



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

York 4 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 11,002
 Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
 Board Chair: Patrick White

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	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	0	0	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	90.9%	88.9%	90.3%	90.3%	90.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.9%	88.9%	90.3%	90.3%	90.2%
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	61.6%	55.8%	43.2%	60.7%	54.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.6%	55.8%	43.2%	60.7%	54.5%
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	95.3%	2.8%	1.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.3%	2.8%	1.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	98.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	98.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	92.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

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

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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=11,002)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	0.9%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.8%	96.6%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.1%	N/A	25.1%	12.0%
With disabilities	9.1%	N/A	9.1%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	N/A	1.5%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	37.6%	Up from 32.5%	37.6%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	85.9%	Up from 83.0%	85.9%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	40.5%	No Change	40.5%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	16	Up from 8	16	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	15	Up from 6	15	37
Annual dropout rate	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	1.2%	2.3%
Teachers (n=735)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.4%	Up from 66.8%	69.4%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	84.9%	Down from 86.0%	84.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6%	Down from 94.8%	93.6%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.6%	94.7%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,160	Up 0.5%	\$51,160	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	Up from 2.1%	2.7%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Down from 11.2 days	10.7 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.1 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	22.1 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 90.0%	89.9%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,789	Up 1.8%	\$7,789	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	Down from 60.3%	60.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 61.2%	61.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	13	11
Portable classrooms	0.3%	No Change	0.3%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	No Change	13.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Up from 96.2%	98.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$93,198	Up 2.3%	\$93,198	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	91.3	Down from 95.0	91.3	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

For the 2012-13 school year, Fort Mill School District (FMSD) continued to be one of the fastest growing school districts, per capita, in the state of South Carolina. In spite of the most depressed economy since the 1930's, the district grew at a rate of 6% which equated to over 400 new students. The enrollment at year-end was approximately 11,134 students.

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Even though we face additional financial issues as we go forward, the School Board, the administration, the teachers and staff pledge to continue to provide a quality educational program to our constituents. In fact, we developed a three-year spending plan to prepare for future obligations, including the opening of two new elementary schools in 2014. As always, we will focus our resources at the classroom level. Thank you for your past support and the district looks forward to continuing to work with our community in ensuring that we adhere to the motto of "Children First."

James N. Epps, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent

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