



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Beaufort County School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 19,715
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

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	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	10	8	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	75.2%	75.1%	67.7%	71.7%	73.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.2%	75.2%	70.7%	74.0%	75.0%
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	40.5%	36.3%	20.4%	28.6%	34.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.1%	36.6%	24.2%	33.7%	35.5%
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	75.8%	15.1%	9.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.4%	11.3%	8.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	89.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	65.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.0%

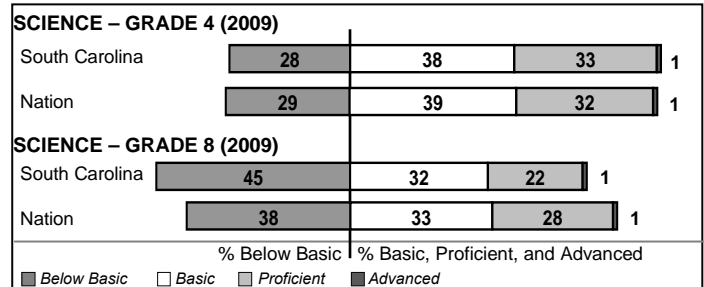
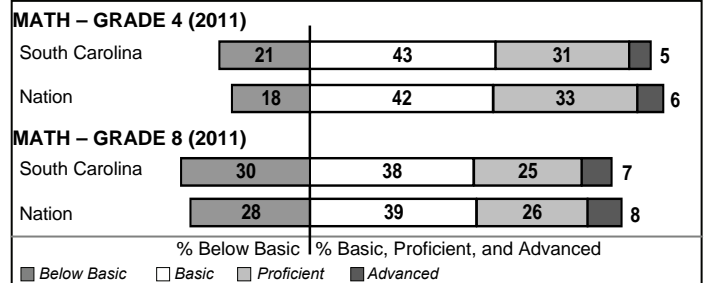
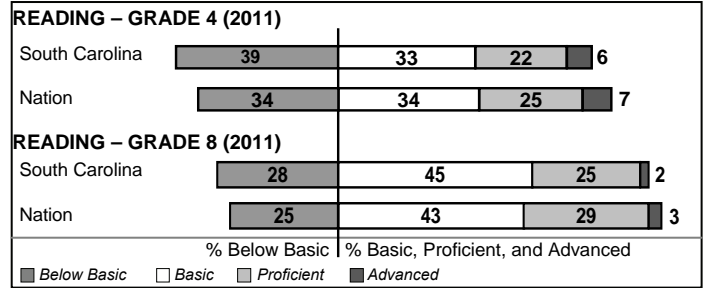
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.0%

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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=19,715)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 2.9%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 97.1%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.0%	Up from 15.6%	19.0%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.3%	Down from 7.5%	6.9%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	Down from 3.6%	2.2%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	0.8%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	38.8%	Down from 38.9%	19.0%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	48.0%	Up from 43.8%	50.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.8%	Down from 33.8%	32.2%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	210	Up from 82	83	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	105	Up from 75	56	35
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Up from 0.9%	3.1%	2.8%
Teachers (n=1,428)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	Up from 59.9%	61.4%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	72.1%	Down from 73.7%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Down from 88.1%	91.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,918	Up 1.3%	\$47,531	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.4%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.6%	Down from 5.2%	1.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.2 days	Up from 18.1 days	11.3 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	20.9 to 1	Down from 21.6 to 1	22.1 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.4%	90.7%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,606	Up 1.0%	\$8,611	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.8%	Down from 54.8%	55.5%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.5%	Down from 58.0%	59.2%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	33	Up from 30	14	9
Portable classrooms	1.7%	Down from 6.7%	1.4%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	32.0	Up from 30.0	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.8%	Up from 90.9%	96.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$83,727	Up 8.8%	\$78,000	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%		93.9%	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
RIVERVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL(ELEM.)	Good	Good	Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Beaufort County School District Family,

The 2010-11 school year continued the positive academic trends in all subjects and grades. On state measures, student achievement highlights include: 22 Palmetto Gold, Silver and Closing the Achievement Gap Awards were earned by fifteen schools. Four years ago, 50% of Beaufort County Schools were rated by the state as Average, Good or Excellent. Now 90% of schools hold Average, Good or Excellent absolute ratings. The district overall rating is Average. On national norm-referenced test MAP, all subjects and grades met ambitious MAP target growth. While SAT scores have not yet met national average, the district average increased 30 points in 2010. ACT district average is three tenths of one point below national average. On federal measures, sixteen Beaufort County schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), up from 4 schools making AYP in 2008 to 12 in 2009 to 16 in 2010. The percent of AYP objectives met has increased from 23 of 33 (70%) in 2008 to 30 of 33 (91%) in 2010. Other recognitions include four schools' making semi-finals for Palmetto's Finest (BMS, HHIHS, HHISCA and WBMS). Beaufort Middle School was one of three finalists for Palmetto's Finest schools. HHI School for Creative Arts was named a national school of distinction in arts education. While all schools are focused on stretching learners, seven schools are STEM-infused schools and five elementary schools are using robotics and animation to stretch math and science learning. Recently, twenty-nine schools were named US Healthy Challenge Schools. In asset management, Bluffton Middle, Pritchardville Elementary and Whale Branch Early College High enjoyed a strong first year as did Bluffton High when ninth grade was moved to MCMcCracken Middle to alleviate overcrowding. Financially, the district maintained its outstanding credit rating, which saves interest. A no-tax-increase budget was accomplished by cutting eighty positions. We invite community members and parents to visit our schools, volunteer with students, and be involved in Beaufort County Schools, where Learning Leads the Way.

Valerie Truesdale, Ph. D.
Superintendent

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