

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

School District of Newberry County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,804
 Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
 Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm

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	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	6	12	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	69.7%	73.8%	70.1%	74.5%	65.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.3%	74.0%	71.0%	73.4%	72.9%
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	34.5%	31.9%	21.7%	32.1%	28.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.3%	34.8%	23.0%	31.9%	35.1%
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	75.4%	12.2%	12.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.0%	12.4%	9.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	87.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	66.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.1%

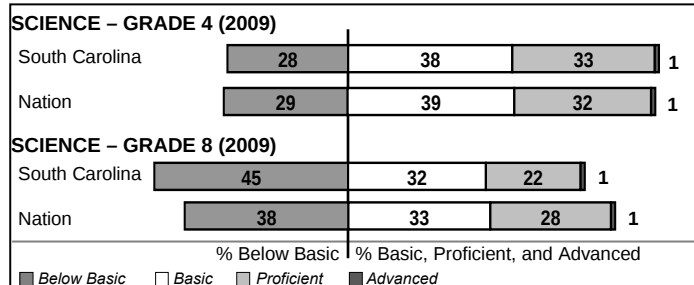
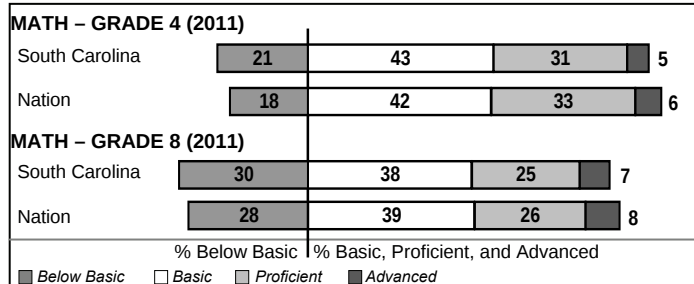
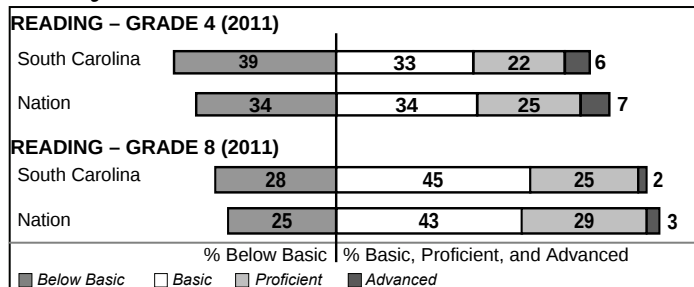
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	74.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.2%

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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=5,804)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 1.9%	2.1%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.5%	96.2%	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	0.3%	Down from 0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.2%	Down from 9.3%	13.1%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	48.5%	Up from 33.0%	50.0%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	50.3%	Up from 44.3%	36.4%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	63	No Change	79	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	39	Up from 37	39	31
Annual dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 2.0%	2.7%	2.7%
Teachers (n=413)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.0%	Up from 66.8%	63.7%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Up from 89.4%	91.5%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	No Change	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,001	Up 0.4%	\$47,114	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.1%	Down from 0.5%	2.1%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	15.5 days	Up from 12.2 days	12.9 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	21.8 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 89.6%	90.0%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,608	Down 3.0%	\$8,794	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.6%	Down from 53.7%	54.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.3%	Down from 55.6%	56.6%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	0.6%	Down from 0.9%	1.3%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.8%	99.4%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$77,402	Down 0.7%	\$77,498	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	87.9	N/A	85.6	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
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The School District of Newberry County is the second largest employer in the county. The district serves over 5,800 students in three attendance areas containing a total of 12 schools and a technologically advanced career center. Our staff includes over 480 teachers who are supported by 350 other personnel and administrators. Ten of our schools received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for General Performance and/or Closing the Achievement Gap.

Our mission is to engage students at all levels in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning. In several of our elementary schools, we offer pre-kindergarten and Montessori for students from ages three through grade five. Our middle schools are working with students to develop individualized programs of study that are implemented in our high schools. In our high schools, we strive to provide a comprehensive curriculum to address individual needs of all of our students. The competency-based curriculum at the Newberry County Career Center enables students to acquire skills and knowledge for gaining employment and/or post-secondary education, as well as reflecting the employment needs of local businesses and industries.

We continue to maintain a focus of continuous improvement for all students. This focus is demonstrated through the revisions to the district strategic plan. The plan, with input from parents, community members, teachers, and administrators, sets goals for academic achievement and outlines steps the district will take to achieve those goals. These revisions, completed each year, ensure our focus remains on students.

We are always grateful for the support and involvement from our community. Our partnerships extend beyond our classrooms into the many service learning and character education projects. We support Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, canned food drives, animal shelter donations, and numerous other community projects. Our teachers, staff, and administrators continue to provide our students the support they need to be successful citizens.

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