

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lee School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 2,526

Superintendent: Cleo Richardson

Board Chair: Sanya Moses

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
2008	At-Risk	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met
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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	0	3	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	42.4%	35.9%	28.7%	38.7%	41.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	54.9%	49.0%	43.5%	51.8%	52.0%
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	9.6%	5.3%	1.7%	4.0%	7.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	16.8%	11.2%	5.8%	9.7%	14.1%
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	57.1%	20.3%	22.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.2%	20.7%	19.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	86.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	37.8
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.1

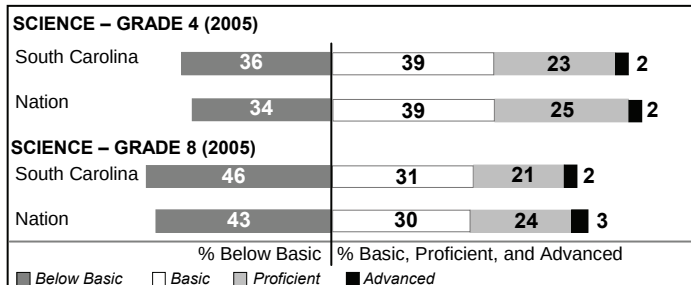
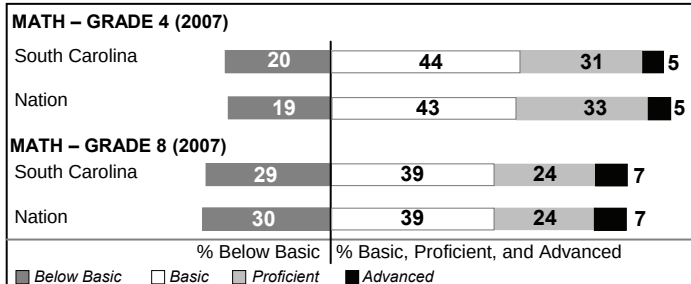
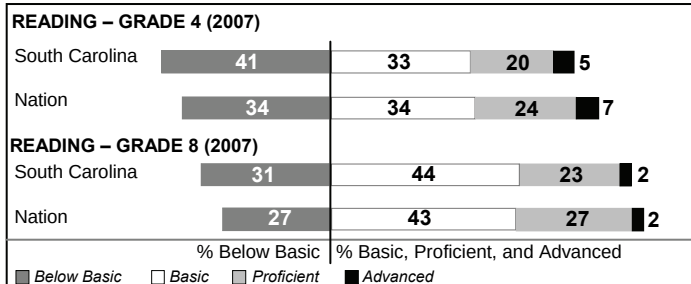
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.5%

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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=2,526)				
Retention rate	5.7%	Down from 7.1%	3.9%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 93.9%	95.2%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	1.2%	Up from 0.7%	5.3%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Down from 10.3%	11.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	8.2%	Up from 7.8%	6.0%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 1.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.9%	Down from 20.0%	5.8%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	38.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.1%	Up from 26.5%	28.9%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	24	Down from 39	22	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	23	No Change	12	30
Annual dropout rate	3.9%	Down from 4.1%	3.7%	3.4%
Teachers (n=191)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.7%	Up from 58.4%	52.7%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	59.7%	Up from 52.3%	60.5%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	18.0%	Down from 18.3%	12.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.0%	Down from 83.4%	80.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.8%	95.1%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,158	Up 5.5%	\$43,724	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.1%	Down from 2.5%	2.2%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.9%	Down from 12.5%	8.1%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Down from 9.5 days	13.2 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Up from 0.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	19.3 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Up from 87.8%	88.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,918	Up 8.1%	\$11,242	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.9%	Up from 49.0%	47.3%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.2%	Up from 52.7%	52.0%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	9	Up from 8	5	9
Portable classrooms	3.1%	Down from 4.3%	4.2%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	28 Years	Up from 27 Years	33 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.5%	N/A	92.3%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$74,565	Up 11.0%	\$74,681	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Down from 57.9%	61.9%	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
M L Dinkins Higher Learning Academy	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Lee County School District continues to see improvement in many areas. The results of the district's measures of success on PASS, HSAP, and EOC, indicate that the district has been improving in many grade levels and subject areas tested. The County School Board of Trustees' mission is to ensure advancement in student achievement by both a strong system of accountability and required resources.

The district continues to implement strategies, programs, and accountability measures to ensure the attainment of the adopted goals by 2009-2010. These goals focus on securing and allocating adequate financial resources to accomplish the mission of our district, increase student achievement in all areas, decrease the number of students identified for special education, and increase the number of students enrolled in Gifted and Talented courses and Dual or Advanced Placement courses. We also continue to focus on an increased graduation rate and providing a safe and orderly school culture.

The district continues to link professional development to school, district, and personal goals; support and expand professional learning communities; expand and strengthen action research as a way to respond to assessed student needs. The district continues to use MAP and other formative assessments to help craft instruction. We continue to seek additional fund sources to supplement instruction and increase student achievement.

The district continues to develop quality curriculum and professional development for all grade levels and subject areas. The curriculum guides and other support documents continue to be reviewed and updated regularly. Homework centers and/or after-school tutorial programs are available at all schools.

The district continues its efforts to upgrade all facilities. The district has begun construction on a new middle school scheduled to open on the same site as the high school. This project is slated to be complete by the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

The efforts described in this narrative are evidence of our commitment to provide a quality education for the students of the Lee County School District.

Dr. Cleo Richardson, Superintendent
Sanya Moses, School Board Chairperson

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