SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lexington 1 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 21,730**
Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward
Board Chair: G. Edwin Harmon, Ph.D.

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	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Good	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	1	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	81.4%	78.0%	79.2%	81.6%	76.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.4%	78.0%	79.2%	81.6%	76.8%
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	45.4%	35.5%	27.5%	40.1%	35.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.4%	35.5%	27.5%	40.1%	35.9%
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	85.9%	7.9%	6.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	85.9%	7.9%	6.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	97.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	97.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	76.3
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3

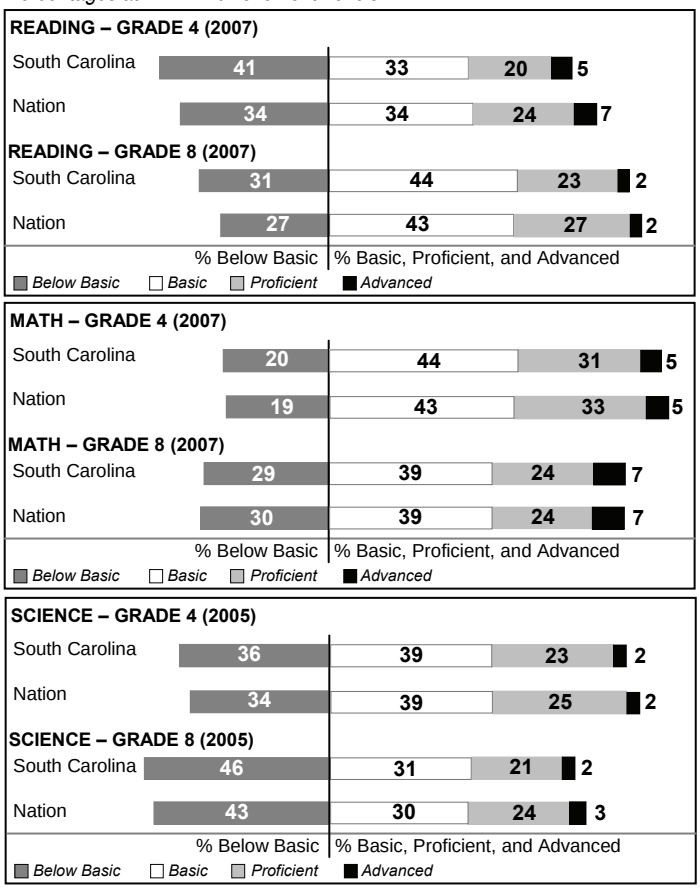
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.5%

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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=21,730)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 3.0%	2.2%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.8%	95.9%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.3%	Down from 19.6%	18.3%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.6%	Down from 7.7%	7.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Down from 2.3%	2.2%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	No Change	0.7%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	34.6%	Up from 25.2%	34.6%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	69.2%	Down from 70.1%	69.2%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	47.2%	Down from 56.2%	47.2%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	259	Up from 190	259	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	168	Up from 121	168	30
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Up from 0.6%	2.0%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,557)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Up from 59.6%	61.5%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	78.3%	Up from 70.9%	78.3%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.1%	Down from 3.6%	3.1%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 90.3%	90.8%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$48,218	Up 4.5%	$48,218	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Down from 1.7%	0.3%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Down from 14.0 days	12.9 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	9.0	Up from 8.0	9.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.8 to 1	Up from 21.5 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Up from 89.8%	90.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,817	Up 3.0%	$8,817	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.6%	Up from 56.1%	57.6%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.8%	Up from 59.9%	60.8%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	26	Up from 24	26	9
Portable classrooms	4.3%	Down from 5.1%	4.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	17 Years	Up from 16 Years	17 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	26.0	Up from 24.0	26.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.2%	N/A	93.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$87,691	Up 5.3%	$87,691	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%	Up from 73.0%	94.6%	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

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and excellence in our educational program.

We recognize that our world and our students are changing, and we are committed to preparing 21st-century graduates who are ready for a very different 21st-century world. Each of our students must have access to the most current educational opportunities possible — experiences that prepare them to excel in whatever it is they choose to do after they leave us. Through any time, any place, any pace learning experiences, our students not only gather academic knowledge, information, and technology skills, but they also should learn how to become caring people who possess genuine integrity.

Thank you also for passing the bond referendum in 2008-2009. Progress would not be possible without your support. Now we begin the work of building and renovating the schools we need for our current students (22,000) and for the hundreds yet to come.

We have other challenges as well. We continue to work to close the achievement gap and to improve our attendance, our graduation rates, and our SAT/ACT scores. All our schools' staff meet collaboratively as professional learning communities, focusing on quality instruction for achievement.

We also have many reasons to celebrate. The SAT scores of our seniors exceeded both state and national SAT score averages. Our elementary and middle school students scored significantly above the state average on the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests. More than 200 eighth-graders earned spots as South Carolina Junior Scholars. Our 2009 graduates were awarded more than $25.8 million in scholarships. There were 71 Palmetto Fellows and 20 students recognized by National Merit for academic achievement. Our schools earned Red Carpet awards, S.C. School Improvement Council Honor Roll status, All-Health Team Awards, Palmetto Gold awards, Palmetto Silver awards, and showcase schools recognition. One high school received a U.S. News and World Report's America's Best High Schools Silver Medal, while another was named a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School. An elementary school received an Inside-Out Center for Learning grant.

Students took state championships in chorus, DECA, drama, FBLA, FFA, golf, HOSA, journalism, rugby, SkillsUSA, and wrestling. Employees received state- and national-level awards. In our halls, we had the S.C. Chemistry Teacher of the Year, S.C. School Nurse of the Year, S.C. Association of Educational Office Professionals Administrator of the Year, S.C. Foreign Language Teacher of the Year, S.C. Health Science Technology Educator of the Year, Southern Conference on Language Teaching's Teacher of Excellence Award recipient, Region Wrestling Coach of the Year, president of the S.C. Athletic Administrators Association, Outstanding FBLA Advisor of the Year, and more.

With your help, we look forward to accomplishing even greater things in 2009–2010.

Superintendent Karen C. Woodward, Ed.D.

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