

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Aiken School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 24,632

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD General Performance	AND SILVER AWARD Closing the Gap	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT 1	GOOD 4	AVERAGE 16	BELOW AVERAGE 1	AT-RISK 0
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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	2010 Reading % Met or above	2010 Math % Met or above	2010 Science % Met or above	2010 Social Studies % Met or above	2010 Writing % Met or above
District	75.2%	68.7%	65.1%	65.9%	72.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	72.2%	68.7%	72.1%	73.6%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading % Exemplary	2010 Math % Exemplary	2010 Science % Exemplary	2010 Social Studies % Exemplary	2010 Writing % Exemplary
District	40.2%	27.6%	17.9%	23.1%	32.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.4%	33.4%	22.4%	30.2%	35.1%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	78.4%	11.0%	10.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.1%	10.6%	9.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	90.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%

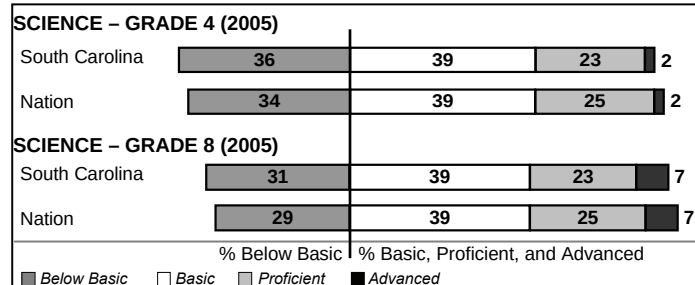
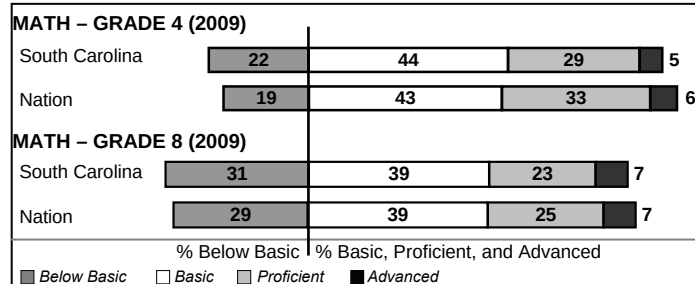
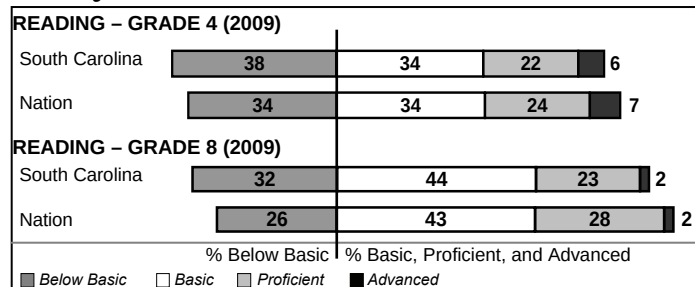
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.0%

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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=24,632)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.5%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.6%	95.7%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.5%	Down from 16.7%	18.9%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	Up from 8.9%	10.5%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.4%	No Change	3.6%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.4%	Up from 19.8%	16.4%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.8%	N/A	49.7%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	38.4%	Up from 33.6%	35.4%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	349	Up from 290	42	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	110	Down from 147	34	29
Annual dropout rate	4.8%	Down from 4.9%	3.4%	3.1%
Teachers (n=1,567)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.7%	Up from 54.0%	58.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	85.4%	Up from 77.8%	84.9%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.1%	No Change	2.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Down from 93.2%	91.5%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.7%	95.6%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,824	Down 3.4%	\$47,614	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Up from 1.1%	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Down from 11.4 days	12.1 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 1.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	Up from 21.1 to 1	21.5 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 90.2%	91.1%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,935	Down 1.3%	\$8,854	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.8%	Up from 58.9%	55.7%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.6%	Down from 61.8%	58.5%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	41	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	7.1%	Down from 7.7%	3.4%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	32 Years	Up from 31 Years	25 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	38.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.3%	Up from 95.8%	97.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$76,198	No Change	\$81,014	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	3	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Lloyd-Kennedy Charter School	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
Midland Valley Preparatory School(ELEM.)	Average	Below Average	Met
Midland Valley Preparatory School(MIDDLE)	Average	Average	Met
Aiken Performing Arts Academy	Excellent	Excellent	Not Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The mission of the Aiken County Public School District is to create in students a passion for learning and achievement that will serve them as they compete and contribute in a global society. As the fifth largest school district in South Carolina, serving approximately 25,000 students enrolled in 42 schools, Aiken County Public Schools continued to strive to fulfill this mission during the 2009-2010 school year as evidenced by the numerous accomplishments our students and schools received.

These accomplishments included eleven schools being named Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipients for attaining high levels of performance and ten schools being named recipients for closing the achievement gap. Eleven teachers earned National Board Certification. Four of our schools were recognized as SC Red Carpet Schools, bringing our total to twenty-four honorees. District FFA, Culinary Arts, FBLA, and other Career and Technology Education programs received numerous state and national awards. Our JROTC programs were recognized as state and national winners in drill, rifle, and academic competitions, and our county's robotics team, G-Force, won a World Championship in Atlanta. Students taking the SAT and ACT continued to perform at the national average. By working closely with our local colleges, the number of students in dual-enrollment classes increased. Graduates set a district record by receiving over \$37 million in scholarships, including one student receiving the Presidential Scholar award and three seniors receiving the National Achievement Scholarship.

To instill in students a passion for learning, our District placed an emphasis on reading achievement in grades K-12. The District Literacy Program and High Schools That Work are in their second year of implementation. The District also continued with the intervention services in all elementary schools and targeted middle schools.

It is an honor to serve as the superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools and to work with a highly motivated, professional faculty and staff. With the continued assistance and support of our community, I look forward to Aiken County Public Schools continuing to be a leader in K-12 education during the 2010-2011 school year.

Elizabeth Everitt, Ph.D.

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