



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Beaufort County School District School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 19,995
 Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
 Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	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
11	6	3	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	74.1%	73.9%	69.6%	72.1%	71.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	75.8%	73.3%	75.6%	75.1%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	41.5%	36.7%	21.3%	29.9%	36.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.7%	37.2%	25.1%	34.7%	38.3%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	81.8%	10.5%	7.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	11.4%	7.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	93.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	73.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.0%

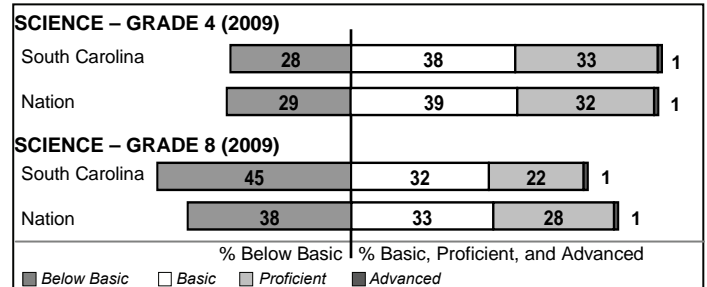
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.2%

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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
Students (n=19,995)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.4%	1.6%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.6%	96.1%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.9%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	35.1%	Down from 38.8%	19.3%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.1%	Up from 48.0%	48.4%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	15.3%	Down from 29.8%	35.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	110	Down from 210	61	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	74	Down from 105	41	31
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	Up from 1.7%	2.8%	2.7%
Teachers (n=1,430)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Up from 61.4%	62.6%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Up from 87.7%	92.1%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	No Change	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,253	Down 1.3%	\$47,850	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.6%	Up from 0.4%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.3%	Up from 4.6%	1.8%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	16.5 days	Down from 18.2 days	11.4 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	22.8 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 89.0%	90.1%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,918	Up 2.9%	\$8,167	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.7%	Down from 53.8%	55.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.0%	Down from 57.5%	58.6%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	31	Down from 33	14	9
Portable classrooms	1.4%	Down from 1.7%	1.9%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	29.0	Down from 32.0	14.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.8%	100.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$83,392	Down 0.4%	\$79,714	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	86.4	N/A	89.2	85.6

* 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	ESEA Grade
Riverview Charter School	Excellent	Excellent	A

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Beaufort County School District Family:

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of students, families, educators and school partners, 2011-12 was another year of solid improvements. Student achievement improved on state and national norm-referenced tests. Ninety-three percent of schools were rated Excellent, Good or Average on state School Report Cards, up from 59 percent in 2008 when Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) tests were introduced. For the first time since Report Cards were first published more than 10 years ago, no Beaufort County school was rated At-Risk. Four were rated Excellent.

BCSD met 31 of its 33 federal goals (94 percent) under the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, up from 21 of 33 goals (64 percent) five years ago. Also, 76 percent of Beaufort students passed both sections of the high school exit exam on their first attempt, an improvement over 2010's passing rate of 74 percent and 2009's passing rate of 72 percent. A record 27 schools – up from only three in 2007 -- earned 34 state Palmetto Gold or Silver awards for overall performance or for closing achievement gaps. On national MAP tests, our students scored above the national average in all grades and in all subjects except for Grade 2 reading. Beaufort Middle and Hilton Head Island High won Palmetto's Finest Awards, making Beaufort only the third district in the award's 34-year history to have two winners in the same year. Whale Branch Early College High School's first graduates included students who also earned two-year associate's degrees through a partnership with the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

For the third consecutive year, the district operated without a tax increase while maintaining an exemplary credit rating that saves taxpayer dollars. Eighty positions were eliminated, bringing the total number eliminated over the past three years to 169. The number of district office staff has been reduced by one-third. Innovative conservation practices saved more than a million kilowatt-hours of electricity over 2006 levels despite the addition of building space. Water use decreased from 43.8 million gallons in 2009 to 33.2 million gallons in 2011 thanks to water-saving technology. Refinancing a bond for school maintenance saved about \$2.4 million. Another highlight was Beaufort County's national recognition as one of the America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best Communities for Young People. Everywhere you looked in 2011-12, there was evidence that "Learning Leads the Way" in Beaufort County.

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