

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Horry School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 37,765

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	19	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 % 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	76.9%	76.0%	71.8%	75.2%	76.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.2%	70.9%	67.3%	70.4%	71.6%
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	44.8%	40.1%	25.6%	34.7%	40.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.6%	31.6%	20.7%	28.0%	32.5%
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	81.3%	10.3%	8.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.3%	11.2%	10.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	92.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	73.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.5%

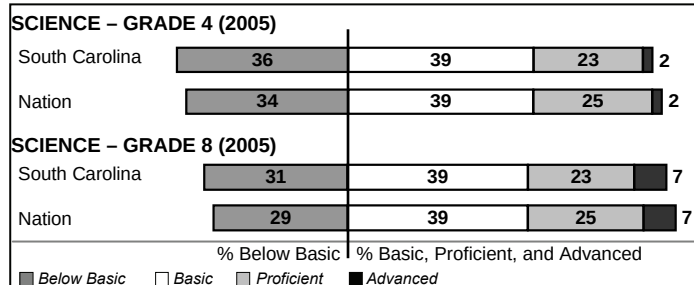
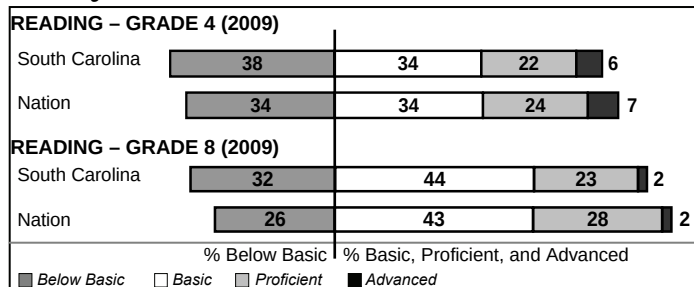
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	68.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.7%

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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=37,765)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 1.9%	2.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.9%	95.5%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	24.0%	Up from 21.9%	16.4%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.8%	Down from 13.0%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	Down from 2.6%	4.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.7%	Up from 1.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.9%	Up from 17.5%	15.7%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	52.8%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.9%	Down from 31.5%	36.9%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	308	Up from 266	70	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	140	Down from 212	37	29
Annual dropout rate	4.7%	Down from 6.2%	3.3%	3.1%
Teachers (n=2,562)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.3%	Up from 54.4%	61.3%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	84.2%	Up from 77.8%	84.9%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.6%	Down from 3.6%	3.2%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.0%	Up from 91.8%	91.2%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.9%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,257	Up 0.4%	\$47,643	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 2.2%	1.7%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.1 days	Down from 19.4 days	12.1 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Down from 22.1 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 89.1%	89.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,122	Up 4.9%	\$9,352	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.7%	Down from 55.9%	55.0%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.1%	Down from 59.9%	57.7%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	49	Up from 48	12	9
Portable classrooms	3.3%	Down from 4.3%	2.3%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	16 Years	Up from 15 Years	27 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	49.0	Up from 47.0	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.7%	Up from 93.1%	97.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$87,408	No Change	\$79,261	\$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	I/S	25.0%	52.9%

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Bridgewater Academy Charter(ELEM.)	Average	Good	Met
Bridgewater Academy Charter(MIDDLE)	Below Average	Average	Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This annual Report Card provides a snapshot of progress for Horry County Schools. It is designed to help you understand the progress we have made toward reaching the goals of the state's accountability system and provides you with statistical data about our students and the educators who serve them.

There are many reasons to celebrate achievements and new accomplishments. HCS held its first Technology Fair, showcasing more than 300 students and teachers in a day-long display of innovation and imagination. Burgess Elementary took top honors with the Best-In-Show award. We began our HCS Virtual School this year to expand and enhance curriculum offerings. During one year's time, enrollment has tripled.

Seventeen schools were honored by the SC Education Oversight Committee for significantly improving the performance of low achieving students. HCS was selected as an Honorable Mention recipient in the American School Board Journal's 16th annual Magna Awards program for the Scholars Academy. Midland Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon School. Socastee High took first place in the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center's Carolina regional competition and competed internationally in Hawaii. Forestbrook Middle won the state 2009 Middle School Mock Trial State Championship. For the fifth year in a row, Socastee High was listed among America's Best High Schools according to Newsweek magazine. Loris Middle was a finalist for the Palmetto's Finest Award. Ocean Bay Middle earned a Red Carpet Schools Award. Loris Elementary won the 2010 Outstanding Recycling Program of the Year for two states. North Myrtle Beach Primary was named an Exemplar School through the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Initiative. The Academy for Arts, Science and Technology was named a High Schools That Work Pacesetter School by the Southern Regional Education Board.

Forty-seven percent more students participated in AP courses and took AP exams in 2009. Carolina Forest, Conway, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Socastee, and St. James high schools were recognized for improvements on the ACT or SAT college entrance exams. Our graduating class of 2010 collectively earned \$42.4 million in scholarships. Of the 2,126 graduates, 73 percent plan to continue their education at either a four-year or two-year postsecondary school.

Seventy-six teachers earned National Board Certification (NBC) in 2009, ranking HCS first in South Carolina and eighth in the nation for the number of teachers earning NBC this year. Myrtle Beach High Girls' Basketball team won the AAA State Championship and the Loris High Wrestling Team was named the State Champion for the third year.

We continue to face unprecedented economic challenges. Funding levels have dropped to match allocations from fifteen years ago. While our budget shortfall is a distraction, there are many indicators that we have not lost our focus. We ask for your continued support as we work toward becoming one of the highest performing school districts in the nation.

Dr. Cindy Elsberry, Superintendent

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