



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Saluda School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,118
 Superintendent: Dr. David M. Mathis
 Board Chair: Dr. Kathy Coleman

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 | Excellent | Excellent | N/A | N/A | B | N/A |
| 2012 | Excellent | Excellent | N/A | N/A | A | N/A |
| 2011 | Average | Good | N/A | N/A | Met | CDI-HOLD |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 5 | 8 | 11 | 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 | 76.6% | 75.5% | 75.6% | 75.8% | 79.8% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 71.6% | 67.4% | 67.5% | 70.5% | 68.6% |
| 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 | 37.0% | 33.1% | 21.6% | 28.1% | 33.7% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 34.5% | 28.7% | 18.8% | 30.4% | 26.6% |
| 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 | 84.5% | 10.9% | 4.7% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 79.0% | 12.1% | 9.2% |

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 92.5% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 91.0% |

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 72.3% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 68.6% |

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 80.0% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 78.2% |

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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.

Abbreviations Key

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DISTRICT PROFILE

| | Our District | Change from Last Year | Districts with Students Like Ours | Median District |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Students (n=2,118) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 2.9% | Up from 2.2% | 2.6% | 1.9% |
| Attendance rate | 96.0% | Down from 96.4% | 95.7% | 95.8% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 7.2% | N/A | 11.6% | 12.0% |
| With disabilities | 12.0% | N/A | 14.0% | 12.7% |
| Older than usual for grade | 6.4% | N/A | 5.5% | 4.8% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.0% | Down from 1.2% | 0.5% | 0.7% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 6.3% | Up from 0.0% | 10.4% | 14.0% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | 50.0% | N/A | 48.9% | 50.5% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 52.4% | Down from 60.8% | 33.7% | 31.8% |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs | 11 | Up from 8 | 31 | 50 |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs | 11 | Up from 7 | 25 | 37 |
| Annual dropout rate | 1.9% | Down from 2.7% | 2.6% | 2.3% |
| Teachers (n=139) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 54.0% | Up from 53.7% | 61.8% | 61.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 77.7% | Down from 90.4% | 84.1% | 80.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.3% | Down from 91.7% | 90.9% | 90.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 94.2% | Down from 95.0% | 94.8% | 94.8% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$44,796 | Up 3.6% | \$46,548 | \$47,587 |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks | 0.0% | No Change | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 3.8% | Down from 8.2% | 2.2% | 1.8% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 12.7 days | Down from 17.8 days | 11.0 days | 10.3 days |
| District | | | | |
| Superintendent's years at district | 5.0 | Up from 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 21.0 to 1 | Down from 25.3 to 1 | 21.4 to 1 | 22.2 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 88.5% | Down from 90.0% | 89.1% | 89.4% |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$8,792 | Down 2.3% | \$9,062 | \$9,101 |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 50.0% | Down from 52.7% | 52.0% | 52.0% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 52.0% | Down from 52.7% | 54.0% | 56.0% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| Number of schools | 5 | No Change | 9 | 11 |
| Portable classrooms | 0.0% | No Change | 0.6% | 0.9% |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation | 5.0 | No Change | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0% | No Change | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Average administrator salary | \$78,863 | Up 9.5% | \$79,509 | \$79,389 |
| Number of charter schools | 0 | No Change | 0 | 0 |
| ESEA composite index score | 83.3 | Down from 90.5 | 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

Making student learning our number one priority, staff participated in professional development through professional learning communities (PLCs) where they developed units aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and utilized data to drive instruction. Eighty administrators and staff ended the school year by participating in a summer course titled "Assessing the Core". Much of this year's professional development focused on full implementation of the CCSS from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Paul Johnson, science teacher at Saluda High, was named one of the five finalists for the South Carolina Teacher of the Year, as well as the 2013 American Legion Teacher of the Year. Saluda Elementary and Saluda Middle were awarded the Palmetto Gold and/or Silver Award for student performance and closing the achievement gap. Saluda Primary earned a rating of Excellent on their Report Card.

The class of 2013 amassed over \$2 million dollars in scholarship money for only the second time in history. Sixty-six seniors were eligible for either a two or four year Life Scholarship and one senior received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Saluda athletic teams excelled in the regional and state levels. Three athletes made All-State Teams, nine out of thirteen varsity teams qualified for state play-offs, and one athlete was invited to play in the Under Armour Combine Game in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Boys' Golf team won the region title and finished in the top five at the AA State Golf Tournament. In addition to athletics, other departments excelled in the following ways: the Marching Band finished in the top five in State Competition, art students won state and national awards, the FFA chapter won awards in the Regional Competition, a member of the NJROTC placed in the Area Six and National Rifle Championship, and the HOSA students qualified for the National HOSA Competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

We are proud to put children first, to foster a dedicated and knowledgeable faculty, as well as to provide a safe and rigorous learning environment for our students. We thank you for your support and for sharing the responsibility of the accomplishments of our students, our schools, and our community.

David M. Mathis, Ed.D
Superintendent

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