



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

YORK 4 School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 11,730
Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
Board Chair: Patrick White

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	Good	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
1	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	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	89.0%	89.5%	89.6%	91.2%	91.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.0%	89.5%	89.6%	91.2%	91.5%
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	63.2%	59.6%	47.7%	64.0%	61.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.2%	59.6%	47.7%	64.0%	61.4%
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	94.0%	4.6%	1.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.0%	4.6%	1.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	98.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	98.9%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	92.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.5%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

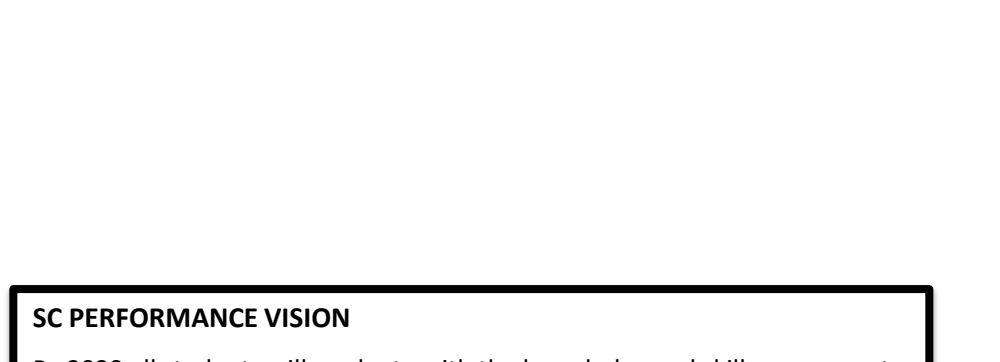
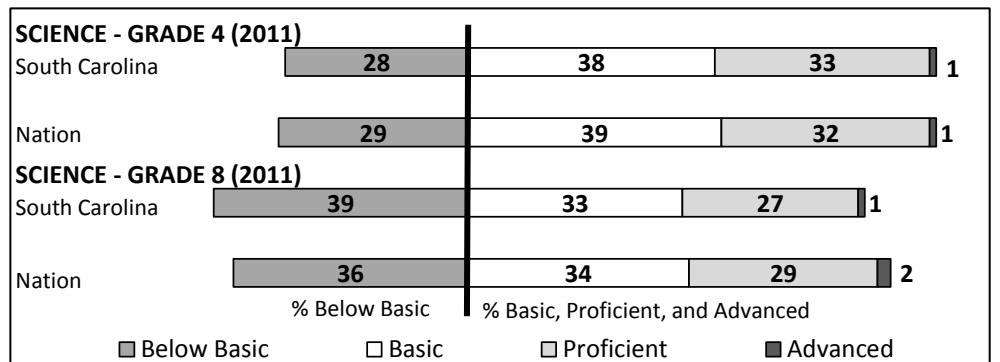
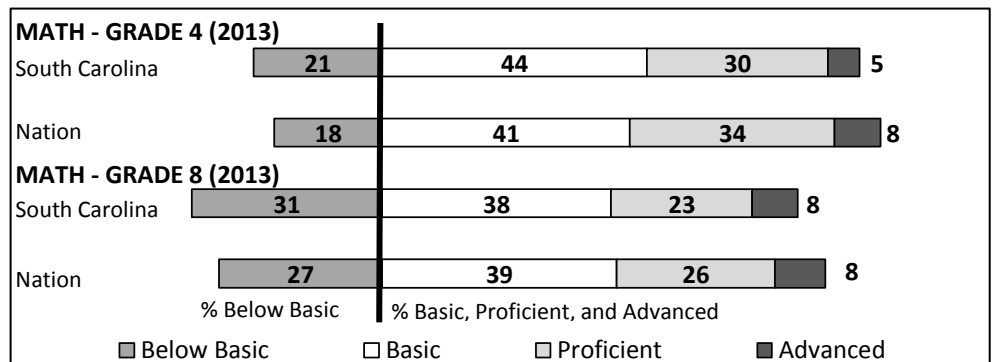
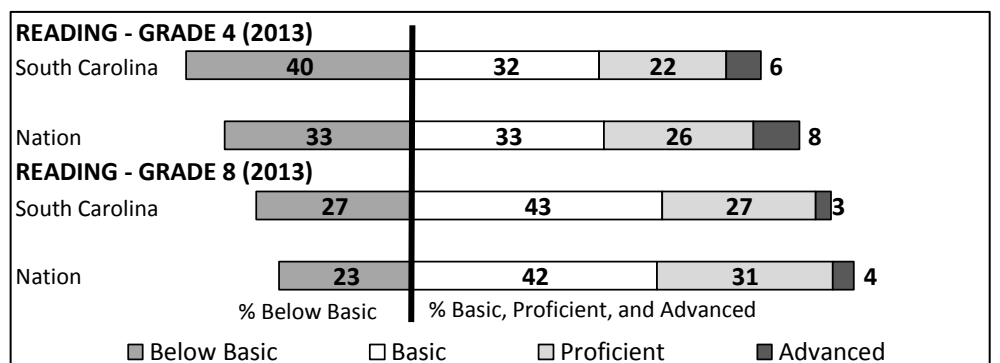
District	93.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.7%

** 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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YORK 4 School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 11,730)				
Retention Rate	0.7%	Down from 0.9%	0.7%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.2%	Down from 96.6%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.2%	Up from 25.1%	25.2%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	9.1%	No change	9.1%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	1.3%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.1%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	39.1%	Up from 37.6%	39.1%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	88.0%	Up from 85.9%	88.0%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.4%	Down from 40.5%	36.4%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	96	Up from 16	96	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	28	Up from 15	28	31
Annual dropout rate	1.2%	No change	1.2%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 769)

Teachers with advanced degrees	67.6%	Down from 69.4%	67.6%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.1%	Down from 84.9%	83.1%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.3%	Down from 93.6%	93.3%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.7%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,051	Down 0.2%	\$51,051	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Down from 2.7%	1.8%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Down from 10.7 days	10.4 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Up from 22.1 to 1	22.6 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 89.9%	89.6%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,123	Up 4.3%	\$8,123	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.7%	Down from 60.0%	59.7%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.6%	Up from 61.0%	61.6%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No change	13	9
Portable classrooms	0.9%	Up from 0.3%	0.9%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	No change	13.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	96.5%	Down from 98.0%	96.5%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$92,912	Down 0.3%	\$92,912	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	93.1	Up from 91.3	93.1	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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Fort Mill School District (FMSD) continued to be one of the fastest growing school districts, per capita, in the state of South Carolina during the 2013-14 school year. The district grew at a rate of 6% which equated to over 600 new students. The enrollment at year-end was approximately 11,835 students.

The primary challenge for FMSD continues to be funding the operating needs of a growing district with modest or flat annual increases in state funding. The district again was rated "Excellent" on the state report card system. The district also received a grade of A on the federal reporting system. These reports are based largely on student achievement results. Individual and student awards were too numerous to mention, but the following deserve special recognition: All schools received Palmetto Gold awards for outstanding student academic performance; over \$17,000,000 in scholarship opportunities were awarded to high school graduates; Nation Ford High School's band won the AAAA state marching band championship and traveled to Hawaii and performed in the World War II Memorial Service at Pearl Harbor. The Fort Mill High School Boys' Lacrosse Team won the state AAAA championship. The district began the building program expansions at both high schools, initiated construction of the new Riverview Elementary School, provided technological improvements, enhanced safety measures, and added turf fields at FMHS and NFHS.

Even though we face additional financial issues as we go forward, the School Board, the administration, the teachers and staff pledge to continue to provide a quality educational program to our constituents. In fact, we developed a three-year spending plan to prepare for future obligations, including the opening of two new elementary schools in 2014. We annually update the 3-year plan. Also, we have a Ten Year Facility Needs Plan which identifies when and where new schools are needed. As always, we will focus our resources at the classroom level. Thank you for your past support and the district looks forward to continuing to work with our community in ensuring that we adhere to the motto of "Children First."

James N. Epps, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent