



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Spartanburg Four School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: 2,862  
**Superintendent: W. Rallie Liston**  
**Board Chair: Milton Smith**

## 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	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## 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	78.4%	82.2%	78.3%	75.9%	78.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.7%	75.6%	73.4%	75.1%	74.9%
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	48.8%	48.8%	28.0%	38.1%	40.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.9%	36.0%	24.4%	32.9%	37.3%
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	91.0%	4.5%	4.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	11.5%	7.0%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	92.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.1%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	82.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.4%

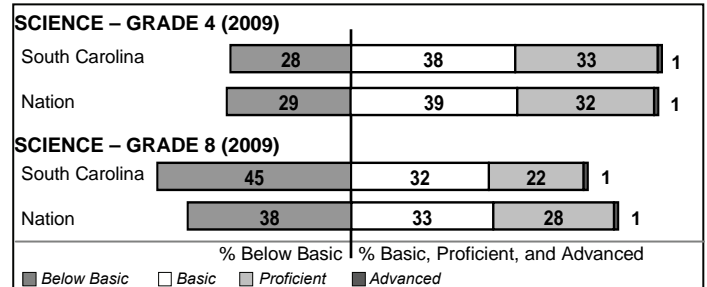
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.0%

\*\* 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.*

#### Abbreviations Key

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# Spartanburg Four School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=2,862)</b>				
Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 1.1%	1.6%	2.0%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.2%	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	0.8%	Up from 0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	43.9%	Up from 36.3%	17.4%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	25.1%	Up from 21.6%	48.8%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.2%	Up from 28.8%	34.2%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	57	Down from 59	61	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	31	Up from 29	41	31
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	No Change	2.8%	2.7%
<b>Teachers (n=158)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.0%	Up from 65.9%	62.9%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	93.3%	Up from 92.9%	92.4%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.9%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,610	Up 1.6%	\$47,850	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Up from 1.3%	1.8%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	12.3 days	Up from 10.0 days	12.3 days	12.4 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	9.5	Up from 8.5	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.7 to 1	Up from 24.8 to 1	22.8 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 90.6%	90.3%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,434	Down 0.6%	\$8,167	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.2%	Up from 52.4%	55.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.6%	Down from 56.5%	58.4%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.9%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	14.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Up from 95.3%	100.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$82,940	Up 4.0%	\$79,028	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	90.8	N/A	89.9	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

Spartanburg School District Four continues to provide students and their families with excellent instructional, co-curricular, and other educational opportunities within an atmosphere of high expectations, strong support and personalized interactions. Students are the focus of everything we do, and their success is our goal in every program we provide. As a result of the dedication, compassion and hard work exhibited by our school and district staff, our students have been recognized for excellence in a variety of ways. In the 2011-2012 school year, students at each of our schools have achieved success. Woodruff High School was recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the nation. In addition, the school earned its 10th consecutive Palmetto Gold award for the academic performance of its students. Athletics and arts programs garnered additional awards due to the efforts of students and their coaches and advisors. Woodruff Middle School earned a Palmetto Silver Award in 2011-2012 based on students' academic growth over the previous three school years. Woodruff Elementary School earned a Palmetto Gold Award for overall student achievement, as well as its results in closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming groups of students. Woodruff Primary School, the only primary school in SC accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), continues to provide an educational environment that balances nurturance with appropriate challenges for students beginning in three-year-old kindergarten. A district-wide emphasis on literacy has helped our students become better readers at all levels. As students learn to read in the early grades, they read to learn as they progress into the higher grades. A multitude of alternative programs are provided to ensure that all our students succeed, regardless of their individual challenges. An example of such an initiative is the iPad-based instruction for students enrolled in special education. Our district intends to expand this initiative to the general education program as resources become available. The 2012-2013 school year promises to be another opportunity for student success in Spartanburg School District Four. Our staff is prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Our school board, empowered by our community, continues to support the hard work of students, teachers, and administrators as we work together to develop well-rounded citizenry.

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NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status