



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Cherokee School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 8,935  
 Superintendent: Dr. Edgar C. Taylor  
 Board Chair: Mr. Donnie Smith

## 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	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Good	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	4	15	5	0

\* 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	65.1%	67.5%	59.3%	58.0%	65.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.4%	68.6%	62.8%	67.3%	67.1%
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	32.4%	31.5%	14.3%	18.9%	24.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.6%	29.4%	17.8%	26.5%	27.0%
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	75.2%	12.5%	12.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%	13.7%	11.2%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	91.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.1%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	52.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%

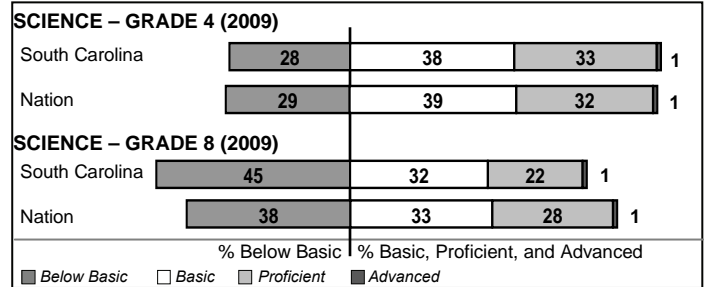
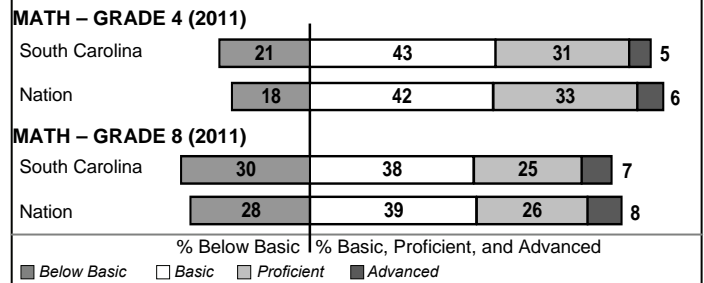
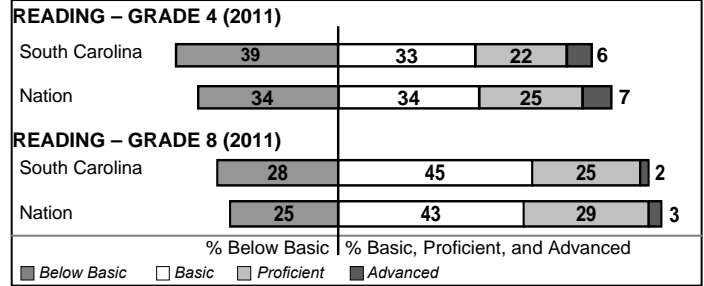
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## 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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# Cherokee School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=8,935)</b>				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.0%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.9%	Up from 17.3%	14.9%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Down from 7.2%	7.4%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.8%	Down from 2.7%	3.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.5%	Up from 10.1%	8.2%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.9%	Up from 47.8%	43.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	52.6%	Up from 52.1%	30.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	159	Up from 151	64	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	120	Down from 122	28	35
Annual dropout rate	0.8%	Down from 2.1%	2.9%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=568)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.1%	Down from 64.3%	61.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	92.4%	Down from 96.4%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.7%	Up from 92.0%	89.9%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.5%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,709	Down 4.8%	\$45,821	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	Down from 1.0%	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Up from 8.8 days	12.3 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Up from 0.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Down from 21.9 to 1	21.4 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	No Change	89.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,294	Down 6.4%	\$9,033	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.9%	Up from 53.9%	53.5%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Up from 56.3%	55.9%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	1.5%	Down from 1.6%	1.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	91.8%	Down from 97.6%	97.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$73,450	Down 7.4%	\$77,972	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	72.4%		90.5%	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Cherokee County Public Schools had another great year serving our students.

Upon the release of the 2010 state report card, the Cherokee County School District was pleased to learn that ten elementary schools and Blacksburg High School made adequate yearly progress. Corinth, Draytonville, Goucher, and Northwest elementary earned Palmetto Silver General Performance Awards for 2010. Draytonville and Northwest also received Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award. Blacksburg High received a general performance Palmetto Gold Award. Both Blacksburg and Gaffney High earned the Palmetto Gold Closing the Gap Achievement Award for Excellent End-of-Year Performance and/or for Growth in On-Time Graduation Rate. Gaffney High School received Magna Cum Laude for Improvement of SAT scores and Cum Laude for Improvement of ACT scores from the State Department of Education.

The Drop Out rate has improved greatly. This percentage has changed from 8.3 in 2007 to 0.8 in 2010. This is due to the implementation of mentoring programs and Credit Recovery Software. Both high schools' 2010 graduation rates were above the state average. Blacksburg High School had a rate of 88.4% for a 6.7% increase. This was one of the highest graduation rates in the state. The graduation rate at Gaffney High School was 77%.

Five members of the class of 2011 graduated from high school with 12 years of perfect attendance. Also, the graduates earned \$8,492,716 in scholarship offers. The Gaffney High School JROTC Unit received the Distinguished Unit with Merit Award for 2010-2011 from the United States Air Force. They have received this award for several consecutive years. Fifty eighth grade students earned Junior Scholar recognition for PSAT scores. A number of students won first, second, or third place in art and essay contests, band or cheerleading competitions, and other tournaments on the local and state levels.

Alma Elementary School was recognized for the NetSCOPE Partnership with Winthrop University. The goals of NetSCOPE are to improve P-12 student learning, improve professional learning, improve quality of teacher preparation, and increase the application of research-based practices in classrooms and schools.

Ms. Kim Camp, Principal of Alma Elementary School, was named SCIRA Administrator of the Year. Mrs. Lisa Blanton was named District Teacher of the Year. The district has 45 National Board Certified Teachers and continues to recruit highly qualified instructors in all areas of instruction.

Many factors contributed to a successful year: student effort, teacher dedication, parent support, and community help and input. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from everyone in making 2010-2011 a very successful school year for the students and staff of the Cherokee County School District.

Edgar C. Taylor, Superintendent.

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