

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 4 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 3,047**
Superintendent: W. Rallie Liston
Board Chair: Mr. Milton Smith

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	N/A
2008	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	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	10	11	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	75.6%	79.5%	69.5%	70.5%	69.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.5%	72.6%	68.8%	73.1%	71.9%
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	35.8%	36.1%	15.8%	26.4%	25.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.7%	30.4%	19.5%	29.1%	31.1%
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	86.5%	6.1%	7.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.2%	11.6%	10.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	98.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.9
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.5

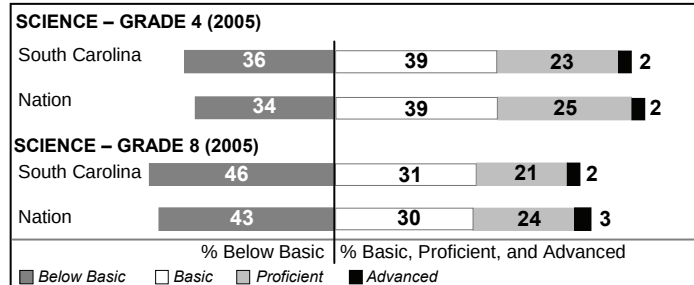
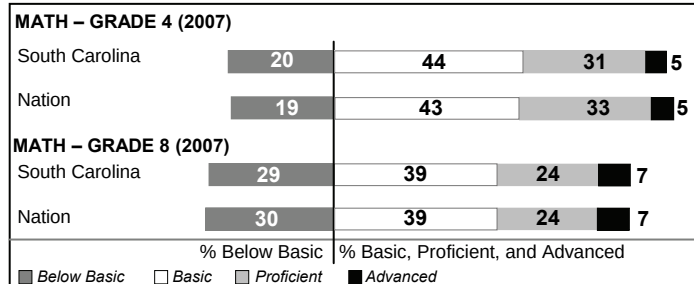
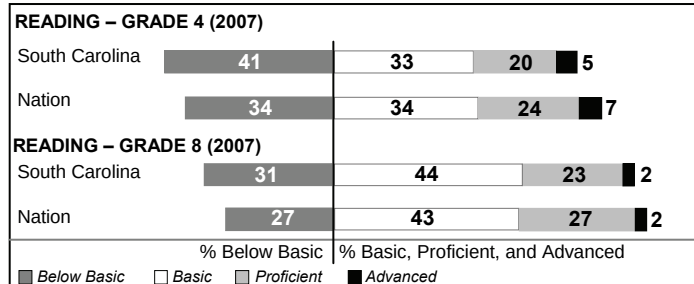
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	83.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.9%

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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=3,047)				
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.8%	2.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.2%	95.9%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.8%	Down from 7.1%	14.0%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Up from 7.0%	10.6%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Down from 2.3%	3.1%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	No Change	0.5%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	36.4%	Up from 35.2%	16.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	31.1%	Up from 28.6%	51.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.9%	Down from 31.5%	33.1%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	18	Down from 24	71	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	17	Down from 23	61	30
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	No Change	2.9%	3.4%
Teachers (n=179)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.8%	Up from 62.8%	58.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	86.6%	Up from 82.8%	79.1%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.2%	Down from 1.3%	3.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Down from 90.7%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.4%	95.4%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,022	Up 3.9%	\$47,837	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	1.1%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	17.7 days	Up from 12.6 days	13.0 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.5	Up from 5.5	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 22.1 to 1	21.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Down from 90.1%	90.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,512	Up 5.5%	\$8,761	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.7%	Up from 54.5%	55.3%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.2%	No Change	58.6%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	5.2%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	24 Years	Up from 23 Years	24 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.6%	Down from 98.6%	95.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$78,110	Up 5.5%	\$79,295	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	Up from 86.2%	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

Spartanburg School District Four continues to promote excellence in all our academic and co-curricular programs. Leadership from a strong and visionary school board provides the foundation on which administrators, teachers, staff, students, families, and the entire community can build an effective educational system. Facilities that are well-maintained offer a safe and well-adapted physical environment in which students and faculty can engage in the teaching-learning process. In addition, spaces for pursuit of students' artistic and athletic endeavors are among the best anywhere. Materials and supplies necessary for developing and demonstrating knowledge and skill are available to all students as they engage in class activities and complete assignments related to a rigorous curriculum. Students from four-year-old kindergarten through grade 12 are taught by highly qualified instructors who are supported by highly effective administrators in each school and throughout the district. The 2009-2010 school year will bring another opportunity for our school district and community to meet challenges and continue to provide the best educational experience possible for all the students of all the families of Spartanburg School District Four.

Together, we can meet these challenges and provide our students with the excellent school system they all deserve.

Dr. Rallie Liston, Superintendent

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