

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Kershaw County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,471**
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT 1	GOOD 6	AVERAGE 13	BELOW AVERAGE 1	AT-RISK 0
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* 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	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	76.7%	72.6%	69.3%	73.8%	75.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.9%	72.7%	68.8%	72.0%	73.6%
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	41.4%	30.6%	22.3%	28.3%	34.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.3%	33.5%	22.2%	29.8%	34.9%
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	77.0%	13.7%	9.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.1%	10.7%	9.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)	
District	91.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.2%

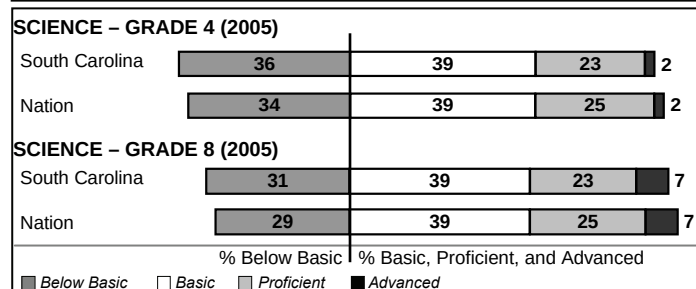
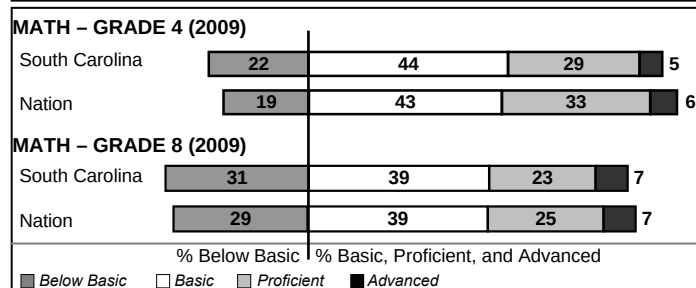
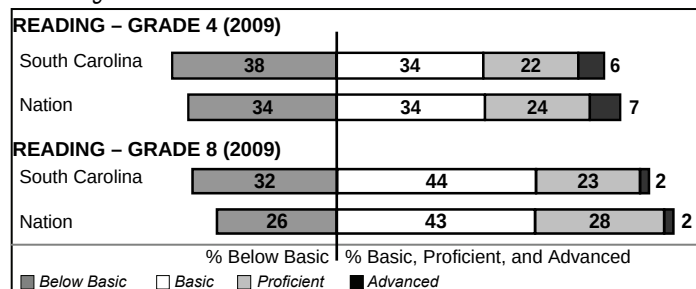
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	63.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	73.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.9%

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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=10,471)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.5%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	95.9%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.5%	Up from 21.4%	16.5%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	8.7%	Up from 8.6%	9.9%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.0%	Up from 3.3%	3.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.1%	Up from 1.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.5%	Up from 14.2%	16.5%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	49.7%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.3%	Up from 32.7%	38.6%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	45	Down from 71	38	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	33	Down from 61	35	29
Annual dropout rate	2.6%	Down from 3.3%	3.0%	3.1%
Teachers (n=673)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.3%	Up from 64.9%	59.8%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	86.8%	Up from 84.8%	84.5%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.9%	Down from 4.2%	2.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.0%	Up from 91.7%	91.3%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.5%	95.7%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,320	Down 1.2%	\$47,806	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Up from 2.8%	1.2%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Down from 11.0 days	11.7 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	21.5 to 1	Down from 22.0 to 1	21.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.1%	Up from 91.6%	90.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,217	Up 8.4%	\$8,793	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.2%	Down from 54.0%	56.3%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.2%	Up from 59.7%	58.6%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	12	9
Portable classrooms	3.5%	Down from 4.0%	3.7%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	21 Years	No Change	24 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	Up from 95.1%	96.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$81,910	No Change	\$79,295	\$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

This has been another school year of great student achievement and academic excellence. Kershaw County School District (KCS D) averages were higher than the state averages in 19 of the 24 possible 2009 PASS categories. Five schools—Blaney Elementary, Lugoff Elementary, Camden High, Lugoff-Elgin High, and North Central High—were recognized by the State Board of Education in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for closing the achievement gap for at least one historically underachieving student group, while North Central High was also recognized for the second straight year for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. None of the district's schools received an At Risk rating on the state-issued school report cards. Twenty-one more Kershaw County teachers earned National Board certification (the highest credential available in the teaching profession), while one teacher earned his recertification. This brings the total number of district teachers who are National Board certified to 153, or 17 percent of the teaching staff, compared to only 14 percent statewide who have the certification.

All of the district's teachers and high school students received laptops to use, while a K-8 technology initiative supplied interactive whiteboards for every elementary and middle school classroom and laptops on carts for use by those students.

Three projects were completed in Phase One of the \$102.2 million facilities-equalization program: a new LEED-certified facility for Jackson School, a six-classroom wing at Blaney Elementary, and a spring sports complex at Camden High.

The district's performance has received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Lugoff-Elgin Middle was the first middle school in the state to earn recertification as a "School to Watch." Five schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Doby's Mill Elementary, Leslie M. Stover Middle, and Lugoff Elementary—were named Red Carpet Schools, bringing the total number of Kershaw County schools who currently hold this honor to 13. Lugoff-Elgin High math teacher Robert Ondere was named a Milken National Educator and received a \$25,000 award. District Teacher of the Year Melody Johnson was named one of the five honor roll teachers in the South Carolina Teacher of the Year Program. Jackson School students finished third in a regional FIRST Lego League contest and participated in the state finals. Doby's Mill Elementary was named a SC Green Steps School for its environmental efforts. ATEC nursing and health science students won 29 medals in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state competition. Blaney Elementary's archery team finished third in the Department of Natural Resources' state competition and advanced to the national finals. Lugoff-Elgin High's wrestling and baseball teams were AAA state champions. Student body presidents from Camden High and Lugoff-Elgin High helped organize the first-ever joint fundraising project for the United Way of Kershaw County. Together, the schools raised \$12,988. Seventy percent of the 605 Class of 2010 high school graduates went on to postsecondary education; they earned \$6,661,646 in college scholarships.

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