



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

HORRY School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 40,978**
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
Board Chair: Joe DeFeo

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	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2013	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	4	3	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	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	77.8%	78.2%	75.5%	79.1%	79.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.5%	73.3%	70.6%	76.4%	76.5%
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	47.3%	46.4%	31.4%	43.5%	42.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.1%	36.5%	26.0%	36.6%	37.8%
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	80.8%	12.3%	6.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.4%	14.1%	8.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	94.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	85.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

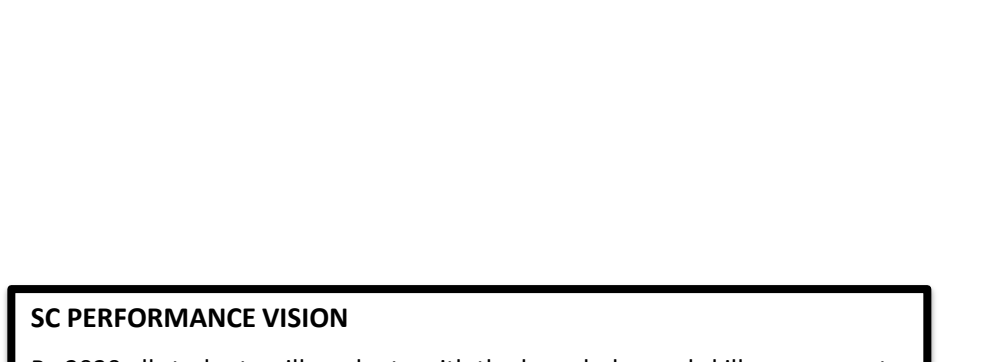
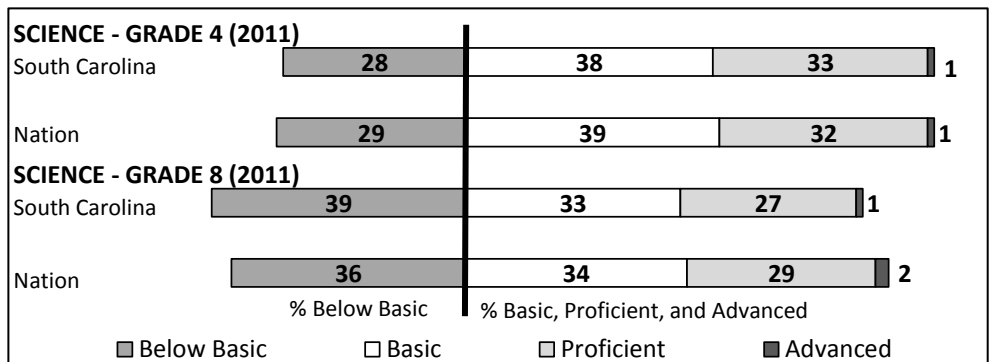
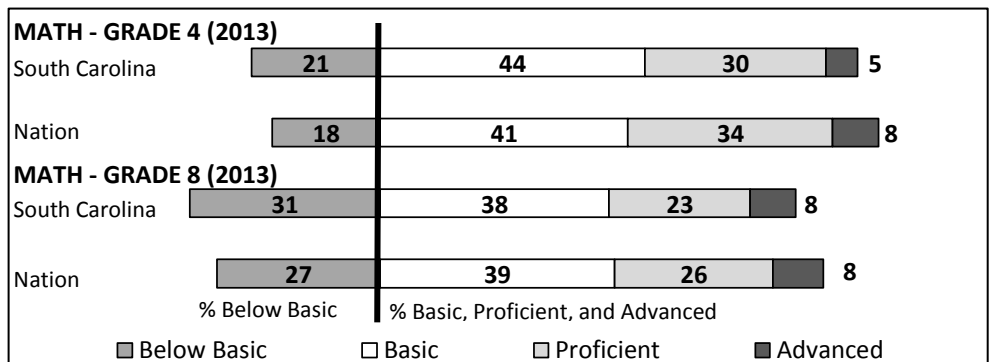
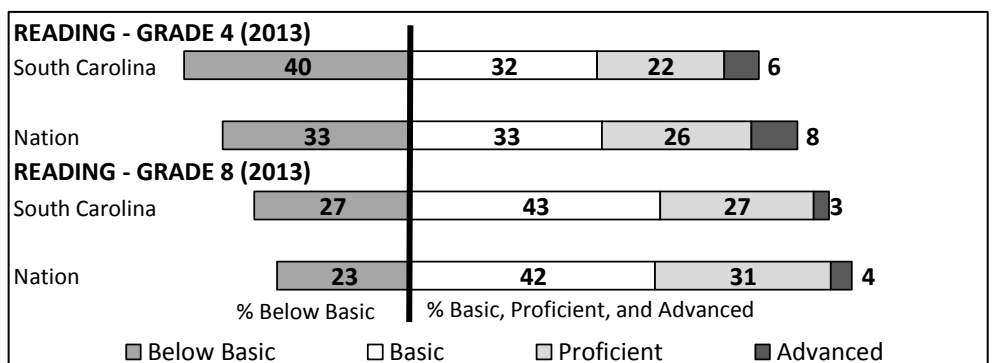
District	79.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.4%

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

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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Abbreviations Key

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HORRY School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 40,978)				
Retention Rate	1.2%	Down from 1.4%	1.8%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.7%	Up from 96.0%	96.4%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.6%	No change	16.1%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	13.8%	Down from 14.1%	13.5%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 3.1%	4.1%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Down from 2.2%	0.6%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.5%	Down from 22.7%	20.7%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	62.6%	N/A	61.0%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.6%	Down from 39.0%	32.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	390	Up from 291	162	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	7	Down from 132	34	31
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 3.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 2,725)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.7%	Up from 59.7%	63.6%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Up from 79.5%	83.4%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.7%	Down from 93.9%	91.6%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,929	Up 1.0%	\$48,728	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Up from 1.5%	3.4%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Down from 17.0 days	11.1 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	6.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Down from 22.2 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 88.7%	90.6%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,273	Up 2.0%	\$9,133	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.8%	Down from 56.0%	53.6%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 60.0%	56.6%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	56	Down from 58	13	9
Portable classrooms	3.8%	Up from 3.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	52.0	Up from 50.0	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$91,534	Up 0.0%	\$79,683	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	6	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	89.3	Down from 89.8	82.5	79.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	SC PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	I/S	I/S	I/S

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY CHARTER (ELEM.)	E	E	B
BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY CHARTER (MIDDLE)	A	B	B
PALMETTO ACADEMY OF LEARNING & SUCCESS (ELEM.)	E	G	A
PALMETTO ACADEMY OF LEARNING & SUCCESS (MIDDLE)	G	B	A
ACADEMY OF HOPE CHARTER (ELEM.)	B	A	D
PALMETTO ACADEMY OF LEARNING MOTORSPORTS (HIGH)	N/AV	N/AV	F

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Horry County Schools has experienced its most successful year in history.

Socastee High's Jennifer Ainsworth was named the SC Teacher of the Year. Homewood Elementary was named a Distinguished Title I School. Socastee Elementary is a nominee for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. Midland Elementary and Forestbrook Middle both won the prestigious Palmetto's Finest Award. Our District was recognized in the national Magna Awards program for our STEM initiative. HCS ranked as the State's highest performing countywide school system for grades issued for federal accountability. Schools earned 51 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. The NAMM Foundation listed HCS among the 2014 Best Communities for Music Education.

2013 SAT scores soared 30 points, yielding a composite of 1512, besting the national average by 14 points and the state average by 76. Our 2013 ACT scores had the highest one-year increase ever. At 20.8, our ACT composite is one-tenth of one point below the national average. HCS made the AP® District Honor Roll for gains in exam participation and performance. The Class of 2014 earned \$60 million in scholarships. Among our 2,264 graduates, 79 percent are continuing to their education with the added-value of having earned 1,870 dual-credit courses.

HCS swept events sponsored by the S.C. Bar. Forestbrook Middle and North Myrtle Beach High won State Mock Trial Championships. Carolina Forest High and the Early College High School won both State Championships for We the People. Early College was named High School of the Year and Norman McQueen of the Scholars Academy was named Citizen of the Year. Forestbrook Middle advanced to win the Battle of the Carolinas Mock Trial event; North Myrtle Beach High placed second in national competition.

HCS is launching its second year of one-on-one devices, empowering teachers to customize student learning with digital content and adaptive technologies. Our students' eagerness for technology is illustrated with a 400 percent increase in participation of the HCS Technology Fair and our competitiveness in robotics.

With your support we have enjoyed our most successful year in history. Please join us in the work to make each year our best ever.

Dr. Cindy Elsberry, Superintendent
Board Chair

Mr. Joe DeFeo,