

# SC Annual District Report Card Summary

**DORCHESTER 2 School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 24,392**  
**Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye**  
**Board Chair: Gail Hughes**

## 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
2014	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A

### ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	0	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above			
District	82.1%	81.0%	77.8%	84.8%	83.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.2%	76.6%	74.4%	80.0%	80.1%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

### SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	52.9%	46.1%	33.8%	50.1%	46.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	48.1%	42.2%	30.7%	43.7%	44.3%
Average District	42.4%	36.6%	26.6%	37.5%	38.6%

### HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests	Passed 1 Subtest	Passed No Subtests
District	82.8%	11.7%	5.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.2%	12.6%	6.1%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	96.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.3%

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

District	83.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	83.0%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	84.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.1%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

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### 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.

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

TBD-To Be Determined

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n = 24,392)</b>				
Retention Rate	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	1.7%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.6%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.4%	Up from 17.2%	19.1%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Down from 10.3%	11.2%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	Down from 3.4%	3.3%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Up from 1.4%	1.0%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.0%	Up from 20.5%	36.3%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	57.6%	Down from 58.3%	57.6%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	45.5%	Up from 39.2%	37.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	754	Up from 187	593	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	153	Down from 187	153	31
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Up from 1.3%	1.4%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n = 1,472)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.8%	Up from 54.6%	61.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	75.9%	Down from 76.0%	75.9%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.5%	Down from 90.4%	89.5%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	No change	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,312	Up 0.2%	\$47,897	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No change	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	No change	2.9%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Up from 11.1 days	11.1 days	11.1 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	15.0	Up from 14.0	4.8	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	22.7 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 88.3%	90.8%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,209	Up 4.1%	\$8,209	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.0%	Up from 54.0%	53.8%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.4%	Up from 59.0%	56.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	21	No change	35	9
Portable classrooms	9.8%	Down from 10.0%	1.5%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	21.0	No change	21.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	99.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$79,695	Up 0.7%	\$81,863	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	1	0
ESEA composite index score	92.2	Up from 90.7	89.1	79.5

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE			
	SC PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	1/S	11.1%	23.1%

## CHAPTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The 2013-2014 school year has been one of extraordinary achievements and innovative academic programming for Dorchester School District Two. Recognized as a school system of excellence, the school district and all schools have been awarded National Accreditation from the AdvancED

Accreditation Commission. As a result of outstanding student growth and achievement, the district earned an absolute rating of Excellent and a growth rating of Excellent on the 2013 state report card. Seventeen of the twenty-one district schools received an absolute rating of Excellent and the other four schools received a rating of Good. In addition, Dorchester School District Two was one of only a few districts in the state that received an A on federal ratings released this year.

Working collaboratively with local colleges, businesses and chambers of commerce, the district has focused on increasing college career readiness initiatives that have created new opportunities for students. This year students were offered expanded Early College and Dual Credit programs that have allowed them to earn both high school and college credits. In order to prepare all students for a successful entry into the workforce, ACT's WorkKeys assessments were administered to all high school juniors and seniors, with the goal that all students will graduate with a WorkKeys certificate of skills mastery in addition to a diploma. Of the 1,416 seniors tested, 95% earned a WorkKeys certificate that objectively determines their work-ready status. Through robust partnerships with local industries and institutions of higher learning, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs have been expanded dramatically at every level.

District schools and students continue to excel in all areas of academic and extracurricular activities. Seventeen schools were awarded the state Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding student academic performance and student growth. In addition, eleven schools earned Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Closing the Achievement Gap. Flowertown Elementary earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award for 2013-2014. Three schools have successfully implemented the Leader in Me program to foster leadership skills for all students. One-hundred and thirty-two middle school students were named Junior Scholars. The JROTC programs at all three high schools were honored with the national Distinguished Unit Awards. The 2014 graduating classes were offered \$37,977,562 in scholarships, a district record.

Adequate funding for programs and operations continues to be a challenge for Dorchester School District Two as it ranks in the bottom five districts in per pupil expenditures. It is a challenging yet exciting time for our district as a building program is now underway to add three new elementary schools and a middle school, along with classroom additions and expansions to alleviate overcrowding. Significant progress has been made toward our vision to become a world class school district. Dorchester School District Two is leading the way, every student, every day through relationships, rigor, and relevance.

Joseph R. Pye, Superintendent