



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Newberry School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,799
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm

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	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	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
2	6	16	3	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	66.1%	70.9%	64.8%	66.9%	67.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.1%	73.0%	67.7%	71.6%	71.0%
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	30.6%	29.8%	18.4%	28.1%	25.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	38.5%	34.2%	21.4%	31.1%	31.1%
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%	9.5%	12.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.6%	12.5%	9.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	88.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	58.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.4%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%

** 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.

Abbreviations Key

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 NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status

Newberry School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=5,799)				
Retention rate	1.9%	No Change	2.2%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.3%	Down from 23.3%	14.9%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 11.1%	7.7%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Down from 4.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.3%	Up from 7.4%	10.5%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	33.0%	Up from 29.5%	52.1%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	44.3%	Up from 29.2%	31.7%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	63	Down from 89	69	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	37	Down from 39	37	35
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 2.2%	2.9%	2.8%
Teachers (n=413)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.8%	Up from 62.7%	61.9%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	85.5%	Up from 82.5%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.4%	Up from 88.9%	91.2%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.3%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,821	Up 2.0%	\$46,354	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	No Change	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Down from 13.4 days	12.2 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	Up from 19.2 to 1	21.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 87.9%	89.9%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,901	Down 4.0%	\$8,822	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.7%	Up from 52.4%	54.6%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.6%	Up from 55.0%	57.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Down from 10.5%	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	Down from 14.0	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Down from 100.0%	97.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$77,972	Down 4.7%	\$76,421	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	89.7%		93.1%	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

We continue to enjoy many successes in our school district. Seven of our eight elementary schools met AYP the previous year. In addition to success at the elementary level, our district has been recognized as a model for drop-out prevention efforts. Over a three year period, the drop out percentage reduced from 4.6% to 2.0%, below the state average of 2.9%.

We maintain a focus of continuous improvement for all students. This is conveyed through our mission of engaging students at all levels in education experiences to ensure success and life-long learning. Opportunities including Montessori at the elementary level, single gender classes at the middle level, and dual credit and virtual classes at the high school level are offered. We are diligent in looking for opportunities to expand our choice options even as we have experienced over \$4 million dollars in budget cuts and a staff reduction of 72 positions over a two year period.

Our successes are achieved through the efforts and commitment of our dedicated trustees, capable administrators, and talented faculty and staff. Our district teacher of the year, Mr. Jeffrey Eargle, was chosen as a finalist for the State Teacher of the Year.

We realize that support from our families and the community is essential to the overall development of our students. We thank you for your continued support and we ask that you stay involved with what is happening within our school district so that we may continue to provide the best educational experience for the students in Newberry County.

Bennie Bennett, Superintendent

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