

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 3 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,999  
 Superintendent: Dr. James O. Ray  
 Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury

## 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	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2009	Average	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
2	8	10	2	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	75.4%	75.6%	78.7%	79.2%	75.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.0%	74.4%	69.7%	73.2%	73.2%
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	42.1%	33.1%	25.9%	40.1%	35.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.4%	35.5%	23.1%	32.7%	33.5%
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	78.4%	13.0%	8.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.3%	11.9%	8.7%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	91.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.9%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	69.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.1%

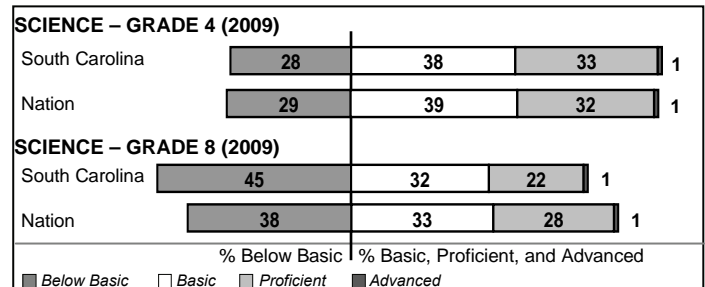
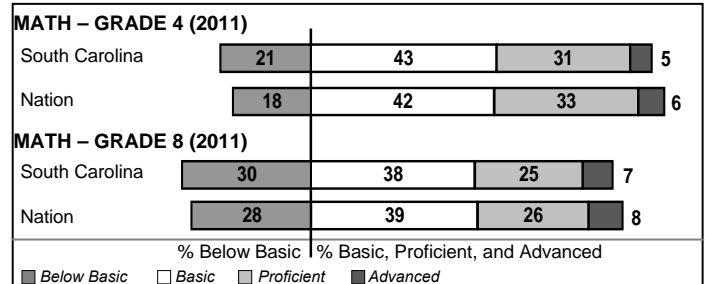
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.3%
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.*

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=2,999)</b>				
Retention rate	2.7%	Up from 1.7%	1.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.6%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.4%	Up from 21.7%	18.5%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	11.9%	Down from 13.8%	7.9%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Down from 3.2%	2.7%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.6%	Up from 16.3%	17.5%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	68.7%	Up from 67.7%	52.8%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	54.2%	Up from 53.3%	31.9%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	15	Up from 0	81	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	9	Up from 0	45	35
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Up from 1.8%	3.1%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=180)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.9%	Down from 65.3%	64.3%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Up from 81.2%	88.1%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.4%	Up from 89.2%	91.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	No Change	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,826	Down 3.9%	\$47,657	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Down from 0.6%	1.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.2 days	Up from 15.3 days	12.2 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	14.0	Up from 13.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	22.0 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 88.7%	90.1%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,937	Up 5.5%	\$8,955	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.9%	Down from 53.2%	54.8%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.0%	Down from 56.3%	58.1%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	7	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	7.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	85.4%	Down from 95.0%	96.4%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$82,659	Down 4.7%	\$78,752	\$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

School year 2010 -2011 was a great year of accomplishments by our students, faculty, schools, and district. Students excelled in all areas of our school programs. From academics to athletics, fine arts to community service, a culture of excellence permeates our school system.

Our academic achievement continues to improve. Cannons Elementary School received the Palmetto Gold award, while Cowpens Elementary School, Pacolet Elementary School, Cowpens Middle School and Middle School of Pacolet all received Palmetto Silver awards. Pacolet Elementary School is also the recipient of a Gold "Closing the Achievement Gap" Award.

We are proud of our significant growth in reading, math, and language achievement on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Our students also performed well on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) for grades 3-8 and End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP) and Advanced Placement exams. Broome High School's senior class has received scholarship awards totaling \$5,240,200, up \$2,276,022 from 2010.

District communication programs and publications received eighteen awards in the Rewards for Excellence competition sponsored by the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association.

Spartanburg School District Three is an unquestioned leader in classroom technology. From computers to sound amplification systems and interactive white boards, teachers and students in every classroom are equipped with the most modern equipment and software available.

Awards earned by our faculty and volunteers included: Veterans of Foreign Wars District Teacher of the Year; SC ASCD Teacher of the Year; SC ASCD Friend of Education; Educational Testing Service Award of Excellence for Principles of Learning and Teaching; State AA Coach of the Year honors in both Cross Country and Baseball; \$20,000 AdvanceSC grant. Broome High School's Air Force JROTC received the Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Organization Award.

Spartanburg District Three received full accreditation through AdvancED, a global leader in advancing excellence in education through continuous improvement, organizational effectiveness, and accreditation. The district received eight commendations for effectiveness and two highly functional ratings for the standards of governance and leadership and resources and support systems.

Community support for our schools remains widespread and dependable. Along with our Board of Trustees, we thank you for your continued support as we provide the highest quality education possible in the safe, secure environment that our students deserve.

Jim Ray, Superintendent

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