



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

NEWBERRY COUNTY School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 6,064**
Superintendent: Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Jody Hamm

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	C	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	4	6	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	69.1%	72.8%	66.8%	74.9%	72.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.9%	71.5%	68.6%	74.9%	75.1%
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	34.3%	33.1%	22.9%	35.5%	32.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.4%	35.0%	24.5%	35.1%	36.2%
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	76.1%	15.2%	8.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%	14.8%	9.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	91.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.7%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	68.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.4%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

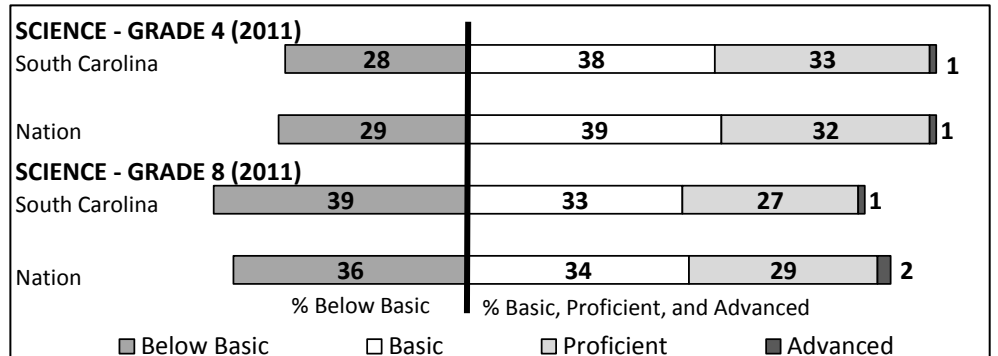
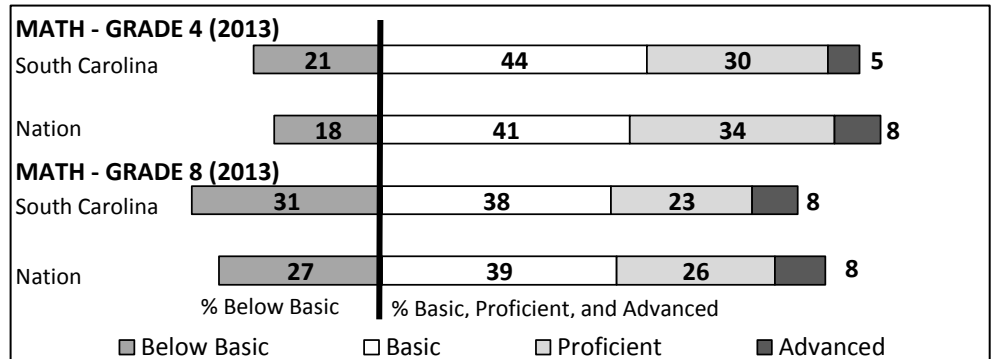
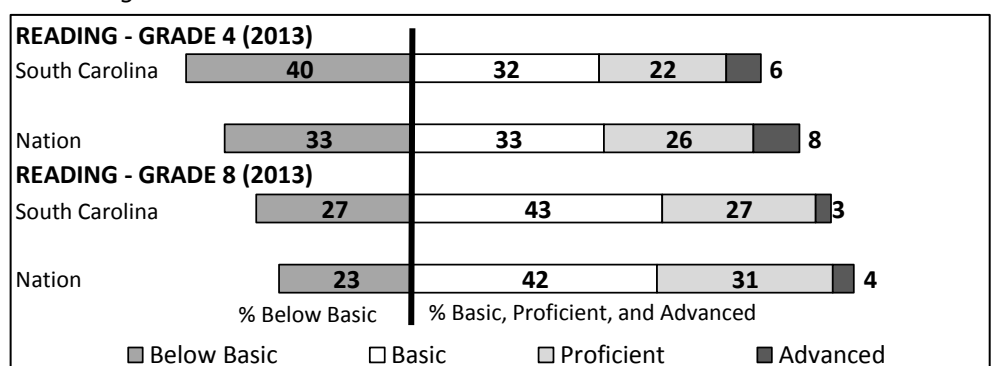
District	83.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.9%

** 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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NEWBERRY COUNTY School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 6,064)				
Retention Rate	1.9%	Up from 1.0%	1.9%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.5%	Up from 14.9%	14.4%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	13.4%	Down from 13.5%	13.8%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	No change	4.2%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 1.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.0%	Down from 14.0%	20.0%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	44.2%	N/A	61.0%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.7%	Down from 40.4%	32.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	220	Up from 55	162	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	34	Down from 49	41	31
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	No change	2.4%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 422)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.0%	Down from 68.3%	63.1%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	82.5%	Down from 83.9%	81.4%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.8%	Down from 90.9%	91.0%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.0%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,655	Down 0.7%	\$48,463	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Down from 0.5%	0.2%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Up from 0.2%	3.4%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	14.5 days	Up from 14.4 days	11.4 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.8	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 89.3%	89.8%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,926	Up 1.2%	\$9,152	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.0%	Up from 52.0%	53.4%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.2%	Up from 54.0%	56.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	15	No change	13	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	1.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	15.0	Down from 28.0	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$79,756	Up 2.7%	\$80,312	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	78.1	Up from 75.8	79.8	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	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 School District of Newberry County continues to enjoy many successes. Serving over 6,000 students, the district has 12 schools and a technologically advanced career center. The district’s 2013 South Carolina School Report Card ratings of Excellent for absolute and Excellent for growth were its best ratings yet. Little Mountain Elementary, Pomaria-Garmany Elementary, Mid-Carolina High, and Newberry High all received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for General Performance. Little Mountain Elementary and Newberry High also received a Palmetto Gold and Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School was the only state school for 2013-2014 that was eligible for the state’s Flexibility through Deregulation Program, based on student subgroup achievement, Palmetto Gold and Silver status, and accreditation over the previous three years.

Our successes are achieved through the efforts and commitments of our dedicated trustees, teachers, support staff, and administrators. Professional development, led by district staff, focused on meeting state standards and student engagement. We are also continuing a formal STEM initiative and are adding multiple STEM offerings to include an exciting biomedical engineering program. We continue to serve our students by offering varied opportunities to ensure success and life-long learning. Three of our elementary schools continue to offer Montessori programs for students age 3 through grade 5. Our high schools and career center continue to expand curricular offerings to meet the needs of our students. The district’s alternative program for middle and high school students continues to be modified to better serve our students and return the students back to their original schools.

The support and involvement from our families and community are an integral part of our continued growth. Our partnerships extend beyond our classrooms and our collaborative efforts positively impact our community. We are thankful for that support and ask for continued involvement within our school district so that we may continue to provide the best educational experience for students in Newberry County.

Bennie Bennett, Superintendent

One District. One Team. One Mission.

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