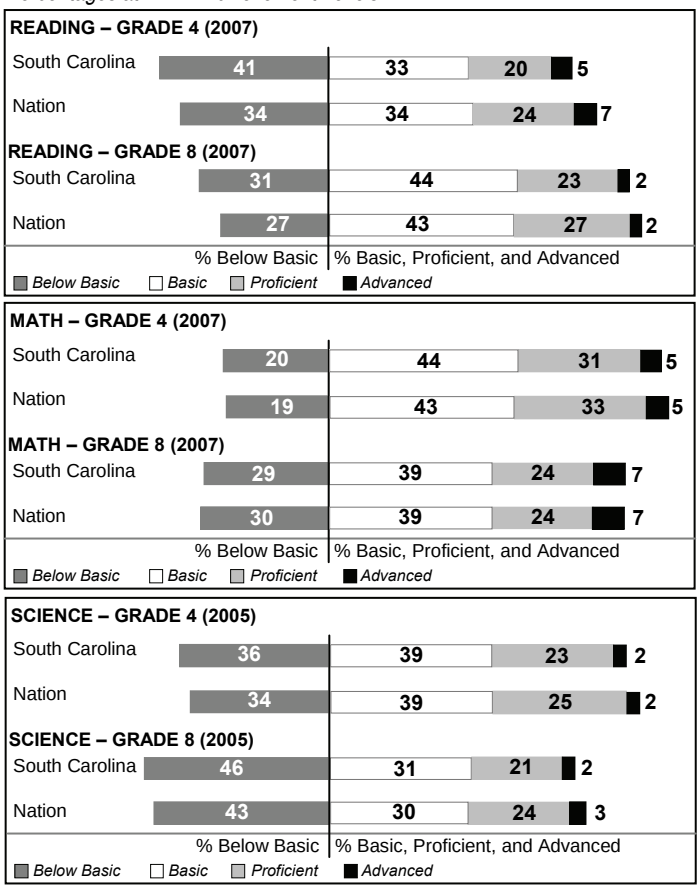
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.1%

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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=911)				
Retention rate	3.1%	Down from 5.5%	3.8%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.5%	95.2%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	3.5%	Up from 2.4%	5.1%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	14.2%	Up from 13.5%	11.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	6.3%	Down from 8.5%	5.8%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 14.0%	5.9%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	38.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.8%	Up from 25.5%	28.9%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	8	Up from 2	24	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	4	Up from 0	12	30
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Down from 4.4%	3.4%	3.4%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.4%	Up from 45.0%	53.8%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	69.6%	Up from 57.5%	61.2%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.6%	Down from 21.2%	11.9%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.7%	Down from 76.7%	81.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 97.3%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$47,193	Up 9.5%	$44,158	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	5.1%	Up from 1.3%	2.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	18.3%	Up from 16.5%	7.3%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Down from 24.9 days	13.3 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.8 to 1	Down from 18.1 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 90.8%	88.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$11,524	Up 22.2%	$11,363	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	46.9%	Down from 47.4%	47.3%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.4%	Up from 48.0%	52.1%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	3	No Change	4	9
Portable classrooms	5.3%	Up from 3.6%	3.1%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	13 Years	Up from 12 Years	33 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	0.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	61.2%	Down from 94.6%	92.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$76,069	Up 2.3%	$74,796	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%	Up from 57.1%	62.1%	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

This school district and community are filled with bright, committed people who truly want the best for Florence County School District Four. We need to celebrate and magnify their desire to do whatever it takes to become the fastest improving school district in South Carolina.

The Board of Trustees and the staff of Florence County School District Four are pleased to share that we are making continuous progress toward our goal.

Bertha W. McCants, Ed.D
Superintendent

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