



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Spartanburg 4 School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: 2,991  
**Superintendent: W. Rallie Liston**  
**Board Chair: Milton 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	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	9	9	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	76.3%	82.5%	73.7%	74.4%	70.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.0%	75.3%	70.7%	73.6%	74.3%
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	40.7%	45.4%	24.8%	35.4%	30.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.4%	36.4%	23.7%	32.7%	34.4%
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	83.7%	8.8%	7.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.7%	11.8%	8.5%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	93.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.0%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	72.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.2%

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.3%

\*\* 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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# Spartanburg 4 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=2,991)</b>				
Retention rate	1.1%	Up from 1.0%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.5%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.5%	Up from 10.9%	19.0%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	6.2%	Down from 7.5%	7.7%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	Down from 2.1%	2.3%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.1%	0.9%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	36.3%	Down from 37.6%	17.9%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	21.6%	Down from 25.7%	50.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.8%	Down from 35.4%	31.4%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	59	Up from 19	83	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	29	Up from 19	52	35
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	3.4%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=167)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.9%	Up from 64.1%	61.4%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	94.6%	Up from 92.4%	88.0%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.9%	Up from 91.5%	92.4%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.4%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,843	Up 0.9%	\$47,606	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3%	Up from 0.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Down from 10.4 days	11.8 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	8.5	Up from 7.5	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	No Change	22.4 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 90.5%	90.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,482	Down 1.9%	\$8,736	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.4%	Down from 55.2%	55.3%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.5%	Down from 57.5%	59.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Up from 91.8%	96.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$79,752	Up 2.1%	\$78,741	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%		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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Spartanburg School District Four's cost effectiveness rating tied for 4th best out of 85 South Carolina school districts, according to The Center for American Progress. Contributing to this rating are several factors. The district's exceptionally high absolute performance among school districts in South Carolina is accomplished despite expending less money per pupil than all but two of those districts.

The district's student dropout rate is well below the state median. Spartanburg Four's Advanced Placement course enrollment, percentage of students attending full-day kindergarten (including four-year old kindergarten), and prime instructional time all exceed the state median, while average administrators' salaries, percentage of portable classrooms and long-term teaching vacancies are all lower than the state median.

Achieving at a high level while exercising prudence in fiscal matters is an ongoing challenge. The faculty, staff and administrators in Spartanburg School District Four accept and strive daily to meet that challenge on behalf of our students and community.

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