

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Florence 1 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 15,763  
 Superintendent: Allie E. Brooks  
 Board Chair: Porter Stewart

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

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	18	1	0

\* 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	75.8%	68.6%	67.8%	70.9%	73.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.8%	71.5%	68.0%	71.0%	72.3%
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	40.2%	27.4%	22.3%	26.5%	32.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.2%	32.2%	21.1%	28.6%	33.4%
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	76.1%	12.1%	11.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.6%	11.5%	9.9%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	90.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.8%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	64.0%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

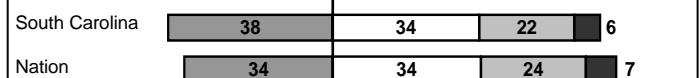
District	74.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.4%

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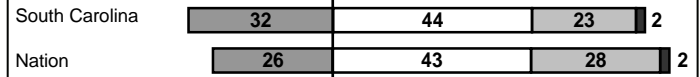
## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 4 (2009)



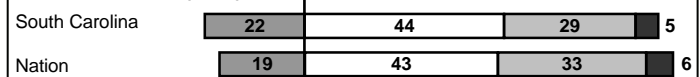
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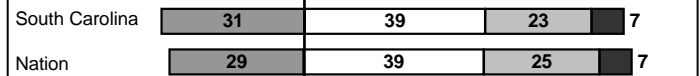
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### MATH – GRADE 4 (2009)



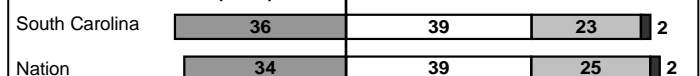
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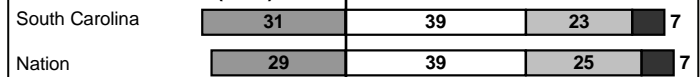
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### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



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## 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

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined  
 NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status

# Florence 1 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=15,763)</b>				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.5%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.5%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.5%	Up from 7.9%	17.7%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	No Change	10.6%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.9%	Down from 5.2%	4.1%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.6%	Down from 2.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.2%	Down from 12.9%	15.7%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	62.6%	Up from 58.7%	52.2%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.7%	Up from 31.3%	35.4%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	197	Up from 195	112	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	92	Down from 109	39	29
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 2.9%	3.4%	3.1%
<b>Teachers (n=1,087)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.5%	Up from 58.1%	61.3%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.9%	Up from 76.2%	84.4%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.4%	Down from 3.9%	3.3%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.2%	Up from 90.2%	91.5%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,611	Up 0.9%	\$47,493	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.3%	Down from 1.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.0%	Down from 5.7%	1.5%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 13.0 days	12.3 days	12.6 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 20.0 to 1	21.3 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Up from 90.6%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,300	Up 3.0%	\$9,300	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.1%	Down from 55.3%	55.1%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Down from 58.7%	57.9%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	22	Up from 21	14	9
Portable classrooms	17.9%	Up from 17.8%	3.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	35 Years	Up from 34 Years	27 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	21.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 96.0%	96.7%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$79,227	No Change	\$80,148	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	1	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	26.7%

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Palmetto Youth Academy	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Accomplishments which may not make headlines are the many community service projects that students are involved in outside the classroom. For example, Haitian Relief efforts topped many extracurricular school activities this past school year. Even though the year 2010 has proven to be a challenging one financially, Florence One faculty, staff, and students chose to give back to the community by raising over \$60,000 for nonprofit agencies, including the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart; the Leukemia and Lymphoma's Pennies for Patients; the United Way of Florence County; the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; Habitat for Humanity; The School Foundation; and the United Negro College Fund.

This year our teachers, students, and faculty were recognized internationally, nationally, and statewide. Internationally, for example, Vicki Carter, a teacher at West Florence High School, was one of 18 selected to participate in the pre-reading as a Question Team Member, which establishes the grading rubrics for the AP Calculus examination. Our high school media centers were tapped nationally by the United States Department of Education to receive a grant of almost \$500,000. Choosing from schools in both South and North Carolina, Progress Energy partnered with South Florence High School through its SunSense Schools Program to build a solar panel designed to allow students to study alternative forms of energy. Statewide, Wilson High ranked in the top three schools for percentages of International Baccalaureate Tests with scores of 4 or higher.

Schools making adequate yearly progress this year include Carver Elementary, Delmae Elementary, Dewey Carter Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Lester Elementary, McLaurin Elementary, Moore Intermediate, and Royall Elementary. Schools receiving Palmetto Gold and Silver awards for high levels of academic achievement are (Gold) Carver Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, and Royall Elementary, and (Silver) Delmae Elementary and Moore Intermediate.

The graduating Class of 2010 (students from South Florence, West Florence, and Wilson High School) received over \$11.7 million in scholarships and had 44 Palmetto Fellows, 310 Life Scholarship recipients, three National Merit finalists, and 11 South Carolina Board of Education Academic Achievement Honorees. Almost 83% of the graduating class will attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning this fall.

Florence One's Faith Based Mentoring Program has grown from nineteen volunteers to over 200 volunteers who have received training to mentor or tutor a child. Other Faith Based initiatives include the church adopt-a-school program, the elementary school Good News Clubs, and the middle school Child Evangelism Fellowship programs.

Florence School District One continues to have pride in its programs of choice: Montessori Education, the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Advanced Placement opportunities, single-gender education programs, and extracurricular activities which range from swimming to robotics.

Florence One also continues to benefit from The School Foundation, the local organization which receives private donations to improve educational quality in our school district, through a contribution of over \$1 million supporting teachers in their efforts to make improvements in their classrooms.

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