



# SC Annual District Report Card Summary

**SALUDA School District**  
**Grades: PK-12**      **Enrollment: 2,164**  
**Superintendent: Dr. David M. Mathis**  
**Board Chair: Christy C. Nichols**

## 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	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	4	11	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	71.2%	73.5%	72.1%	74.9%	78.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.8%	65.4%	64.0%	70.7%	70.9%
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	34.8%	35.0%	24.9%	34.5%	35.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	34.9%	28.4%	20.9%	30.5%	31.3%
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	84.7%	10.2%	5.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.9%	17.6%	10.5%

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

District	92.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.6%

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

District	78.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.6%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

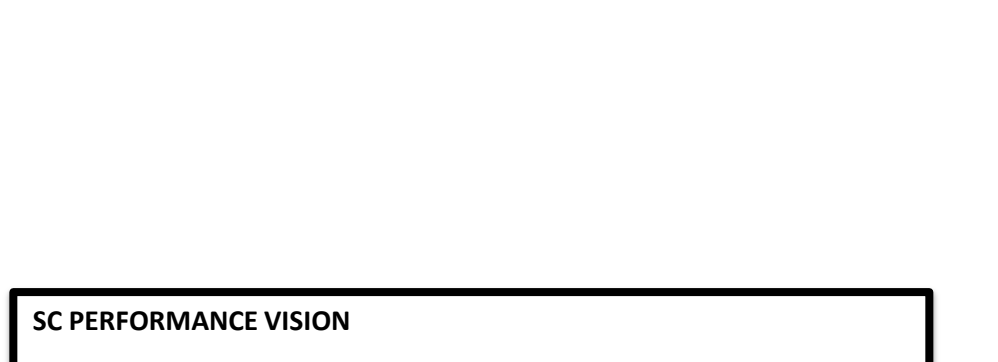
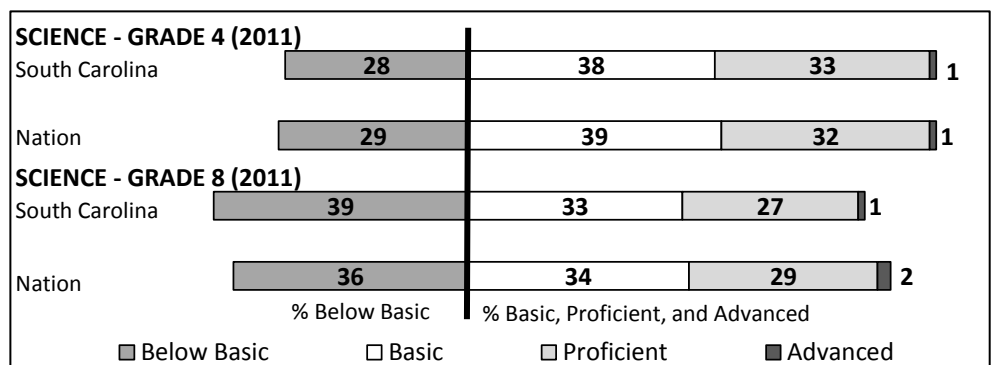
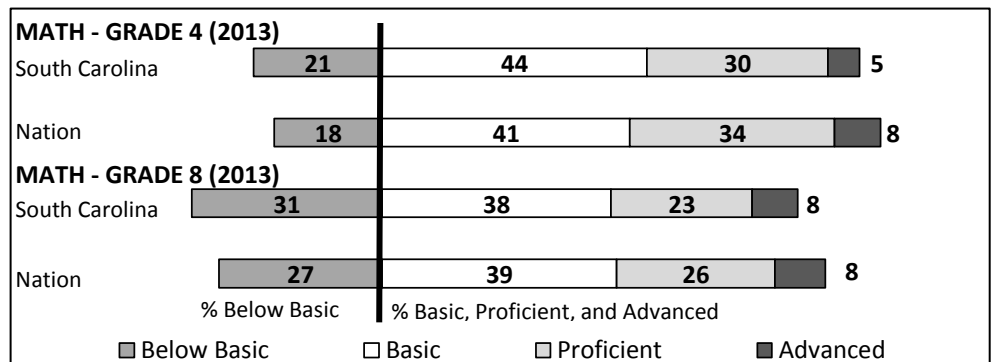
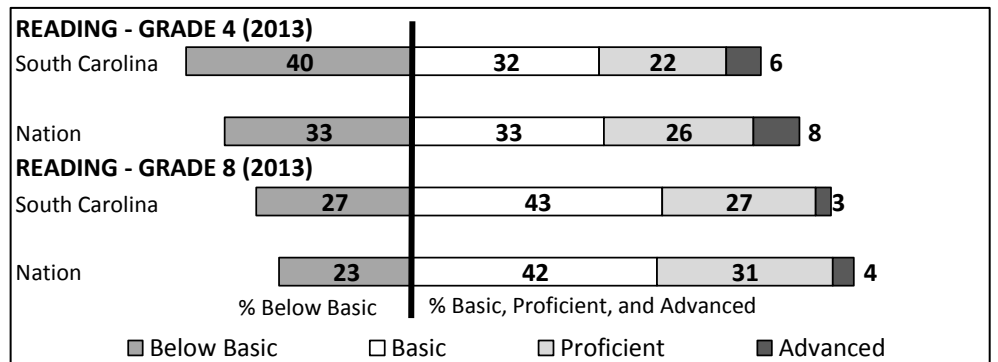
District	85.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.3%

\*\* 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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**SALUDA School District**

**DISTRICT PROFILE**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n = 2,164)</b>				
Retention Rate	3.1%	Up from 2.9%	2.5%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.0%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.0%	Up from 7.2%	11.2%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	12.7%	Up from 12.0%	13.9%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	6.6%	Up from 6.4%	4.9%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	No change	0.5%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.0%	Up from 6.3%	12.4%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.2%	Up from 50.0%	47.4%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	51.7%	Down from 52.4%	30.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	64	Up from 11	88	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	16	Up from 11	18	31
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Up from 1.9%	2.3%	2.3%

**Teachers (n = 142)**

Teachers with advanced degrees	56.3%	Up from 54.0%	61.2%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	71.8%	Down from 77.7%	78.9%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8%	Down from 89.3%	90.0%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 94.2%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,759	Down 0.1%	\$46,545	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No change	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.5%	Up from 3.8%	5.0%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 12.7 days	12.0 days	11.1 days

**District**

Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.5	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 21.0 to 1	20.3 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Up from 88.5%	89.4%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,451	Up 7.5%	\$9,275	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.0%	No change	51.7%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.1%	Up from 52.0%	53.6%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No change	7	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No change	0.8%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	No change	6.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$77,382	Down 1.9%	\$80,133	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	80.8	Down from 83.3	77.8	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.			

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**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Making student learning our number one priority, staff participated in professional development through professional learning communities (PLCs) where they developed assessments aligned to state standards and utilized data to drive instruction. Much of this year's professional development involved improving teacher created assessments from kindergarten through twelfth grade and focused on the alignment of curriculum and instruction. Over eighty members of our faculty ended the school year by participating in a summer course titled "Systematic Assessment."

Our elementary schools continued to implement Balanced Literacy across all classrooms as well as instituted Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. Elisa Chwiakowski, math teacher at Saluda Middle, was named our District Teacher of the Year. Saluda Middle celebrated eight Junior Scholar Recipients, one SC Governor's School Summer Discovery Program Participant, and one Columbia College Summer Leadership Institute Participant.

Saluda High was the recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for general student performance. The class of 2014 amassed over \$4 million dollars in scholarship money which sets a new record for Saluda County Schools. Seventy-five seniors were eligible for either a two- or four-year Life Scholarship and four seniors received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Saluda High continued to expand its Virtual Academy with 101 courses completed and added the Middle College this year to allow students to work toward an associate's degree while completing high school. Over 90 students were recognized for completing the Ever Fi program for financial literacy, the FFA chapter won awards in the Regional Competition, and 21 HOSA (Future Health Professionals) students qualified for the National HOSA Competition in Orlando, Florida.

Congratulations are in order for Saluda for becoming the fourth county in SC to become a Certified SC Work Ready Community. Eighty-one students who attended Saluda High or Adult Ed have completed ACT's WorkKeys assessment and have earned a National Career Readiness Certificate. Our Adult Education Program is a Pearson Vue authorized testing center and boasts the completion of 15 high school credentials, the highest since 2002.

We are proud to put children first, to foster a dedicated and knowledgeable faculty, as well as to provide a safe and rigorous learning environment for our students. We thank you for your support and for sharing the responsibility of the accomplishments of our students, our schools, and our community.

David M. Mathis, Ed.D, Superintendent