

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fairfield School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,260
 Superintendent: Dr. Patrice Robinson
 Board Chair: Ms. Annie McDaniel

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	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	7	8	6

* 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	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	58.9%	52.4%	45.4%	51.4%	54.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	58.4%	52.4%	47.8%	53.9%	56.3%
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	21.7%	14.7%	7.0%	10.9%	14.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	22.4%	15.3%	9.1%	12.5%	17.5%
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	71.9%	13.6%	14.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	64.1%	17.7%	18.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	87.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	44.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.4%

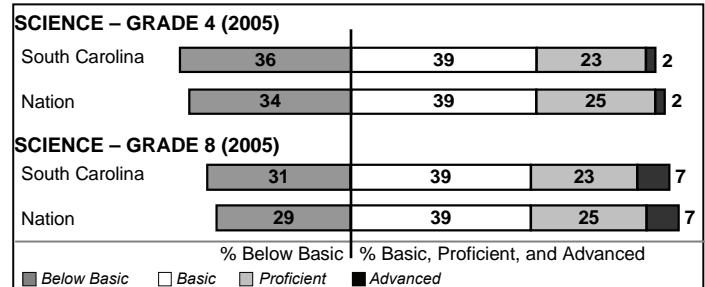
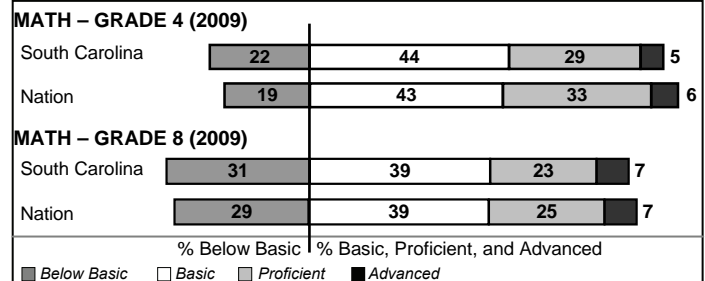
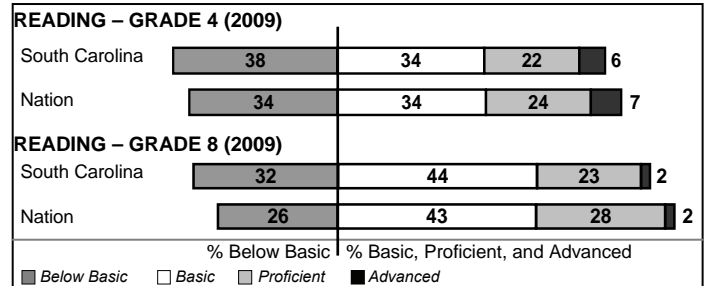
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	61.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.8%

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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.

Abbreviations Key

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 NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status

Fairfield School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,260)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Up from 2.1%	3.3%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.9%	95.4%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.6%	Down from 7.3%	5.6%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Down from 11.6%	10.6%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	No Change	6.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	No Change	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.9%	Down from 16.6%	7.8%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	38.1%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 28.6%	27.8%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	175	Up from 164	43	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	10	Down from 12	17	29
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 3.1%	2.6%	3.1%
Teachers (n=261)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.6%	Up from 55.5%	55.6%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	62.8%	Up from 58.6%	72.6%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	15.1%	Up from 13.4%	10.5%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.7%	Up from 79.6%	82.7%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.9%	94.9%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,610	Down 1.6%	\$43,865	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.5%	Up from 1.0%	1.5%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.8%	Down from 6.4%	5.8%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.1 days	No Change	12.4 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 2.0	1.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Down from 18.5 to 1	19.6 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.9%	89.2%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$13,099	Up 4.3%	\$11,339	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.8%	Down from 48.5%	48.0%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	51.5%	Down from 52.5%	52.3%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	8.5%	Down from 9.2%	2.3%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	32 Years	Up from 31 Years	32 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 93.0%	96.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$79,110	No Change	\$73,870	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Fairfield County School District is a county-wide school district that serves over 3,000 students within nine schools. As we continue our diligent work towards closing the achievement gap, we have achieved various accomplishments. Fairfield Central High School was named one of the "Best High Schools in America" by US News and World Report Magazine and was selected as a Bronze School for 2009. Fairfield Central High School was one of only 22 schools in South Carolina to make this national list. Fairfield Middle School, a Palmetto Priority School, improved from meeting 15 of 21 objectives in 2008 to meeting 19 out of 21 objectives in 2009. In addition, four schools made adequate yearly progress (AYP), as compared to 1 school during the 2008-2009 school year. Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science (formerly Fairfield Intermediate School) met AYP for the first time since 2006. Also, the district achieved nearly a ten point increase in the district's graduation rate from the previous year.

An important component of enhanced student achievement is ensuring the connection between students and learning. In Fairfield County, a thriving elementary magnet school, a promising Art Works program, and a flourishing Career and Technology Center help students realize and articulate their innate gifts. For students who need enhanced academic assistance, the District offers afterschool and alternative programs for students to achieve standards mastery. In addition, STAR academy was implemented to offer a unique instructional setting for overaged middle school students to accelerate learning and graduate with peers. Continuous academic support is given through the implementation and monitoring of such innovative programs and techniques as Balanced Literacy and Mathematics, embedded intervention in all schools, credit recovery, Making Middle Grades Work, High Schools that Work, and Best-Practice Professional Development Training for teachers and parents, as well as various instructional activities integrating Mathematics and Science. Our district utilizes Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) twice annually for formative purposes; Dominion is utilized as a progress-monitoring tool to measure literacy; quarterly standards-based assessments are administered to appraise student achievement and academic growth on our South Carolina state standards.

The decision-making process for Fairfield County School District is based upon our district strategic plan, with a focus on teaching and learning, parental and community involvement, building leadership capacity, effective communication, and achievement beyond academics. All stakeholders are committed to our goal and vision of successfully educating each child within our district. We will continue to work towards our goal through the continued growth within the areas of educational leadership, student achievement, and stakeholder commitment.

Together with the community, we will continue our progress, close the achievement gap, and bring the vision of "Excellence by Example" to life for every child in Fairfield County.

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