



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Chester County School District School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,499
 Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman
 Board Chair: Mrs. Maggie James

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	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	3	15	1	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	62.4%	63.9%	61.4%	66.3%	60.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.1%	68.8%	66.7%	69.6%	69.1%
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	28.0%	23.0%	15.2%	23.8%	19.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.4%	29.2%	19.6%	27.7%	31.1%
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	76.2%	13.2%	10.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	13.4%	9.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	92.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	61.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%

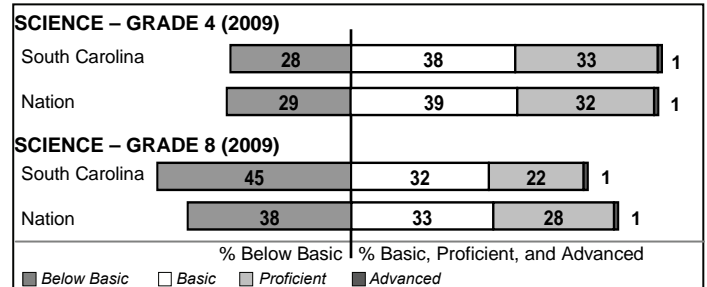
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	70.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.6%

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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=5,499)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 3.8%	2.2%	2.0%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.6%	96.0%	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	1.9%	Up from 1.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.7%	Up from 8.5%	8.3%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	35.7%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.4%	Down from 33.7%	29.7%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	58	Up from 43	50	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	29	Up from 28	26	31
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 5.3%	3.3%	2.7%
Teachers (n=353)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Down from 63.2%	62.3%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.3%	Up from 87.6%	91.2%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 98.8%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,581	Down 1.9%	\$46,019	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.6%	Down from 1.4%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	Up from 2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 9.9 days	12.1 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Up from 0.5	3.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.9 to 1	Up from 21.8 to 1	22.6 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 92.8%	89.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,557	Down 3.0%	\$8,659	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.6%	Up from 50.9%	52.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.5%	Up from 53.3%	54.4%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Fair	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	Down from 13	7	9
Portable classrooms	4.1%	Down from 14.0%	1.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	Down from 12.0	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.9%	99.7%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$68,924	Down 4.3%	\$77,747	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	75.2	N/A	84.3	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
The Academy for Teaching and Learning	Average	Average	C

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Winston Churchill once said, "Never, never, never, never give up." This has been the motto employees in the Chester County School District have had to live by for a number of years. Although financial challenges and a declining enrollment have presented some hardships for the district, determination, perseverance, and persistence coupled with new leadership have created a culture that does not shy away from change. Chester County has met every challenge with fortitude and tenacity. Strong leadership, community and parent partnerships, as well as, commitment; continue to make Chester County a great place to learn and grow.

As a result, as the Chester County School District continues to experience transition, numerous successes for the 2011-2012 school year can be noted. Among these successes are:

- 1) The district's entering candidacy for District Accreditation
- 2) Seven district schools named Palmetto Gold or Silver for closing the Achievement Gap and/or Performance. These include:
 1. Great Falls High School
 2. Lewisville High School
 3. Lewisville Middle School
 4. Lewisville Elementary School
 5. The Academy for Teaching and Learning
 6. Chester Park Center of Literacy through Technology
 7. Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts
- 3) Chester County is home to the 2011-2012 South Carolina State Assistant Principal of the Year – Dr. Tammy Graham – newly named Principal of Chester Park Center of Literacy through Technology.
- 4) Lewisville High School under the leadership of Dr. Jim Knox met all of its objectives and as a result made Adequate Yearly Progress.
- 5) Ms. Sherry Adams is the South Carolina Career and Technology Advisor of the Year for 2012.
- 6) In June 2012, Mr. Lee Green, Director of the Chester County Career Center, was elected to serve as President of the South Carolina Career and Technology Education Administrators Association.
- 7) Great Falls High School won its 10th straight title as the 2012 Class A State Champions and Lewisville High School won the public school division - 2012 State Championship of Sporting Clays.
- 8) A new Administrative Office building project was completed on schedule and within budget

Chester County School District realizes the most powerful predictor of academic growth and employment success is a strong foundation provided through quality early learning experiences, and as such, the district continues to support the expansion of Pre-K and Child Development programs in Chester County.

Chester County is truly a great place to grow, work, live and learn.

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