SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Newberry School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 5,962**
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

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	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	4	20	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	65.5%	63.1%	59.4%	63.1%	62.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.6%	68.4%	64.2%	69.0%	68.0%
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	26.5%	21.3%	12.1%	17.5%	22.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	32.5%	26.7%	16.8%	25.1%	27.2%
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	71.3%	12.5%	16.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.0%	13.5%	12.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	93.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	55.1
Districts with Students Like Ours**	56.6

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	85.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.6%

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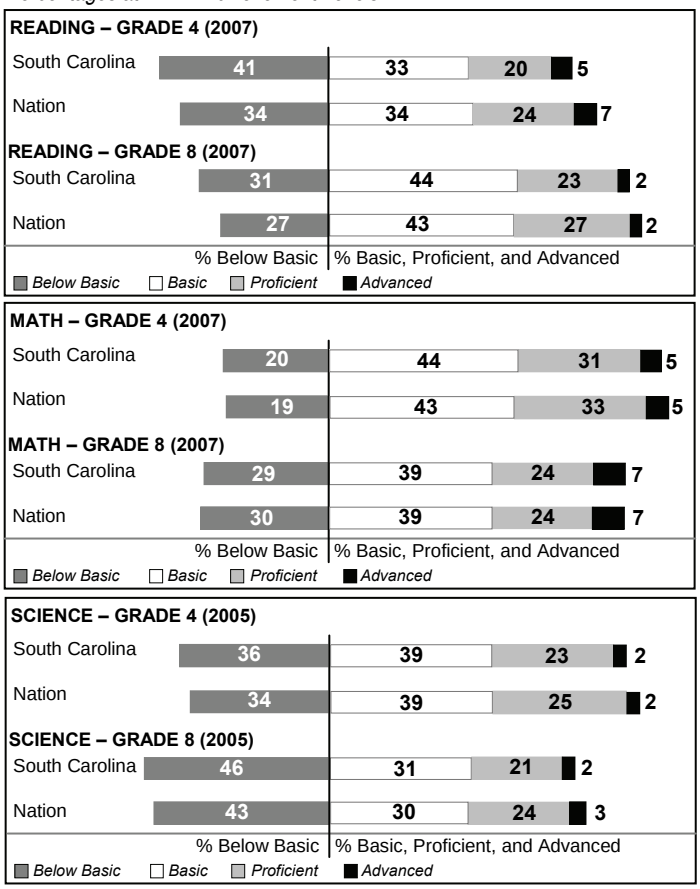
NAEP*

** 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=5,962)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 4.3%	3.2%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	No Change	95.6%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.7%	Up from 12.2%	12.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	11.1%	Down from 11.6%	11.1%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Down from 4.3%	5.0%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 0.8%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.4%	Down from 7.6%	9.0%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.2%	N/A	51.4%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.1%	Up from 27.9%	29.8%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	74	Up from 69	47	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	44	Up from 29	36	30
Annual dropout rate	4.6%	Up from 4.5%	4.0%	3.4%
Teachers (n=439)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.2%	Up from 57.8%	58.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	77.9%	Up from 65.5%	79.0%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.6%	Up from 5.5%	4.0%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Up from 85.2%	90.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.8%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$44,587	Up 4.6%	$47,035	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.1%	Down from 1.6%	0.3%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Down from 2.0%	1.6%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	16.4 days	Up from 10.8 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Down from 18.9 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 90.2%	89.6%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$10,068	Up 6.3%	$9,316	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.7%	Down from 54.6%	53.3%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.7%	Down from 57.7%	56.9%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	6.7%	Down from 11.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	27 Years	Up from 26 Years	28 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	14.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	91.3%	N/A	95.0%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$81,780	Up 4.6%	$78,634	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	75.9%	Up from 62.1%	85.7%	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

As we look back on the 2008-2009 school year, we do so with much pride for the many successes of our teachers and students. Our focus in this district, in our schools, and for our students is continuous improvement. A number of our schools received recognition at the state level. Two were Palmetto Gold recipients, and three received Palmetto Silver awards. We also had two schools recognized for their efforts in closing the achievement gap with Silver awards. The District graduation rate improved to 81.6. Our district teacher of the year, Mrs. Debbie Moore, was selected as a finalist for the State Teacher of the Year. We also received District accreditation from AdvancEd and successfully met the expectations and responsibilities of the SACS-CASI Guided Self Study. The quality assurance Review Team commended the School District of Newberry County for its outstanding leadership, a commitment to district improvement, and fiscal responsibility.

We realize that our school facilities play a major role in our overall instructional program. Therefore, our Board of Trustees has continued to move forward with our capital improvement program. Brand new buildings and major renovations to existing buildings can be seen throughout the district.

Although we still have many challenges, it is important to celebrate the successes of this past year. These successes are made possible through the efforts and commitment of our dedicated trustees, capable administrators, and talented faculty and staff. We realize that the support of our families and community is essential to the overall development of our students.

We thank you for your continued support, and we ask that you stay involved with what is taking place in our school district so that we may continue to provide the best learning experience for our students.

Mr. Bennie Bennett, Superintendent
Mr. Don Saylor, Chairman, Board of Trustees

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