

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Sumter 17 School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 8,664

Superintendent: Zona W. Jefferson, Ph. D.

Board Chair: Mr. Greg L. Simonson

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	19	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	73.0%	66.8%	66.7%	72.2%	66.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%	65.7%	61.1%	66.5%	64.5%
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	31.3%	21.0%	16.5%	23.8%	23.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	29.5%	23.7%	14.4%	22.3%	23.8%
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	63.7%	19.4%	16.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.9%	14.3%	12.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

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

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	55.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	55.8

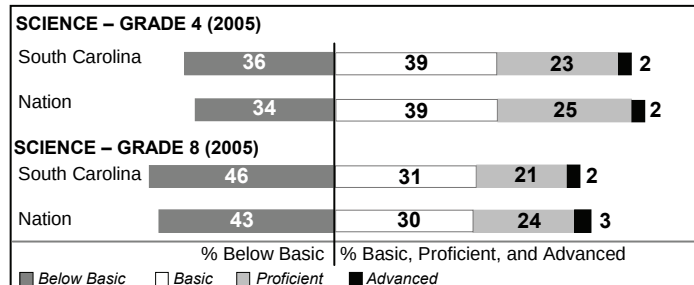
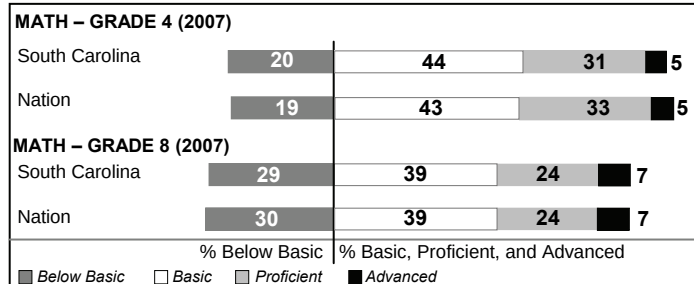
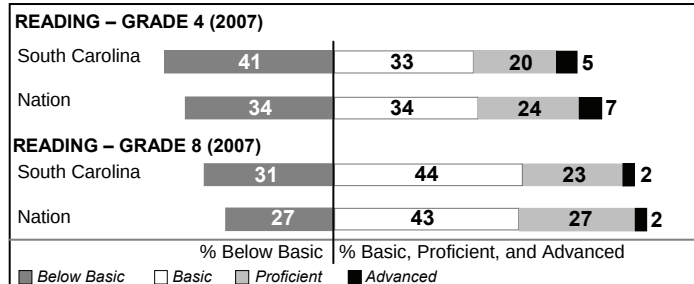
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%

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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=8,664)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Down from 5.6%	3.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	No Change	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.8%	Up from 11.6%	12.1%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Up from 11.5%	10.8%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	6.9%	Down from 7.3%	4.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.1%	Down from 8.2%	8.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	82.0%	Up from 78.6%	50.2%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.0%	Down from 30.1%	29.4%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	85	Up from 82	40	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	83	Up from 78	23	30
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 2.7%	4.0%	3.4%
Teachers (n=609)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.0%	Up from 53.4%	56.5%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.0%	Up from 72.0%	79.9%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.8%	Down from 11.7%	4.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 88.5%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 93.5%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,537	Up 1.7%	\$46,226	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Down from 1.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	Down from 4.7%	1.6%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Down from 15.1 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	7.0	Down from 8.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 20.6 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 87.1%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,761	Up 8.1%	\$9,378	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.5%	No Change	52.7%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.4%	Up from 58.3%	56.4%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	11	Down from 12	9	9
Portable classrooms	1.5%	Up from 0.4%	2.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	Up from 28 Years	29 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	Down from 12.0	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 99.2%	95.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$73,081	Up 5.3%	\$78,468	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.5%	Up from 71.0%	85.2%	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

Sumter School District 17 serves more than 8,500 students in grades preschool through 12 and employs over 1,500 staff members. Our district includes seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, an alternative learning center, and the Early Head Start program. In addition, our district offers choice opportunities, which include the Magnet School for the Fine Arts and Technology, the Science Connections Magnet School, the Sixth Grade Oaks Academy, and the IB Middle Years Programme. Sumter School District 17 remains committed to its mission of providing an education of high quality to every student by providing challenging, innovative learning experiences in a safe, supportive, and culturally diverse environment.

The 2008-2009 year was filled with progress, one in which our schools and educators were recognized at the national and state levels. Eight teachers in Sumter School District 17 achieved National Board Certification, bringing the district's total to 69. The Sumter High School Class of 2009 earned over \$8.6 million in merit-based scholarships and included 21 Palmetto Fellows, one National Achievement Scholarship winner, one National Merit finalist, four National Merit Commended students, and four students with 12 years of perfect attendance. In addition, 21 of our middle school students were named South Carolina Junior Scholars, and Sumter High, Alice Drive Elementary, Lemira Elementary, Millwood Elementary, and Wilder Elementary earned the Palmetto Silver Award.

High school students achieved a ten point gain on the SAT, surpassing the state score by 14 points; students achieved a 4.1% increase on the HSAP; students met the national average on AP exams; and all IB Diploma candidates earned IB Diplomas. More middle and elementary school students met and exceeded state academic standards on the final administration PACT.

Excellence in education includes extra-curricular achievements as well. Our extra-curricular activities support the interests of our students. From musical or dramatical ambitions to sports, our district features award-winning teams, bands, ensembles, and clubs. We can be proud of these extra-curricular achievements as they showcase the incredible talents of our student body.

District 17 continues to expand initiatives to help improve test scores across the district by building upon our areas of success and working as a team to improve our educational challenges. In an effort to improve test scores and continue making gains, the district utilizes the MAP and Classworks programs, strong literacy initiatives, math institutes, after school programs, and extensive professional development opportunities.

Sumter School District 17 has a long history of success that will continue to be a source of pride for our community. Only with the support of parents, elected officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, faith-based groups, and others have we been able to accomplish so much. We thank you for your continued support.

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