



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lee School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,294  
 Superintendent: Dr. Cleo Richardson  
 Board Chair: Sanya Moses

## 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	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2010	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2009	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	6	3	6

\* 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	44.4%	42.5%	34.9%	39.8%	52.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	57.7%	54.7%	46.7%	52.6%	60.1%
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	14.0%	8.2%	3.2%	5.6%	10.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	22.0%	16.5%	7.9%	14.0%	18.8%
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	68.0%	15.0%	17.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%	17.9%	16.4%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	74.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	85.9%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	33.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.5%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

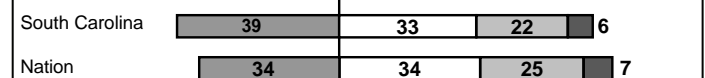
District	70.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.6%

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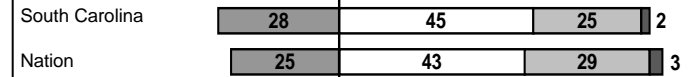
### NAEP\*

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

#### READING – GRADE 4 (2011)



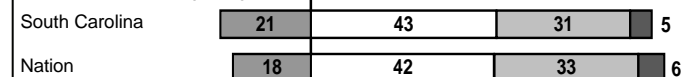
#### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



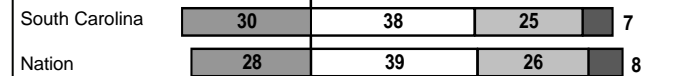
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#### MATH – GRADE 4 (2011)



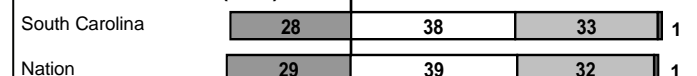
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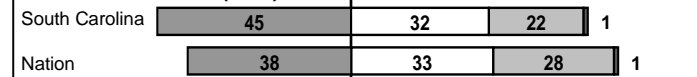
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#### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2009)



#### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



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### 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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# Lee School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=2,294)</b>				
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 3.1%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.0%	No Change	95.6%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.6%	Down from 2.4%	4.8%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.6%	Down from 10.4%	7.5%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.1%	Down from 7.7%	4.0%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.2%	Down from 35.2%	3.8%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.2%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.8%	Down from 37.0%	26.1%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	100	Up from 45	48	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	65	Up from 20	32	35
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Up from 0.8%	2.0%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=166)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.0%	Down from 58.4%	59.3%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	61.4%	Down from 68.2%	74.8%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.0%	Down from 82.5%	83.9%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 95.1%	94.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$40,615	Down 1.5%	\$42,809	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.8%	Down from 4.6%	0.8%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.4%	Down from 11.7%	9.2%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Up from 10.6 days	12.8 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	1.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.5 to 1	Up from 21.0 to 1	19.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 88.7%	88.9%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,659	Down 5.5%	\$11,427	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	45.0%	Down from 48.8%	46.5%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.8%	Down from 52.8%	51.2%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	7	Down from 8	4	9
Portable classrooms	2.3%	Down from 2.4%	3.6%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Up from 98.4%	94.4%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$68,022	Down 8.8%	\$72,988	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	Down from 1	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	73.7%		73.7%	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

Lee County School District has completed another successful year! Despite nearly \$2.5 million in state budget cuts over the last few years, our faculty and staff delivered first-class educational services to all of our students.

The district's continued trend of improved student achievement is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff. An on time graduation rate of 83.9 percent placed the Lee County School District in ninth place among the 86 state school districts. Lee Central High School received Palmetto Gold Awards for improved student achievement and closing the achievement gap. We also had three of our four elementary schools (Bishopville Primary School, Lower Lee Elementary School and West Lee Elementary School) to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). West Lee Elementary School was also recognized as a Red Carpet School. Our second year of PASS testing was a success, with students excelling in the areas of ELA, math, and social studies. SAT scores continue to rise, especially in the area of critical reading. The number of students participating in Advanced Placement (AP) courses shows growth. Technology in all buildings has been or is being updated to provide opportunities for teachers to present engaging instruction in every classroom.

Our district emphasis on professional growth remains essential to our goal of not only having a highly qualified teacher, but also to have a highly effective teacher in every classroom who meets the needs of each student through rigorous and engaging instruction.

We will continue to work diligently to provide choice to every student in our district. The fine arts and athletic programs continue to be a great source of pride for the district and the community, culminating with the Lee Central High School Chorus performance at the South Carolina Association of School Administrators Summer Leadership Institute. Additional options at every level include the single-gender programs, a collaboration with Central Carolina Technical College offering dual credit courses, and offering expanded course opportunities at the Lee County Career and Technology Center.

The district remains committed to maintaining great communication with all of our stakeholders in the Lee County community through one-on-one meetings, presentations, and district-wide events, including the first Back-To-School Bash last summer. Our district website continues to be an effective tool in keeping our teachers, staff, parents, and students informed.

While our teachers and staff play a critical role in the success of our district, we are counting on you more than ever!

The loss of approximately \$2.8 million of state funding in the Lee County School District during the 2011-2012 school year will force us to make tough decisions in regard to our personnel and curriculum. However, we believe your continued support will help us overcome these economic challenges. Please feel free to contact me, district staff, principals, and other school leaders whenever you have questions or concerns.

Cleo Faith Richardson, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent

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