SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fort Mill School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 9,914**
Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
Board Chair: Patrick White

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	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	0	0	0	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	88.0%	87.0%	85.9%	87.7%	87.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.0%	87.0%	85.9%	87.7%	87.8%
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	60.3%	50.8%	40.4%	53.4%	52.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.3%	50.8%	40.4%	53.4%	52.6%
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	95.4%	3.3%	1.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.4%	3.3%	1.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	98.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	98.5%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	85.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	85.8%

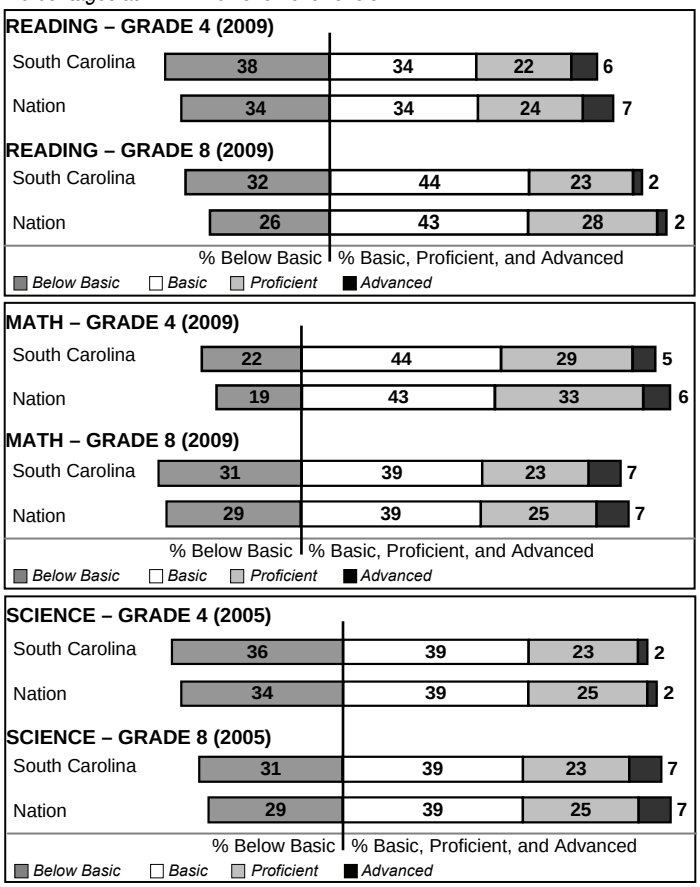
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

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

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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=9,914)				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.2%	0.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.8%	95.9%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	29.1%	Up from 28.6%	29.1%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Down from 7.3%	7.2%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	1.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.8%	0.2%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.4%	Up from 18.2%	21.4%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	77.7%	Down from 84.0%	77.7%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	64.0%	Up from 46.9%	64.0%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	12	Down from 26	12	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	12	Down from 26	12	29
Annual dropout rate	1.1%	Down from 1.5%	1.1%	3.1%
Teachers (n=688)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Up from 62.2%	62.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Up from 79.8%	87.2%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Down from 2.2%	1.4%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.2%	Up from 92.7%	94.2%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 94.9%	94.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$51,189	Up 1.4%	$51,189	$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Up from 0.8%	2.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.9 days	Down from 13.1 days	9.9 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Up from 21.1 to 1	21.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 89.3%	89.5%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,639	Down 3.0%	$8,639	$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.7%	Up from 56.5%	59.7%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.5%	Up from 58.2%	61.5%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	Up from 10	12	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Down from 1.9%	0.9%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	12 Years	Up from 11 Years	12 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	Up from 10.0	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.2%	Up from 98.4%	99.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	$89,658	No Change	$89,658	$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	I/S	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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In spite of budget challenges during the 2009-2010 school year, the Fort Mill School District continued to provide outstanding educational opportunities to the students of the district.

School districts in South Carolina experienced two mid-year reductions in funding during the school year due to the weakened economy. In total, 9.04% was cut from the beginning budget, which equated to approximately $2.3 million for the district. The cuts were addressed through reductions in travel, equipment budgets, and transferring monies from the fund balance. In addition, the district began the year with over 400 new students than the previous year.

In spite of the challenges associated with the decreases in funding and increases in student enrollment, the district was the only district in the state to receive an Excellent rating on the state report card. This rating is based primarily on gains in student achievement as measured by state and national tests. Individual and school awards were too numerous to mention, but the following deserve recognition: Springfield Middle School was honored as a Red Carpet School, and both the Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School bands won their respective state championships. A Fort Mill High School wrestler and a cross-country runner won state championships, as did the archers at Springfield Middle School.

Even though we face additional financial issues as we go forward, the School Board, the administration, the teachers, and staff pledge to continue to provide a quality educational program to our constituents. As always, we will focus our resources at the classroom level. Thank you for your past support. The district looks forward to continuing to work with our community in ensuring that we adhere to the motto of “Children First.”

James N. Epps, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent

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