



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Union County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 4,144
 Superintendent: Dr. Kristi V. Woodall
 Board Chair: Dr. Betty JoAnn McMorris

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	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	8	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	71.3%	72.0%	65.5%	69.4%	70.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.7%	67.9%	67.7%	70.8%	69.0%
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	31.2%	28.4%	15.1%	28.2%	24.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	34.7%	29.1%	18.8%	30.7%	26.9%
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	69.7%	19.2%	11.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.0%	12.1%	9.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	93.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	62.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	82.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.7%

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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=4,144)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Up from 2.3%	2.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.9%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.4%	N/A	11.8%	12.0%
With disabilities	15.0%	N/A	13.7%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	6.1%	N/A	5.5%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.2%	Down from 11.4%	10.4%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	25.9%	Up from 23.8%	49.3%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.9%	Up from 31.9%	34.6%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	64	Down from 131	39	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	50	No Change	28	37
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	Down from 3.4%	2.6%	2.3%
Teachers (n=286)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.2%	Down from 63.1%	62.0%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	87.8%	Down from 91.0%	84.1%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Up from 91.5%	91.1%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Up from 91.5%	94.8%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,167	Up 2.4%	\$46,815	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Up from 1.5%	1.9%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	2.9 days	Down from 9.9 days	11.0 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.5	Up from 2.5	4.3	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 17.9 to 1	21.0 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Up from 85.1%	89.2%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,392	Up 5.4%	\$9,101	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Down from 55.3%	52.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 58.7%	54.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	10	Up from 7	10	11
Portable classrooms	3.2%	Down from 6.2%	0.6%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	10.0	Up from 7.0	10.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$77,785	Up 1.4%	\$79,297	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	75.4	Down from 81.8	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

The 2012-13 school year has been a fast-paced and enjoyable one. We are proud of our students' performance in academic, fine arts, and athletic events. Foster Park Elementary received the Palmetto Gold Award for student achievement and improvement while Sims Middle, Buffalo Elementary, and Lockhart Schools received Palmetto Silver. Our district is one of six in SC selected to partner with the Upstate Writing Project at Clemson University for staff development opportunities in teaching writing through the National Writing Project's College-Ready Writers Program. Union County Schools is pleased to recognize staff member accomplishments as well. Donna Long and Ralph Lawson were named as Teachers of the Week by the Carolina Panthers and were celebrated at a Panthers game.

Our Union County Career and Technology Center became a separate school site in December 2012. Kevin Morrow was hired as director. He and Eric Childers have joined me in leadership roles of the WorkReady community initiative for workforce development.

Union County Schools maintained its excellent student teacher ratios this year, and these smaller classes allow us to focus on the progress of each student. We continued the expansion of our post-secondary opportunities and business partnerships to better prepare our students. The Board of Trustees and administration have worked hard to examine every aspect of district operations to assure that the emphasis continues to be on the classroom.

I enjoy serving you as superintendent. Progress continues as we make every effort to best serve the needs of each student and identify areas for improvement.

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