

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Aiken School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 24,600**
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Ms. Rosemary B. English

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		
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	9	10	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	74.1%	70.5%	64.6%	66.8%	75.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.9%	75.2%	70.3%	73.3%	74.0%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	38.4%	29.7%	19.0%	24.2%	35.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.2%	36.2%	23.3%	32.3%	34.1%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	78.5%	12.8%	8.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.1%	12.3%	8.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	92.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.3%

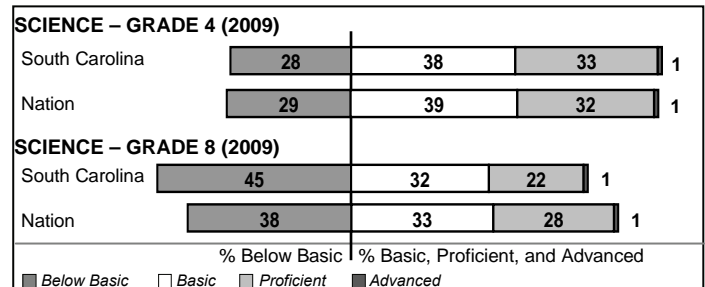
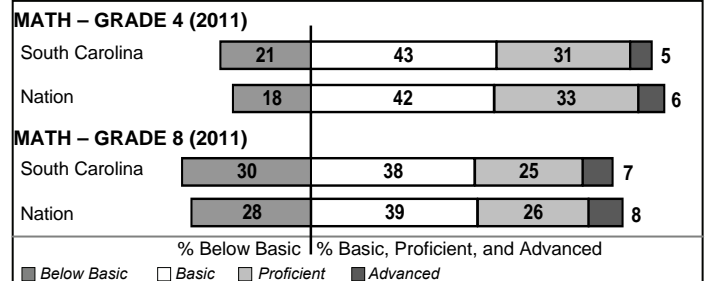
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.2%

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NAEP*

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



SC PERFORMANCE 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=24,600)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 2.7%	2.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.5%	Up from 16.5%	19.0%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.7%	Down from 9.2%	7.7%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Down from 4.4%	2.5%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.9%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	32.0%	Up from 22.4%	17.9%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	53.5%	Up from 52.8%	46.1%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	38.0%	Down from 38.4%	30.8%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	254	Down from 349	80	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	127	Up from 110	43	35
Annual dropout rate	4.5%	Down from 4.8%	3.1%	2.8%
Teachers (n=1,571)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.7%	Up from 54.7%	61.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	84.5%	Down from 85.4%	88.9%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	No Change	91.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 94.0%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,501	Up 1.4%	\$47,606	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	Up from 1.5%	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Up from 11.3 days	11.8 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Up from 22.2 to 1	22.4 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Up from 88.4%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,537	Down 5.0%	\$8,783	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.8%	Down from 59.8%	55.0%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.9%	Up from 61.6%	58.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	40	Down from 41	12	9
Portable classrooms	9.5%	Up from 7.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	38.0	No Change	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.1%	Up from 96.3%	96.3%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$75,952	Down 0.3%	\$78,741	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	3	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%		93.5%	93.1%

* 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
KENNEDY/LLOYD CHARTER SCHOOL	At-Risk	Below Average	Met
MIDLAND VALLEY CHARTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL(ELEM.)	Below Average	Below Average	Not Met
MIDLAND VALLEY CHARTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL(MIDDLE)	Below Average	Average	Not Met
AIKEN PERFORMING ARTS CHARTER	At-Risk	At-Risk	Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

As the fifth largest South Carolina public school district, Aiken County educates a diverse population of approximately 25,000 students in 20 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 7 high schools, 3 charter schools, 1 career and technology center, and adult education programs. Our primary focus is to enable all students to become productive members of society, empowered with the knowledge and ability necessary to compete and contribute in a global society by offering and providing both challenging and rewarding experiences in academics and extra-curricular areas. The 2010-2011 school year continued the tradition of excellence in each of these areas at the state and national level. At the state level, academic accomplishments included 17 schools being named Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipients for attaining high levels of performance on state standardized measurements for general performance while 10 schools were recognized for closing the achievement gap. In addition, our students taking national assessments such as the SAT and ACT continued to perform above the state average. Aiken County Public School graduates set a district record by receiving over \$38 million in scholarships, including four students being named National Merit Scholars. We attribute this success to an emphasis on reading achievement in grades K-12 through the district's literacy model, Making Middle Grades Work, and High Schools That Work. The District also continues an emphasis in reading with reading intervention services in all elementary schools and targeted middle schools. In addition, by working closely with our local colleges we are setting students up for success at the college level by increasing the number of students in dual-enrollment classes. Partnerships with local colleges also included continued education courses for teachers.

Extra curricular and supplemental programs such as the District FFA, Culinary Arts, FBLA, and other Career and Technology Education programs received numerous state and national awards. Students were honored for state and national citizenship, artistic, and athletic accomplishments. Our JROTC programs were recognized as state and national winners in drill, rifle, and academic competitions. Schools received grants and awards for environmentally conscious and healthy living programs. As superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools, I'm afforded the distinct opportunity to work alongside highly motivated, qualified faculty and staff. With the shared vision of academic success, our communities and the Aiken County Public School District will surpass goals and set the achievement bar even higher during the 2011-12 school year.

Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent

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