

## Cherokee

141 Twin Lake Rd.  
Gaffney, SC 29341



# South Carolina State Report Card

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>	Dr. Quincie L. Moore
<b>Enrollment:</b>	9,104 students	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Ms. Cheryll D. Smith
<b>District Phone:</b>	864-206-2201		
<b>District Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/pages/CherokeeCountySD">http://www.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/pages/CherokeeCountySD</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

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

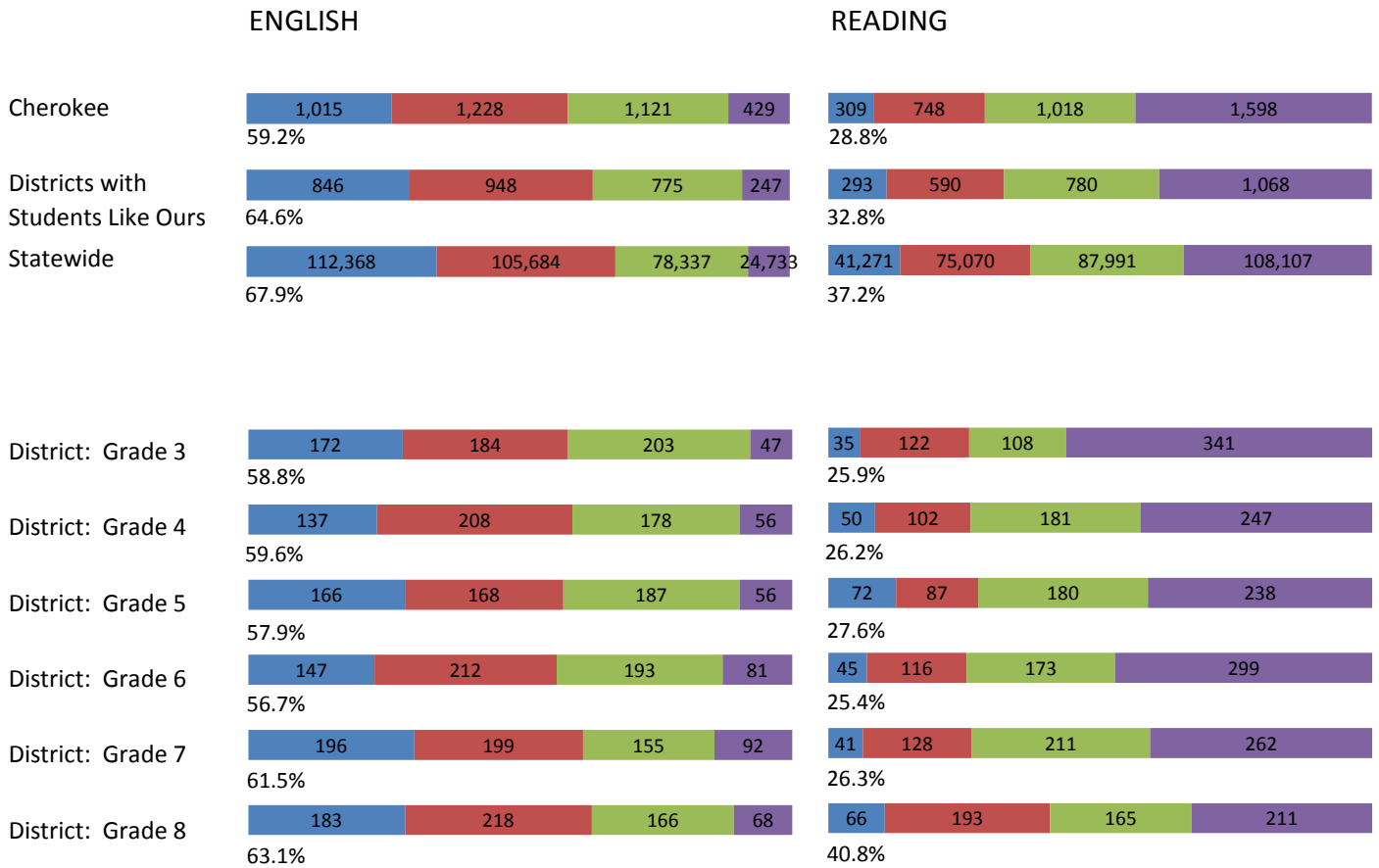
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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Cherokee County School District is helping our students to develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by ensuring that all students have the education necessary to succeed as responsible, productive citizens by providing excellent opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts. Opportunities for World Class Knowledge are evident district-wide. Instruction in 2014-2015 focused on student engagement and effective use of technology. Six schools were recognized as Title One Reward Schools. Gaffney High was honored as a Beta Club School of Distinction for the second consecutive year and Blacksburg High was recognized as a Bronze level school by US News and World Report. Three seventh grade students qualified for state recognition from Duke TIP and 23 eighth grade students earned Junior Scholar status. The class of 2015 earned over fifteen million dollars in scholarships and included five Palmetto Fellows and 374 Life Scholarship recipients. World Class Skills are also taught and practiced throughout Cherokee County School District. Instruction that focuses on collaboration, research and technology is found in all classrooms. Our 1:1 technology initiative begins at the high school level in August, 2015. The Gaffney High School AFJROTC unit received the Distinguished Unit Award for 2014-2015 from the United States Air Force for the thirteenth consecutive year. Teams of students from Cherokee Technology Center earned state honors in Archery and state and national honors in HVAC. The Gaffney High School JV Percussion Ensemble was selected as the 2015 South Carolina Winter Ensemble State Champion. Alma Elementary and Blacksburg Middle First Lego League teams advanced to state competition which shows evidence of collaboration and problem solving. Students receive experience in Life and Career Characteristics throughout the year. The World Class Scholars program links our students with students around the world to develop a global perspective. The First Tee program in our elementary schools stresses the value of integrity and perseverance. Four members of the Class of 2015 were recognized for twelve years of perfect attendance showing a high level of self-direction and work ethic. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from all staff and the community in making 2014-2015 a very successful school year. Cherokee County School District is committed to Excellence through Engagement as we meet today's challenge and build tomorrow's future. Quincie L. Moore, Superintendent

**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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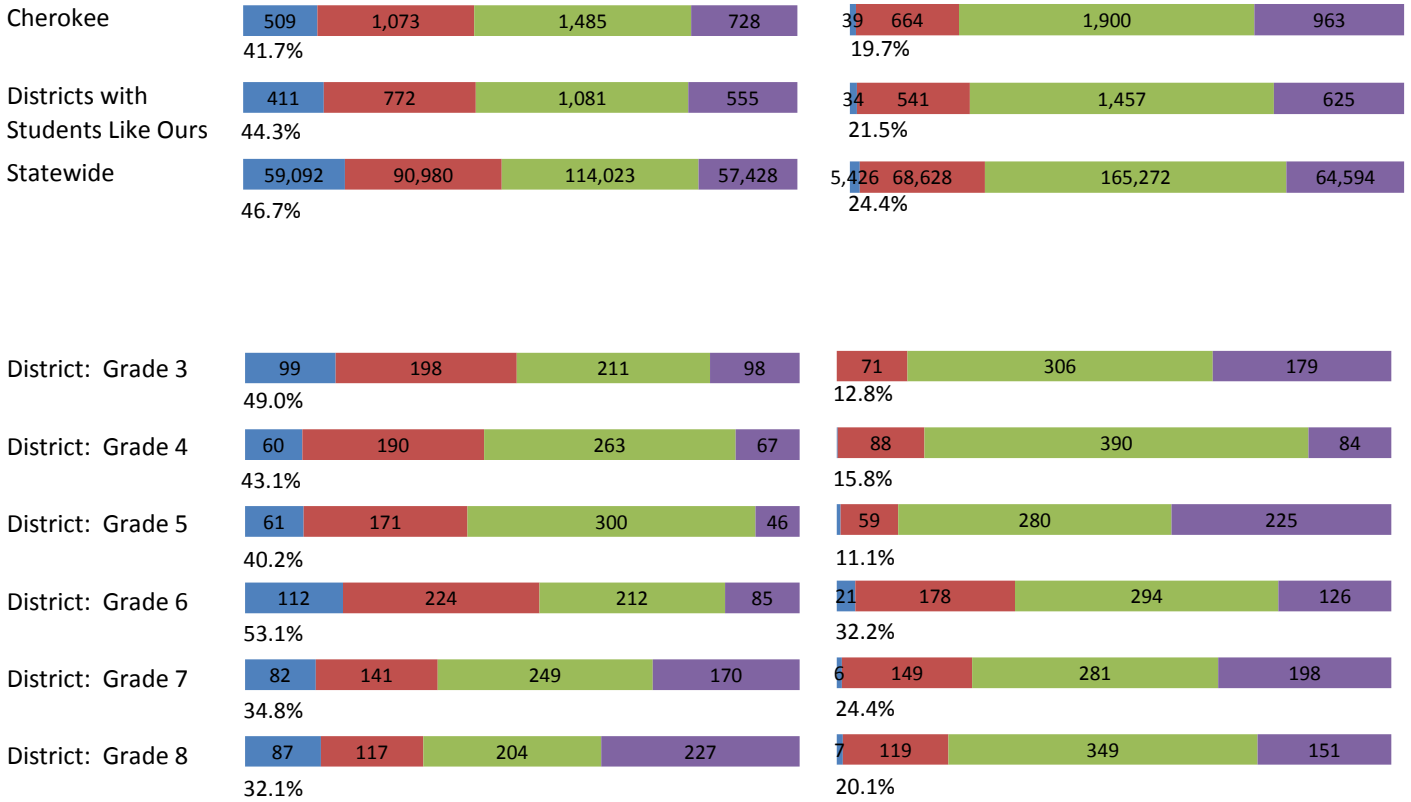
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**MATHEMATICS**

**WRITING**



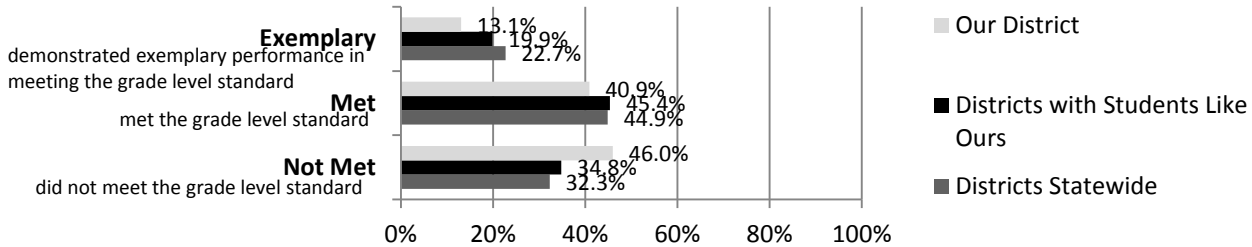
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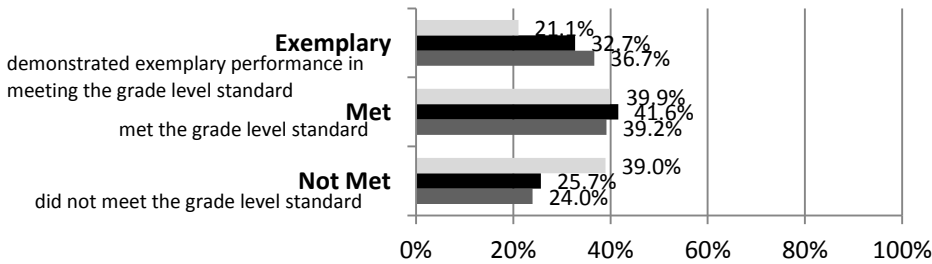
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**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
64.4	53.8	44.8	52.2	55.9

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
80.1	59.5	54.9	51.9	59.8

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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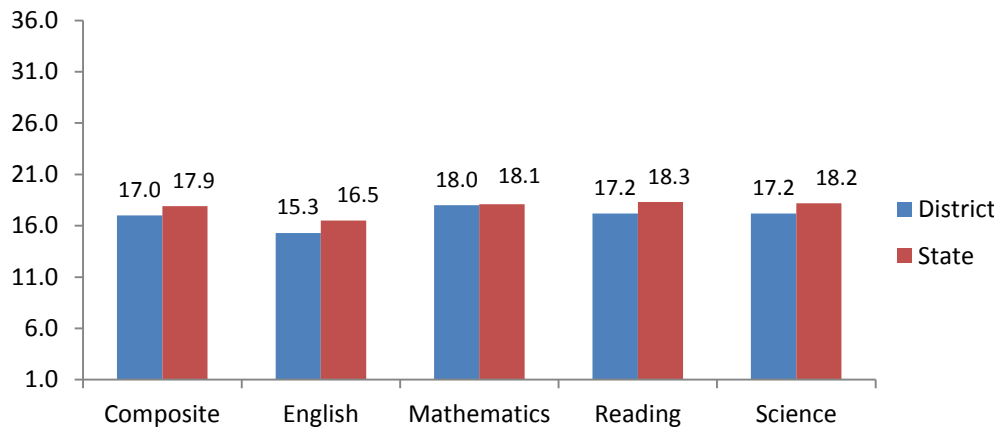
**End of Course Tests**

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	81.5	85.9	85.7
English 1	63.4	72.7	75.1
Biology 1	68.0	76.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	51.9	64.1	69.1
All Subjects	66.5	75.1	77.3

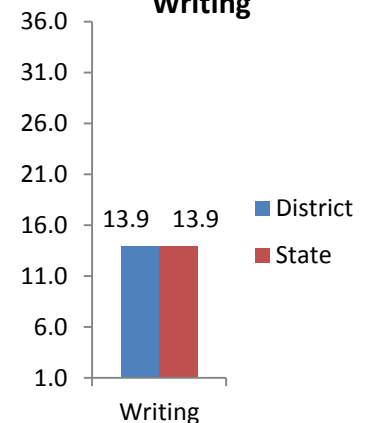
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

**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
31.3	21.9	18.9	13.5	7.8

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.

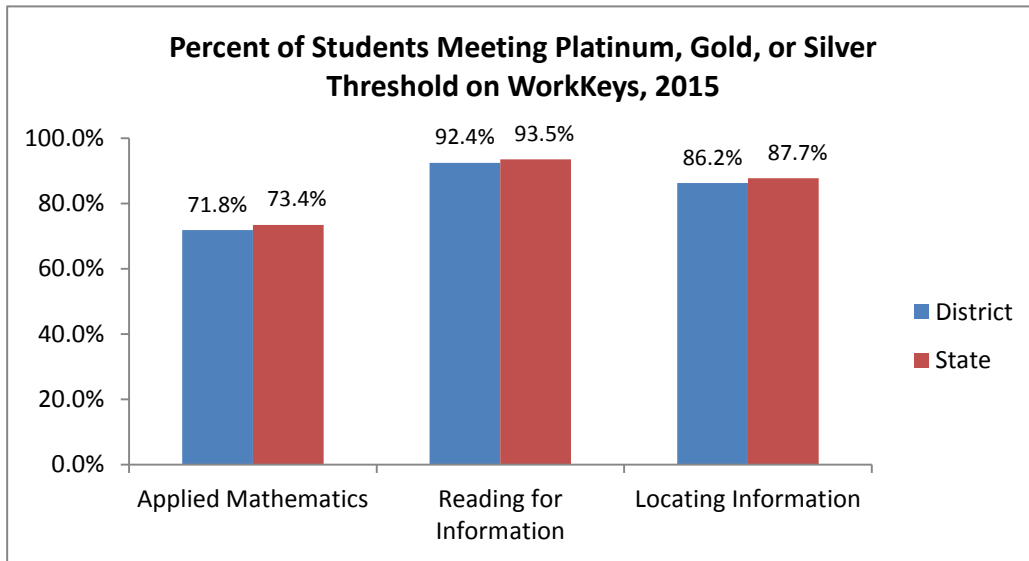
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. 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
48.4	458	463	427	1348

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
80.1	79.4	76.2	79.6

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
81.9	79.8	82.5	82.8

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
67.6	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
79.4	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 = 9,104)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	74.7	Down from 80.7%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.8	Down from 96.7%	95.0
With disabilities	10.7	Up from 10.3%	14.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1	No change	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	13.7	Down from 14.7%	13.8
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.7	Up from 11.5%	18.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	53.7	Up from 49.0%	47.5
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.1	N/A	1.6
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	10.7	N/A	5.2
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	367	N/A	249
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	85.5
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	167	Up from 156	100
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	99.4	N/A	98.5
Annual dropout rate	4.9	Up from 2.2%	2.3
Dropout recovery rate	8.7	N/A	5.7
Percentage of students retained	2.0	Down from 2.3%	2.1
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	274	Up from 109	99
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	71	Down from 122	12
<b>Teachers (n = 620)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	59.8	Down from 61.9%	63.1
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	84.2	No change	81.5
Teachers returning from previous year	92.8	Up from 92.4%	90.1
Teacher attendance rate	93.1	Down from 93.6%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$48,667	Up 0.8%	\$48,275
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	2.7	Up from 1.0%	3.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.5	N/A	0.5

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>District</b>			
Superintendent's years at district	3.5	Up from 2.5	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.2 to 1	Down from 22.4 to 1	21.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.9	Down from 89.6%	88.6
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	19	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	98.7	Down from 100.0%	99.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	5.0	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	No	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	14	N/A	15
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,747	Up 8.6%	\$9,586
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.7	Up from 52.4%	53.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	56.6	No change	54.9
Average administrator salary	\$78,524	Down 0.4%	\$83,118

\* 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	Average	At-Risk
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	At-Risk

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**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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