

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Richland 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 24,510**
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner
Board Chair: Melinda Anderson

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	CDI
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	4	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	77.3%	72.4%	72.7%	78.4%	74.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.0%	73.4%	72.5%	77.3%	74.7%
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	39.6%	32.7%	23.3%	35.6%	34.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.0%	31.4%	21.9%	33.5%	34.9%
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	80.0%	10.6%	9.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	9.8%	8.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	94.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.9
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.7

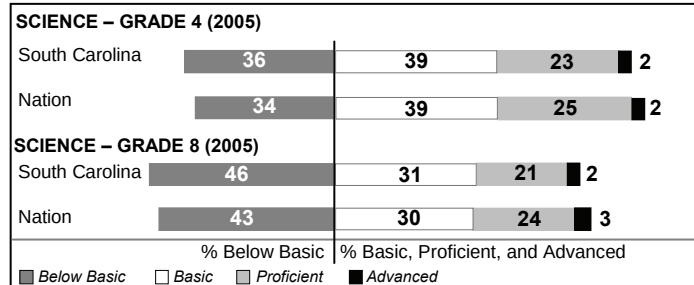
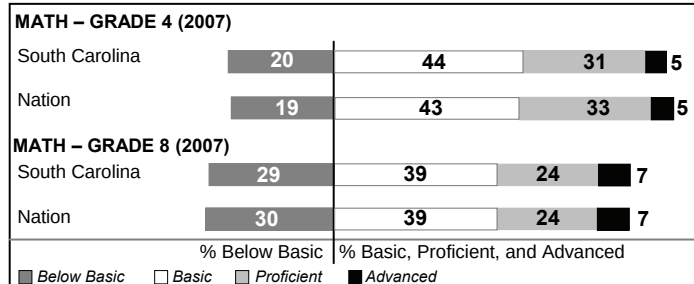
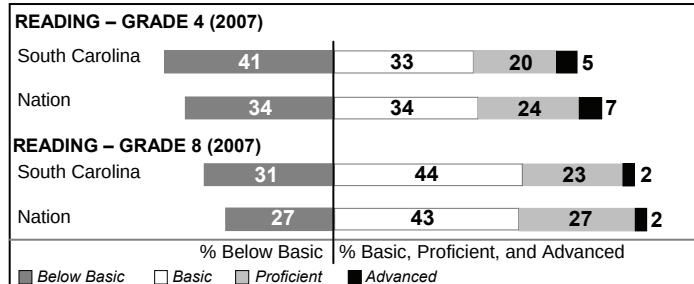
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	72.0%
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=24,510)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 2.7%	2.6%	3.1%
Attendance rate	97.3%	No Change	96.1%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.4%	Down from 16.6%	15.7%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	Up from 7.9%	8.7%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Up from 2.5%	2.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.1%	Up from 2.0%	1.2%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.7%	Down from 21.4%	18.5%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	72.3%	Up from 71.5%	66.7%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.2%	Down from 39.2%	34.2%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	265	Up from 99	255	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	53	Up from 49	130	30
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Up from 2.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,763)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.5%	Up from 67.8%	58.2%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	66.5%	Up from 63.5%	74.4%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.5%	Down from 6.9%	4.0%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Up from 86.9%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.1%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,373	Up 4.3%	\$46,875	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	Up from 1.4%	1.1%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	12.7 days	Down from 13.3 days	11.8 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	12.0	Down from 14.5	7.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	21.8 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 91.1%	90.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,490	Up 5.9%	\$7,957	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.3%	Down from 55.7%	55.2%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.5%	Down from 57.9%	58.9%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	26	Up from 25	23	9
Portable classrooms	5.7%	Up from 5.0%	5.0%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	14 Years	Up from 13 Years	18 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	26.0	Up from 25.0	23.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.8%	Down from 96.8%	94.7%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$89,337	Up 5.2%	\$82,380	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%	Up from 84.8%	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In the 2008-2009 school year, Richland Two continued its quest for "World Class" education. Richland Two schools received recognition at both the national and state levels, including the addition of Lake Carolina Elementary as a National Blue Ribbon school and Spring Valley High School as another "Palmetto's Finest" school. Five schools received Palmetto Gold Awards and four received Palmetto Silver Awards. Three schools were recognized as Red-Carpet Schools. Three schools were also recognized as Exemplary Writing Schools.

Our schools shine because of the people within their walls. Our students excelled academically, artistically, and athletically. Dent Middle School won the state Math Counts competition, and North Springs Elementary won the SC Knowledge Masters Tournament. Spring Valley High School's girls' basketball team won the 4-A state championship, and their AFJROTC drill team dominated the Flying Gamecock Invitational Drill competition for the 24th consecutive year. Altogether, Richland Two students earned \$65.6 million in scholarship money. Blythewood High School's girls' lacrosse team won the state championship. Richland Two teachers and administrators continue to achieve state and national recognition, including the Time Warner Cable Champion Principal Award, a Milken Award winner, and the National State Farm Service Learning Practitioner of the Year. The district also added another 55 National Board Certified Teachers, bringing the grand total to 499.

Our community overwhelmingly passed a \$306 million bond referendum for the addition of facilities and renovation of existing facilities, and the district received competitive grant funding of more than \$5.4 million to further improve the education of Richland Two students.

Dr. Stephen W. Hefner, Superintendent

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