



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

SPARTANBURG 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,084**
Superintendent: Dr. Scott J. Mercer
Board Chair: Jack A. Mabry, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

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	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	2	0	0	1

* 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	81.9%	80.6%	78.7%	83.8%	83.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	75.2%	73.2%	78.4%	79.0%
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	48.9%	41.0%	31.9%	45.5%	47.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	46.1%	40.1%	29.0%	41.0%	42.8%
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	82.9%	11.9%	5.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.7%	13.3%	7.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	93.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	81.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.5%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

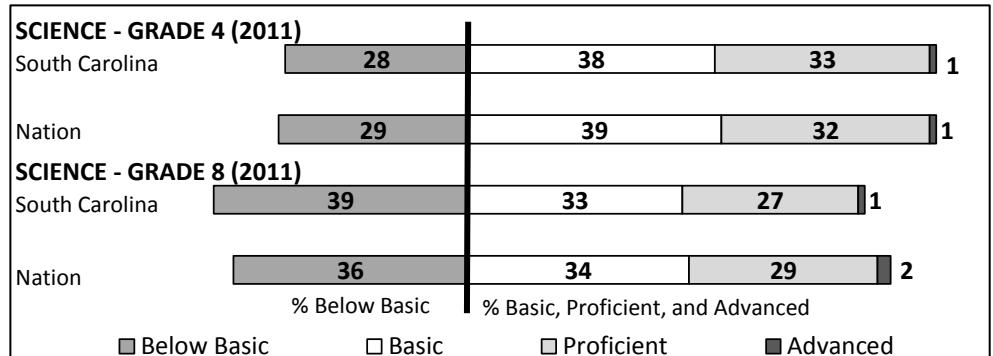
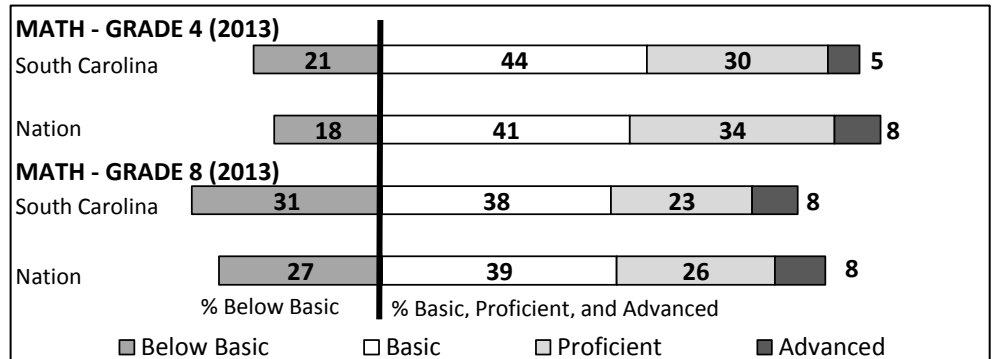
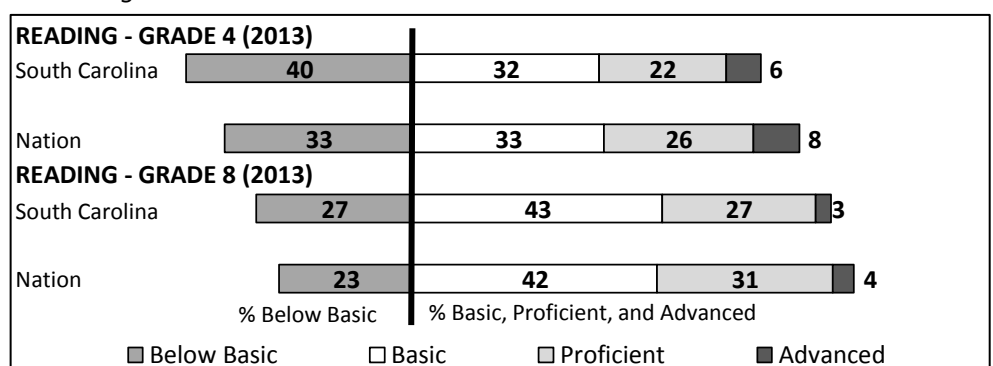
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Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.6%

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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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SPARTANBURG 2 School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 10,084)				
Retention Rate	1.4%	No change	1.7%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	99.9%	Up from 96.7%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.9%	Up from 13.1%	18.9%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Up from 11.2%	11.7%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	Down from 2.6%	3.7%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.4%	Down from 9.4%	21.2%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	84.7%	Up from 73.1%	51.0%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.1%	Up from 55.4%	41.4%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	158	Up from 46	147	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	33	Down from 37	53	31
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	Down from 2.9%	2.8%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 627)

Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Down from 63.6%	61.1%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Up from 81.7%	81.8%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 90.9%	91.4%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.7%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,397	Down 0.0%	\$48,851	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Up from 1.4%	1.8%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.2 days	Up from 10.9 days	11.3 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	9.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Down from 23.0 to 1	21.2 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.7%	Up from 89.6%	90.8%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,988	Up 4.1%	\$8,754	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.2%	Up from 55.0%	54.9%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.4%	Up from 57.0%	58.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	Down from 14	19	9
Portable classrooms	1.7%	Up from 1.1%	1.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	Down from 14.0	16.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Up from 99.1%	99.4%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$82,997	Down 0.0%	\$79,639	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	90.1	Down from 92.8	86.1	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

Thank you for taking time to look over our district report card. It contains valuable information concerning our student performance indicators. The Board of Trustees and administration appreciate your involvement in and support for our schools.

Spartanburg Two continues to achieve notable academic and extracurricular successes. Our District’s academic progress earned us the number one ranking among all South Carolina school districts on the state’s 2013 Federal Accountability Report Card. The Class of 2014 from Chesnee and Boiling Springs high schools earned a combined \$18.5 million in scholarships. The Boiling Springs High Golf team won the 4A state championship. Several other Eagle and Bulldog athletic teams, JROTC drill teams, and both bands and orchestras also fared well in competitions. In fact, the BSHS Marching Band placed 27th in the country at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.

Our classroom instruction efforts this past year have focused on several key areas: Training our teachers and writing curriculum to implement South Carolina’s new state standards has resulted in higher levels of student engagement and in improving fall to spring Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores. We piloted 1-to-1 technology in eight middle school English Language Arts classrooms. A newly formed Technology Committee studied and explored personalized learning device options and visited other districts with 1-to-1 initiatives in place. As a result of that work, every teacher now has one version or another of an Apple iPad product as we phase in a plan to provide our students with iPad Minis. School instructional teams are determined to meet the needs of individual students through Response to Intervention (RTI) plans. Schools also have Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) plans in place to encourage good citizenship among our students. Already, we are seeing fewer students referred for special education testing and fewer disciplinary referrals due to these two programs.

We continue to address facility needs in order to provide excellent and equitable learning environments for our students. The ten-classroom and gymnasium addition at Chesnee High is scheduled to open this fall. A plan to build three additional schools in the next five years is also underway.

Five advisory councils meet with the superintendent and staff to provide and receive information on current issues facing the schools. Members of the local business community, parents, teachers, support staff, and students advise us on ideas and initiatives.

Spartanburg School District Two is a wonderful place to live, work and learn. The presence of faith and strong families enables us to more easily educate your children. Thank you for choosing to live here and for partnering with us in this most important endeavor.

Scott J. Mercer, Superintendent

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