



State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

<b>Grades:</b>	PK-12 District	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Mr. Michael Turner
<b>Enrollment:</b>	32,569 students	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Mr. James Hayes
<b>District Phone:</b>	841-899-8600		
<b>District Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.bcsdschools.net">http://www.bcsdschools.net</a>		



**Profile of the SC Graduate**

**World Class Knowledge**

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

**World Class Skills**

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

**Life and Career Characteristics**

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

**WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS**

*Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

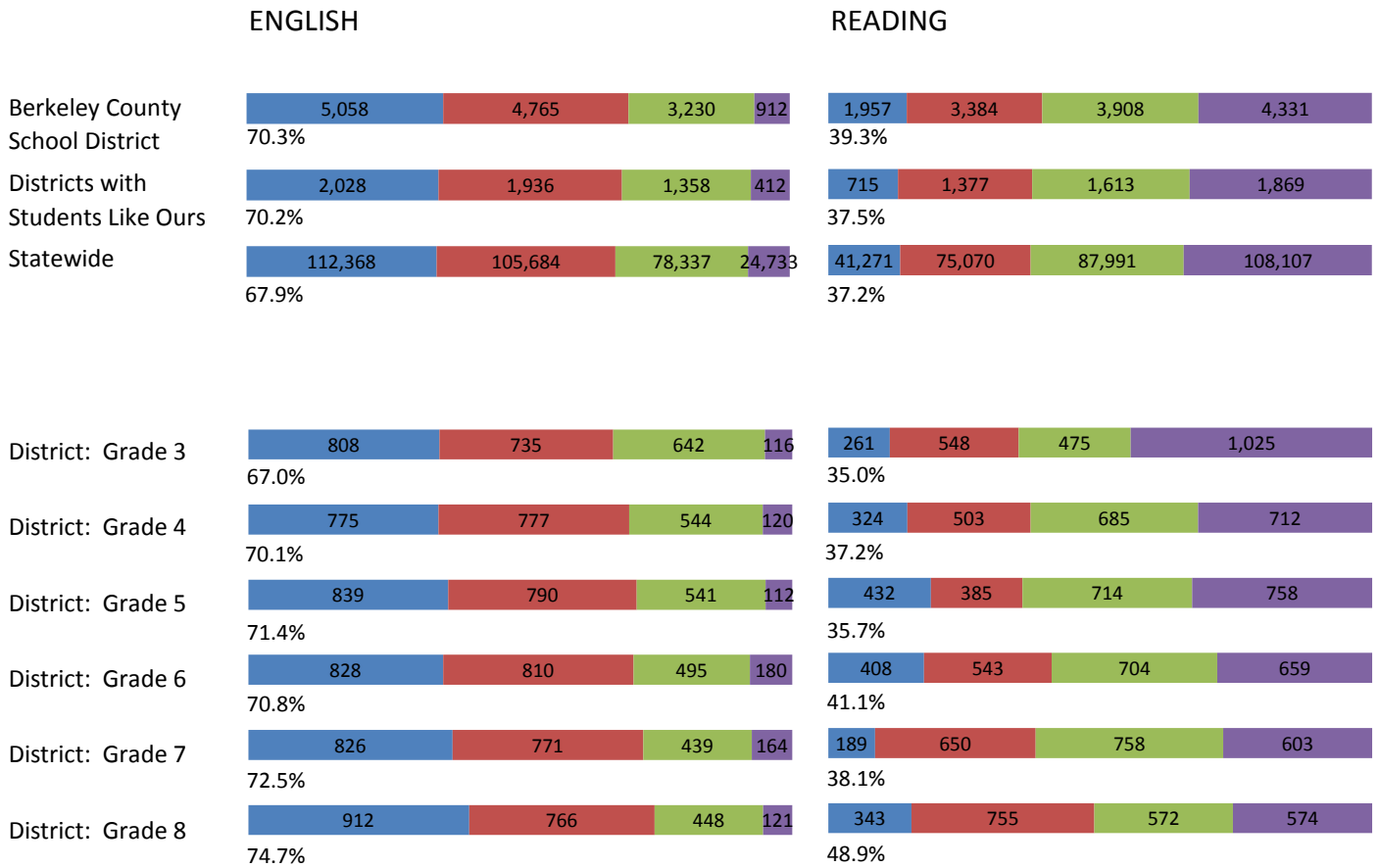
Berkeley County School District (BCSD) focuses on positive school climate, high student performance, community engagement, strategic human resource management, fiscal responsibility, and effective communication. BCSD has 4,315 full time employees; 32,288 K-12 students; and 1,577 pre-school children. We have 42 schools offering magnet choice programs and the Academies of Berkeley County. Fifteen schools received an excellent rating on the state report card; four schools designated as Title 1 Reward Schools; and four National Blue Ribbon schools. Howe Hall AIMS received the Elizabeth O’Neill Verner Award for the Arts, and College Park Middle was re-designated a National School to Watch. BCSD received an absolute rating of “Excellent” on the 2014 state report card. The Academies of Berkeley County acquired two Platinum-Level partnerships offering \$100,000 of funds/in-kind services. We achieved our highest on-time graduation rate and passage rate for End-of-Course testing, producing 167 SC Junior Scholars and 46 Duke TIP Scholars. The class of 2015 earned nearly \$33 million in scholarships. Of the 1,860 graduates, 229 students received Honors diplomas, 79 were Palmetto Fellows, and 910 were Hope/Life Scholarship eligible. Timberland High won the Class AA Division II Football State Championship, the Hanahan High Boys Track Team was crowned Class AAA State Champion. BCSD employs two educators named as semifinalists for the GRAMMY Music Educator of the Year Award; the SC Secondary Teacher of the Year; the SC Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year; the State School Health LPN of the Year; the SC School Library Media Specialist of the Year; and a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Roster of Fellows. In three years our district has grown from 30,003 to 32,288 K-12 students. Nexton Elementary, BCSD’s first one-to-one school, opened in August and, four schools are scheduled for completion in three years. We are performing major renovations on four schools. Security upgrades included over 1,800 surveillance cameras, rapid entry systems, visitor management systems, panic buttons, fire alarm upgrades, and 25 storefront security entryways. BCSD expends an average of \$8,512 per student as part of a general operating fund budget of \$223.5 million, with approximately 85% of the total budget going to salaries and benefits. Compared to other SC districts, BCSD ranks 67 of 83 in per-pupil expenditures, yet ranks 24 of 83 in academic performance.

Ms. Brenda Blackburn, Superintendent

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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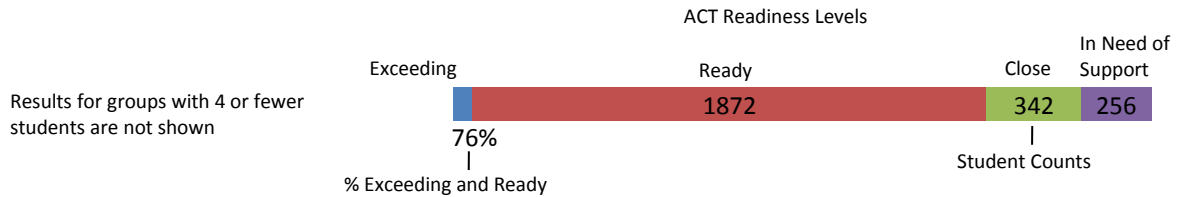
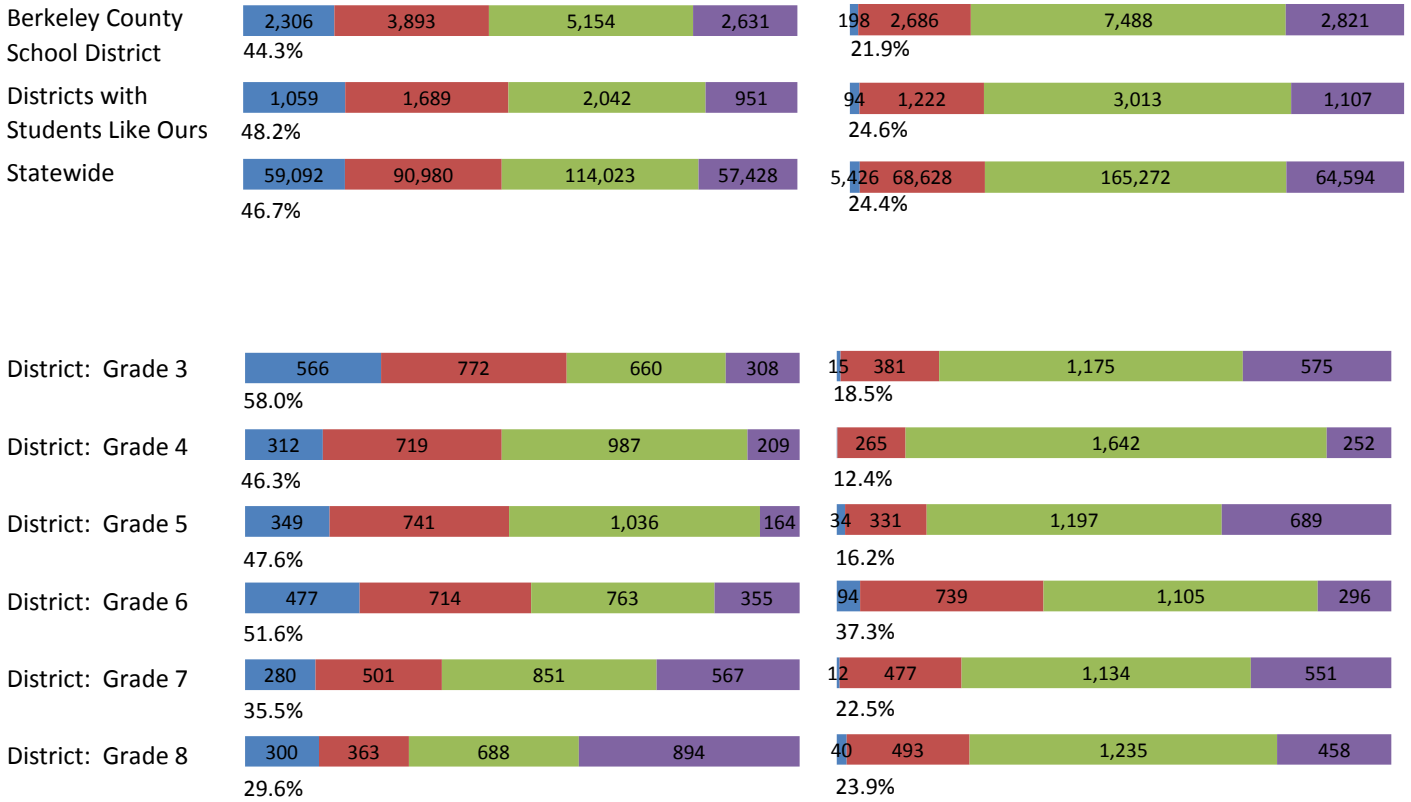
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**MATHEMATICS**

**WRITING**



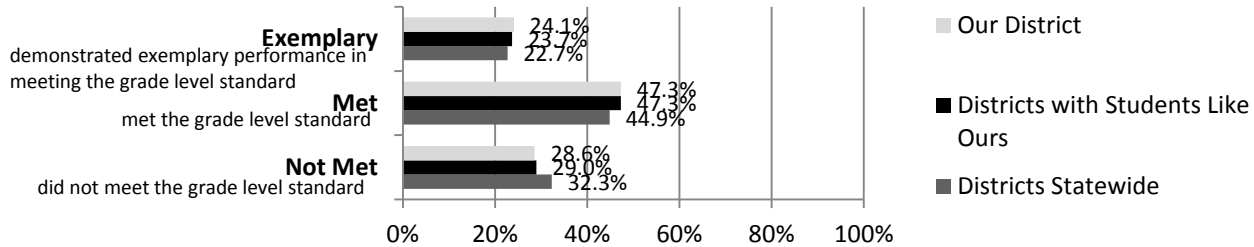
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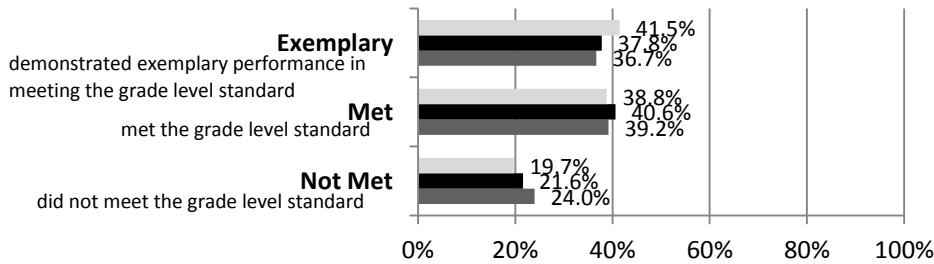
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science**



**Social Studies**



**Science SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
75.0	70.9	68.3	75.9	68.2

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
89.3	76.0	82.4	74.0	80.8

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met": student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met": student did not meet the grade level standard.

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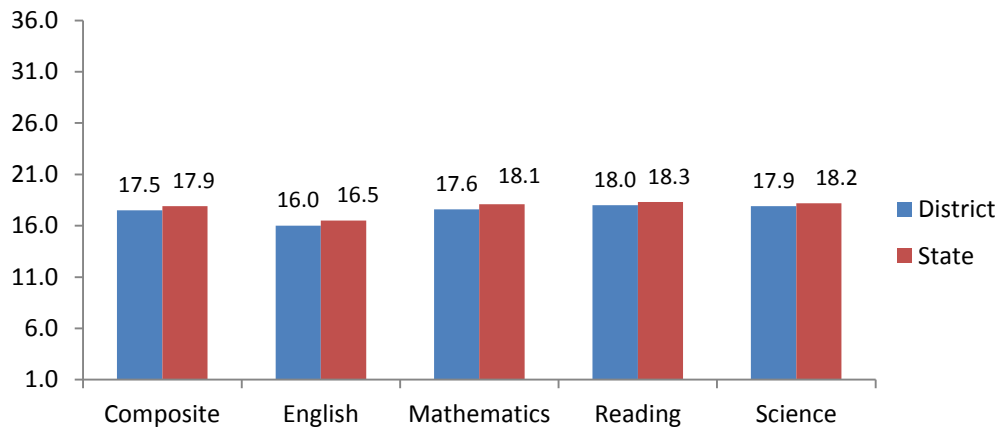
**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our District	Districts with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.4	87.8	85.7
English 1	80.5	79.4	75.1
Biology 1	80.7	82.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	72.9	72.0	69.1
All Subjects	80.4	80.6	77.3

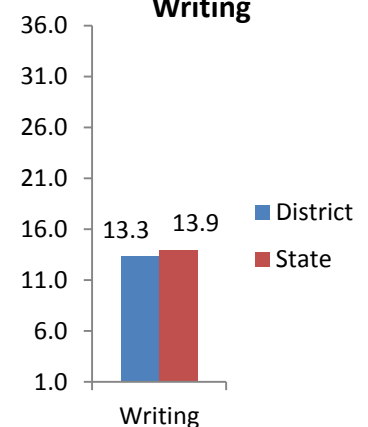
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015**



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**



**Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015**

English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
37	17.6	23.6	15	8.2

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

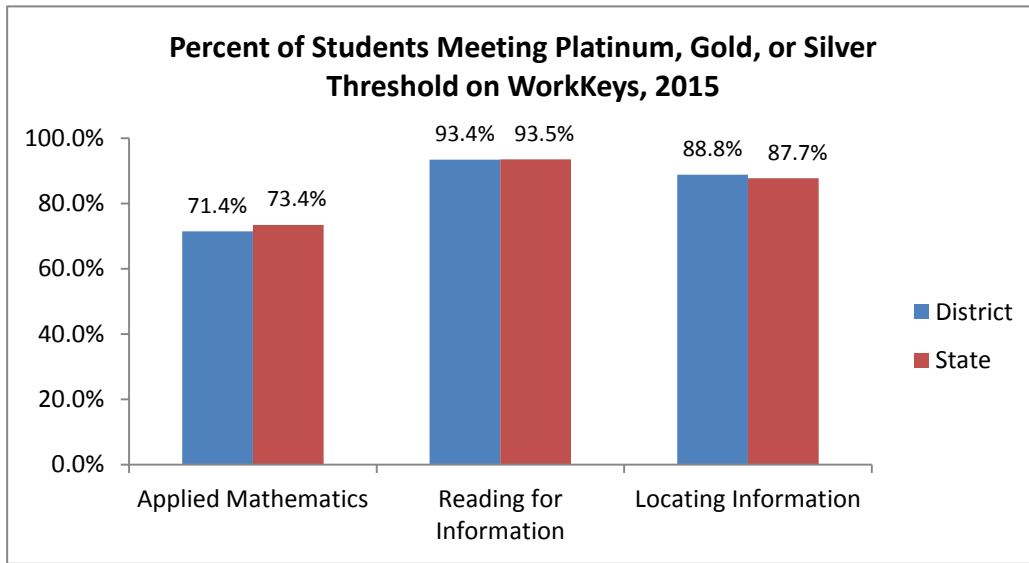
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.



District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
32.0	483	483	458	1424

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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**OUTCOMES**

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
83.8	80.3	77.3	74.4

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
84.0	75.7	79.4	79.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
32.0	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	State
64.5	70.3

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 32,569)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	65.0	Down from 73.0%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.2	Down from 96.4%	95.3
With disabilities	12.0	Down from 12.1%	12.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.2	Up from 0.9%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	12.4	Down from 12.7%	17.9
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	28.1	Down from 28.7%	23.5
Successful in AP/IB programs	48.4	Down from 52.4%	55.1
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.6	N/A	2.3
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.9	N/A	5.7
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	1118	N/A	505
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	100.0	N/A	92.0
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	426	Up from 249	203
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	97.9
Annual dropout rate	1.9	Up from 1.7%	2.2
Dropout recovery rate	6.7	N/A	4.6
Percentage of students retained	1.3	Up from 1.2%	1.5
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	334	Down from 500	124
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	57	Down from 103	25
<b>Teachers (n = 2,034)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	57.6	Down from 59.0%	62.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	66.1	Down from 67.5%	82.6
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1	No change	90.8
Teacher attendance rate	94.6	Down from 94.9%	95.3
Average teacher salary*	\$46,704	Down 0.8%	\$49,130
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3	Down from 3.5%	2.2
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.9	N/A	0.4

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>District</b>			
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 3.5	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 22.4 to 1	23.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1	Down from 90.6%	89.4
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	43	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	98.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	40.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	Yes	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	Yes	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	53	N/A	25
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,587	Up 0.9%	\$9,109
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.6	Up from 52.4%	55.4
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	54.3	Down from 55.1%	58.0
Average administrator salary	\$84,104	Up 1.1%	\$82,207

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of District**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Good

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**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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