

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Greenville School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 70,441
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	8	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	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	74.5%	71.3%	70.0%	74.7%	71.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.3%	74.3%	72.8%	77.2%	75.1%
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	36.5%	29.6%	19.8%	30.4%	32.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.3%	32.3%	21.7%	33.5%	35.0%
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	76.9%	12.1%	11.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.5%	10.8%	8.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	92.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	66.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.9

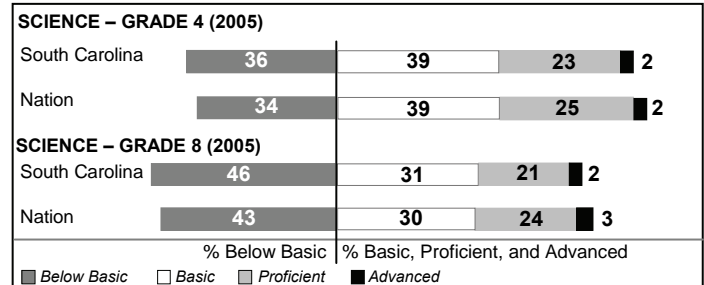
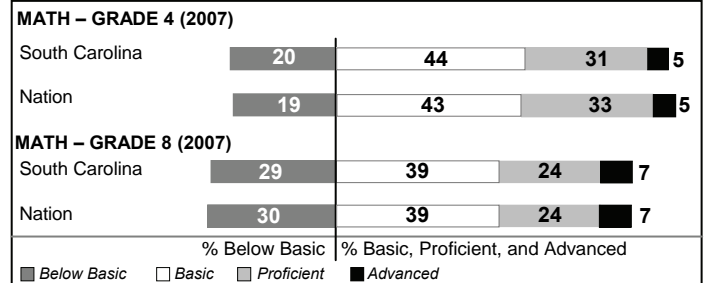
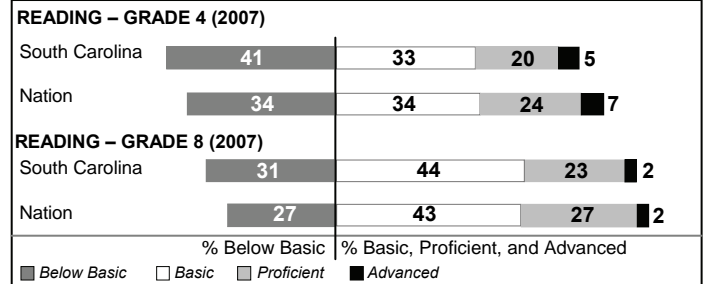
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.2%

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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=70,441)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.3%	2.6%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.2%	96.2%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.0%	Down from 17.3%	15.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	11.0%	Down from 11.5%	9.5%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Down from 3.4%	2.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	28.7%	Down from 29.9%	18.5%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	69.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	37.1%	Up from 34.6%	37.7%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	319	Up from 310	207	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	213	Down from 224	93	30
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Up from 3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Teachers (n=4,760)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 54.1%	60.2%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	78.1%	Up from 74.0%	76.7%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.5%	Down from 3.7%	2.9%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Down from 89.4%	89.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.6%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,193	Up 4.5%	\$47,538	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.4%	0.2%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	0.8%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	10.8 days	Down from 14.4 days	12.6 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Down from 22.1 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 90.6%	90.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,114	Up 6.5%	\$8,015	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.5%	Down from 54.4%	55.2%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.8%	Down from 58.3%	58.2%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	93	Up from 90	23	9
Portable classrooms	2.2%	Down from 2.3%	4.1%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	8 Years	Down from 9 Years	19 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	91.0	Up from 86.0	23.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	N/A	94.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$81,075	Up 8.1%	\$81,459	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	7	Up from 6	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	91.9%	Up from 73.0%	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
Greenville Technical Charter	Excellent	Excellent	Met
Meyer Center for Special Children	Excellent	Excellent	Not Met
Wohali Academy	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
Langston Charter Middle School	Excellent	Good	Met
Fuller Normal Advanced Technical Charter (ELEM.)	At-Risk	Average	Met
Fuller Normal Advanced Technical Charter (MIDDLE)	At-Risk	At-Risk	Met
Brashier Middle College Charter	N/A	N/A	Met
Greer Middle College Charter School	N/A	N/A	N/Av

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Greenville County Schools is a county-wide, unified district that serves over 68,000 students in an 800 square mile geographic area. It is the 51st largest School District in the United States and operates 49 elementary schools, 18 middle schools, 14 high schools, and more than 25 special schools, programs, and child development centers. The District recently completed a \$1 billion building program that resulted in over 70 new or renovated school buildings and tremendous District-wide advancements in instructional technology and technological infrastructure improvements.

Decision making in Greenville County Schools is based upon an Education Plan that was developed with input from teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents, and community members. The Education Plan identifies five goals as central to the mission of the School District, and strategic initiatives developed in support of these five goals are updated and implemented on an annual basis. Goal one of the Education Plan is increased student achievement and serves as the core mission of the District. The four other goals – ensure quality personnel in all positions, provide a school environment supportive of learning, effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources, and improve public understanding and support of public schools – serve to support and enhance goal one.

An important component of enhanced student achievement is reinforcing a connection between students and learning. In Greenville County, a thriving magnet schools program, a Fine Arts Center, The Roper Mountain Science Center, The Charles Townes Gifted Center, four International Baccalaureate Programs, and flourishing vocational centers help students realize their innate gifts. For students who need enhanced academic assistance, the District offers alternative programs at the middle and high school levels. In addition, two STAR Academies offer a unique instructional setting that enables over-age middle school students to accelerate their learning and graduate with their peers. The Teen Parent Program provides an opportunity for teenage girls to stay in school throughout their pregnancy in a smaller, more nurturing environment. In addition, there is Virtual School, Twilight School, and credit recovery options that help students stay on track and earn a diploma. Programs like High Schools That Work, Making Middle Grades Work, MAP Formative Assessment, and the Learning Focused Model serve to help all Greenville County students achieve academic success. Greenville County is also proud of Washington Center, a school that serves moderately and severely mentally and physically disabled students ages 5-21, most of whom have concurrent challenges such as blindness and deafness.

As a result of the School District's focus on increased academic achievement, District-wide scores on the ACT averaged 21.1 points last year, which equaled the national average and topped the state mark by 1.2 points. In addition, GCS outperformed the state average on the SAT by 18 points, with an average composite score of 1479.

For more information on Greenville County Schools, visit our website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us.

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