

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Greenville School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 70,969**
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT 1	GOOD 5	AVERAGE 3	BELOW AVERAGE 0	AT-RISK 0
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* 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 % 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	75.4%	71.9%	70.3%	72.9%	73.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.3%	74.2%	72.0%	75.0%	76.0%
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	41.4%	33.4%	23.1%	30.9%	38.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.5%	35.6%	24.7%	33.1%	38.3%
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	79.0%	11.3%	9.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.6%	10.4%	8.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	91.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.7%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	71.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.9%

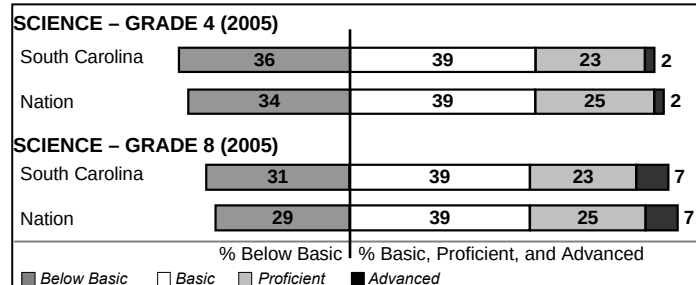
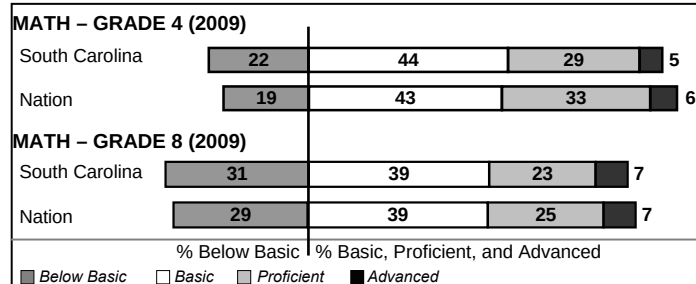
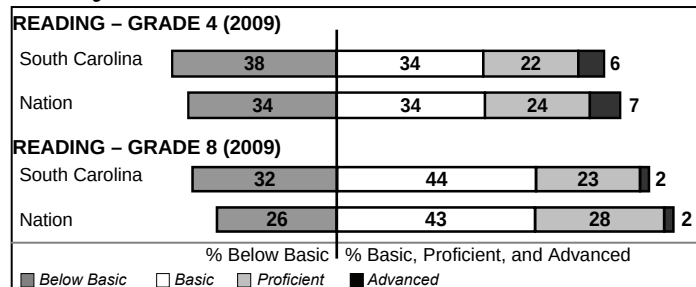
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	72.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.6%

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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=70,969)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.1%	96.0%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.4%	Up from 17.0%	18.2%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Down from 11.0%	9.1%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	Up from 3.1%	2.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	34.2%	Up from 28.7%	19.8%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	66.1%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.1%	Down from 37.1%	38.7%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	395	Up from 319	96	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	279	Up from 213	75	29
Annual dropout rate	3.6%	Down from 4.2%	2.9%	3.1%
Teachers (n=4,625)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Up from 57.1%	59.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	83.7%	Up from 78.1%	80.3%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	Down from 3.5%	2.8%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 89.3%	90.8%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 95.3%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,593	Up 0.9%	\$47,908	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	Down from 2.1%	0.6%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Down from 10.8 days	13.0 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	6.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Up from 21.9 to 1	22.4 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.4%	Up from 91.0%	90.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,957	Down 1.9%	\$8,106	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.8%	Up from 53.5%	56.8%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Up from 56.8%	58.6%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	92	Down from 93	25	9
Portable classrooms	1.9%	Down from 2.2%	3.8%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	9 Years	Up from 8 Years	18 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	90.0	Down from 91.0	25.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.6%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$81,075	No Change	\$81,075	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	6	Down from 7	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	3.2%	16.7%	22.7%

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Greenville Technical Charter	Excellent	Good	Met
Meyer Center for Special Children	Excellent	Good	Met
Langston Charter Middle School	Excellent	Excellent	Met
Fuller Normal Advanced Technical Charter	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
Brashier Middle College Charter	Excellent	N/A	Met
Greer Middle College Charter School	N/A	N/A	Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Greenville County Schools is a county-wide, unified district that serves over 68,000 students in an 800-square-mile geographic area. It is the 51st largest School District in the United States and operates 50 elementary schools, 18 middle schools, 14 high schools, and more than 25 special schools, programs, and child development centers. The 2011 South Carolina Teacher, Principal, and Superintendent of the Year all hail from Greenville County Schools. The District recently completed a \$1 Billion building program that resulted in over 70 new or renovated school buildings and tremendous district-wide advancements in instructional technology and technological infrastructure improvements. Decision making in Greenville County Schools is based upon an Education Plan that was developed with input from teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents, and community members. The Education Plan identifies five goals as central to the mission of the School District, and strategic initiatives developed in support of these five goals are updated and implemented on an annual basis.

Goal one of the Education Plan is increased student achievement and serves as the core mission of the District. The four other goals – ensure quality personnel in all positions, provide a school environment supportive of learning, effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources, and improve public understanding and support of public schools – serve to support and enhance goal one. An important component of enhanced student achievement is reinforcing a connection between students and learning.

In Greenville County, a thriving magnet schools program, a Fine Arts Center, The Roper Mountain Science Center, The Charles Townes Gifted Center, four International Baccalaureate Programs, and flourishing vocational centers help students realize their innate gifts. For students who need enhanced academic assistance, the District offers alternative programs at the middle and high school levels. In addition, two STAR Academies offer a unique instructional setting that enables over-age middle school students to accelerate their learning and graduate with their peers. The Teen Parent Program provides an opportunity for teenage girls to stay in school throughout their pregnancy in a smaller, more nurturing environment. In addition, there is Virtual School, Twilight School, and credit-recovery options that help students stay on track and earn a diploma. Programs like High Schools That Work, Making Middle Grades Work, MAP Formative Assessment, and the Learning Focused Model serve to help all Greenville County students achieve academic success. Greenville County is also proud of Washington Center, a school that serves moderately and severely mentally and physically disabled students ages 5-21, most of whom have concurrent challenges such as blindness and deafness. In the fall of 2010, Greenville County will open A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School, the first school in the District based on the community schools model and the first elementary engineering school in South Carolina. As a result of the School District's focus on increased academic achievement, district-wide scores on the ACT averaged 21.4 points last year, which topped the state and national averages. In addition, GCS outperformed the state average on the SAT by 27 points, with an average composite score of 1479.

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