SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Beaufort County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 19,786**
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

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		
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	6	9	1	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 09/29/2011. 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	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	73.2%	69.5%	65.0%	69.2%	70.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%	73.0%	70.2%	73.4%	74.4%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary
District	38.1%	30.6%	18.9%	25.0%	33.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.1%	34.5%	23.7%	31.8%	37.0%
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	72.9%	14.0%	13.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.2%	10.8%	9.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	87.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	60.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	61.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.0%

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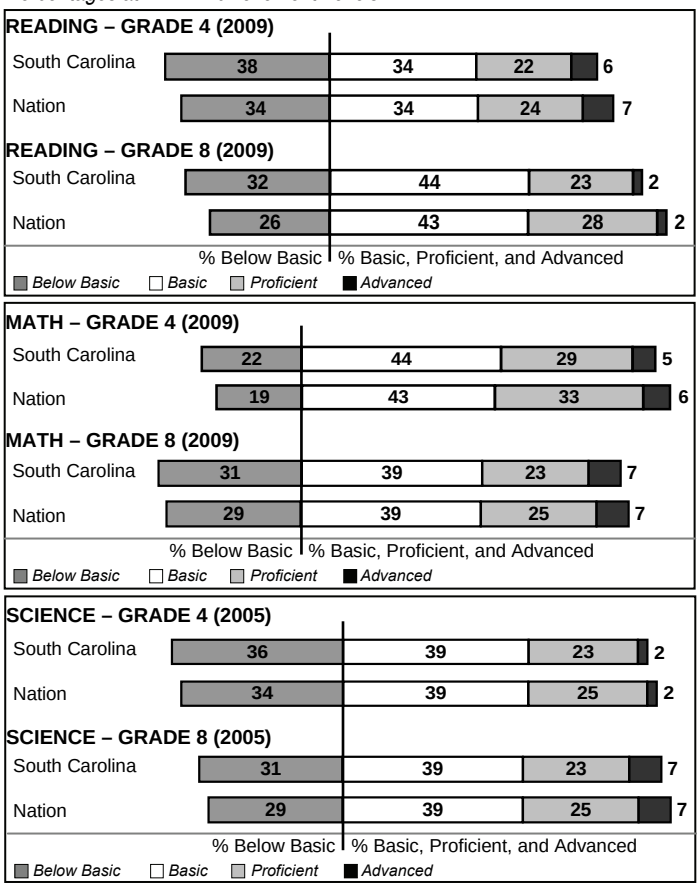
NAEP*

** 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=19,786)				
Retention rate	2.9%	No Change	1.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.9%	96.2%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.6%	Down from 17.1%	21.0%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	7.5%	Down from 7.8%	9.9%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Up from 3.0%	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	No Change	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	38.9%	Up from 36.8%	18.0%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	43.8%	Down from 51.0%	63.3%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.8%	Up from 30.9%	37.4%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	82	Down from 86	45	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	75	Down from 83	36	29
Annual dropout rate	0.9%	Down from 2.0%	3.4%	3.1%
Teachers (n=1,408)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.9%	Up from 59.0%	59.2%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	73.7%	Up from 70.4%	83.7%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.4%	Down from 3.7%	2.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.1%	Up from 87.8%	91.1%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 94.8%	95.8%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$49,286	Up 1.1%	$47,878	$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	Down from 0.6%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.2%	Down from 5.6%	1.6%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.1 days	Up from 15.8 days	12.3 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Up from 20.1 to 1	21.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 89.8%	91.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$10,505	Up 5.7%	$8,749	$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.8%	Down from 57.1%	56.3%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	No Change	58.7%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	30	Up from 28	13	9
Portable classrooms	6.7%	Down from 11.8%	3.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	17 Years	No Change	23 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	30.0	Up from 10.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	90.9%	Down from 93.1%	95.6%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	$76,939	No Change	$81,075	$79,261
Number of charter schools	1	Up from 0	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
Riverview Charter School	Good	Average	Met

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Beaufort County School District Family,

The 2009-2010 school year yielded positive trends for student achievement and school performance. State achievement highlights include: All six middle schools jumped a level on Absolute Ratings on the new PASS test, and twelve of seventeen elementary schools improved one or more rating levels. The number of schools identified as "at risk" by the state dropped from four to one. Schools met or exceeded state averages in 7 of 30 areas, compared with 1 of 24 areas previously. Nine schools were recognized by the State Board for high levels of achievement/improvement, earning Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. Closing the Achievement Gap awards were earned by six schools. Despite these trends, Beaufort County School District's Absolute Rating for 2009 remained Below Average. On federal measures, twelve Beaufort County Schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), a three-fold increase over 2009, and the number of objectives met increased in 23 of 27 schools. On the national norm-referenced test Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), significant achievements included 100% of kindergarten goals met in reading and math. Elementary reading goals met increased from 21% in 2009 to 46% in 2010, and math goals met increased from 30% to 59%. Other recognitions included five schools named Red Carpet Schools, bringing the number of award-winning schools to 14. The district and all schools earned national accreditation for the first time through AdvancEd. Key initiatives included extending learning time for 20 days for students scoring below the state's minimum standards; establishing a 200-day year for persistently underperforming schools; implementing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS); and aggressively addressing childhood obesity. In asset management, Red Cedar Elementary, Riverview Charter, and Early Childhood Centers at Bluffton and MCRiley opened in 2009; Pritchardville Elementary, Bluffton Middle, and Whale Branch Early College High Schools will open in 2010. Financially, the School District sustained the high credit rating earned in 2007, resulting in millions saved in interest earnings. We appreciate Beaufort County citizens' steadfast support for increased student achievement and success. We invite community members to visit our schools, volunteer with some students, and get involved in your public schools, where Learning Leads the Way.

Sincerely,
Valerie Truesdale, Ph.D., Superintendent

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