

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Oconee School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,629**
Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

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	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI-HOLD

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	9	12	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	76.4%	74.3%	68.2%	71.1%	71.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.3%	72.5%	68.8%	73.0%	71.7%
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	35.9%	29.4%	17.1%	23.6%	28.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.6%	30.3%	19.5%	29.1%	31.0%
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	79.1%	9.6%	11.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.8%	11.7%	10.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	95.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.2
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.1

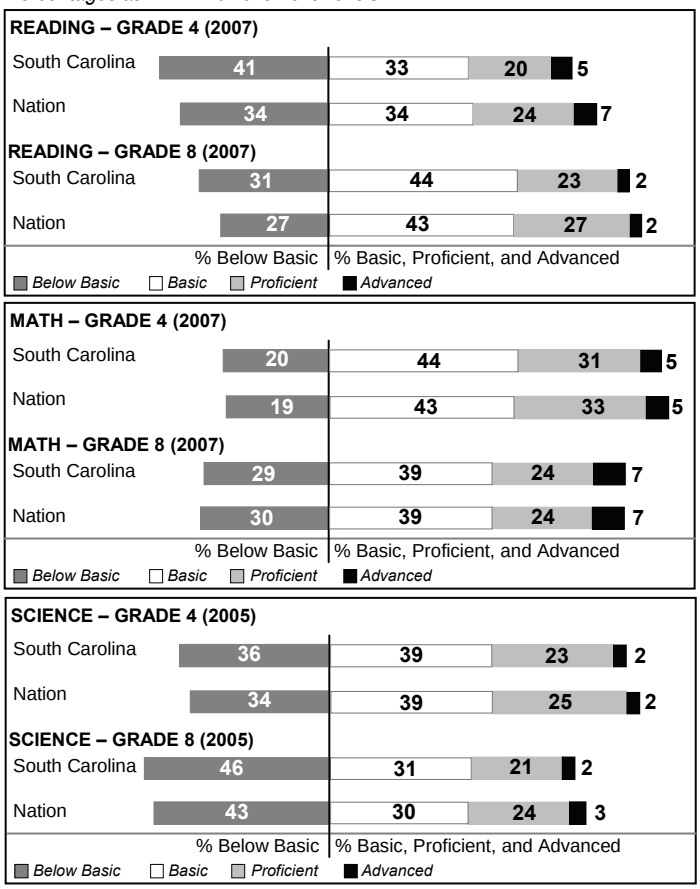
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.3%

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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=10,629)				
Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 3.0%	2.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	95.9%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.9%	Down from 15.7%	14.0%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Down from 13.3%	10.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Up from 3.0%	3.1%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 2.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.3%	Down from 14.9%	17.2%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.7%	Up from 49.2%	51.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	46.5%	Up from 42.4%	33.1%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	106	Down from 108	86	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	104	Up from 87	67	30
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 4.2%	3.3%	3.4%
Teachers (n=818)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Up from 56.9%	58.3%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	80.9%	Up from 77.8%	79.1%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.0%	Down from 4.1%	3.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Up from 90.0%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.6%	95.4%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$47,477	Up 5.6%	$47,837	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Down from 0.4%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	1.5%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	13.7 days	Down from 14.2 days	13.0 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 89.1%	90.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,562	Up 4.7%	$8,894	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.3%	Down from 53.7%	55.9%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.0%	Down from 56.8%	58.7%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	20	Down from 21	15	9
Portable classrooms	3.5%	Down from 11.8%	4.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	26 Years	Up from 25 Years	24 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	20.0	Down from 21.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.4%	N/A	95.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$81,014	Up 6.5%	$81,014	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	90.9%	Up from 78.8%	90.9%	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The unprecedented budget cuts experienced by the District in 2008-2009 did not hinder the quality of instruction delivered by our schools. The teachers, administrators, and staff did whatever it took to see that our children were served well by our public school system.

We prepared for the opening of the new Blue Ridge Elementary and renovated Northside Elementary. Consolidating Code Elementary and Kellett Elementary was accomplished, as well as moving the Adult Education programs, Parenting Center, and Gignilliat Park Alternative Academy into the facility that formerly housed Code Elementary.

Eight Palmetto Silver and Gold winners were named. Keowee Elementary, Northside Elementary, Walhalla Elementary, Tamassee-Salem Middle, Hamilton Career Center, Tamassee-Salem High, Seneca High, and Walhalla High all were recognized for outstanding student achievement last year.

The Class of 2009, with 604 graduates, distinguished itself by earning $10,450,492 in scholarship money, exceeding amounts earned by previous graduating classes.

Students continued to excel in test score performance, and SDOC norm referenced test scores generally exceed or match the national average.

The Education Foundation partnered again with the City of Seneca and Arts on the Alley merchants in the spring for a successful barbeque event and added a charity bike run in the fall of 2009 in conjunction with the Westminster Apple Festival. The EFOC's goal is to award teacher mini-grants in the fall of 2009 and add to the already awarded amount of $95,000.

Summer Institute of 2009 was operated on a volunteer basis this past summer, but it did not stop the 175 teachers who came for the weeklong training that would better prepare their classroom for 2009-2010 school year.

The District received national accreditation through AdvanceEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This accreditation is an indicator of the quality of our educational programs and the commitment to do whatever it takes to help our children be successful.

Mike Lucas, District Superintendent
Andy Inabinet, School Board Chairman

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