



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Cherokee School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 8,664
 Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore
 Board Chair: Mike Ellis

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
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	9	10	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. 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	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	68.9%	67.9%	60.3%	62.9%	66.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.0%	70.7%	70.4%	73.0%	71.1%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	33.4%	30.5%	13.5%	22.2%	26.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	37.7%	32.7%	21.5%	33.8%	29.5%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	80.5%	7.7%	11.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.0%	12.1%	8.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	89.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	59.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.1%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	76.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.1%

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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=8,664)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.0%	2.3%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.7%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.1%	N/A	13.6%	12.0%
With disabilities	10.6%	N/A	14.2%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	N/A	5.0%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	0.6%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.5%	Down from 15.3%	12.0%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.8%	Up from 48.5%	49.8%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	69.2%	Up from 62.0%	34.8%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	107	Down from 138	55	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	106	Down from 116	31	37
Annual dropout rate	2.6%	Down from 3.5%	2.5%	2.3%
Teachers (n=612)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Down from 62.0%	62.8%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Up from 84.3%	84.1%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.9%	Up from 92.8%	91.1%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.1%	94.9%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,352	Up 1.7%	\$48,141	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Down from 1.5%	1.7%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Down from 11.5 days	11.4 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.5	Up from 0.5	4.8	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Down from 21.5 to 1	21.4 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 91.0%	89.1%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,708	Up 4.9%	\$9,101	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.0%	Down from 55.7%	52.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.0%	Down from 57.3%	54.5%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	11	11
Portable classrooms	5.8%	Up from 1.4%	0.6%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	10.5	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$79,713	Up 1.8%	\$79,509	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	68.8	Down from 72.3	78.5	81.0

* 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

Cherokee County Public Schools had another great year serving our students.

Cherokee County School District was pleased to learn that five district schools received 2012-2013 Palmetto Gold or Silver Awards for performance or Closing the Achievement Gap. The Cherokee Technology Center and Northwest Elementary earned a Gold Award for General Performance. Palmetto Silver General Performance Awards were earned by Corinth, Draytonville, and Granard Middle. Granard also earned a Silver Closing the Achievement Award. Corinth, Draytonville, Goucher, and Northwest were also recognized as 2012-2013 Title One Reward Schools.

The Gaffney High School JROTC Unit received the Distinguished Unit Award for 2012-2013 from the United States Air Force, a distinction they have received for ten consecutive years. CMSgt. Randall Byars received the AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor award.

Four members of the class of 2013 graduated from high school with 12 years of perfect attendance. Also, the graduates received \$12,915,810 in scholarship offers. The class of 2013 included 15 Palmetto Fellows and earned 355 Life Scholarships. Forty-four eighth grade students earned Junior Scholar recognition for PSAT scores. One seventh grade student was recognized as a Duke TIP scholar. Twenty-nine students achieved a perfect Score on one or more areas of PASS or HSAP.

The Gaffney High School Football team won the 4-A State Championship and three GHS students achieved championship honors in wrestling and track and field.

Mrs. Betsy Joliff was named District Teacher of the Year. Ms. Tracey Davis was recognized as Support Staff Employee of the Year. Mrs. Lisa Hannon was selected as the South Carolina Adult Education Director of the Year. Two schools, Alma Elementary and Gaffney Middle are partner schools with Winthrop University. Alma has also been designated as a Winthrop University Professional Development School.

Our district, working in collaboration with community stakeholders, created a five-year strategic plan that centered around four areas that include: technology, positive image, professionalism, and safety. We are excited about the direction that this plan will take us in the upcoming years and believe that our students will be the beneficiaries. This plan, coupled with a community initiative known as Know(2), an effort to change the mindset about education in our district, will be a catalyst to increase student achievement and help our district work toward continuous improvement.

Many factors contributed to a successful year: student effort, teacher dedication, parent support, and community help and input. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from everyone in making 2012-2013 a very successful school year for the students and staff of the Cherokee County School District. We are focused and committed to our students' future.

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