

Newberry County School District

3419 Main St.

Newberry, SC 29108



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.

Grades: PK-12 District
Enrollment: 6,133 students
District Phone: 803-321-2600
District Website: <http://www.newberry.k12.sc.us/>

Superintendent: Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm



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

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

Living up to our mission, which is to engage students at all levels in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning. Our instruction is guided by district created units and assessments that are aligned to state standards in English language arts and mathematics. In addition, we are expanding our STEM initiative to include more opportunities at the elementary and middle school levels. Our fine arts program continues to gain momentum with participation and placement in state competitions, and a newly created district art show, in collaboration with the City of Newberry Arts Program. All schools had student art work displayed during a reception at the Newberry Arts Center.

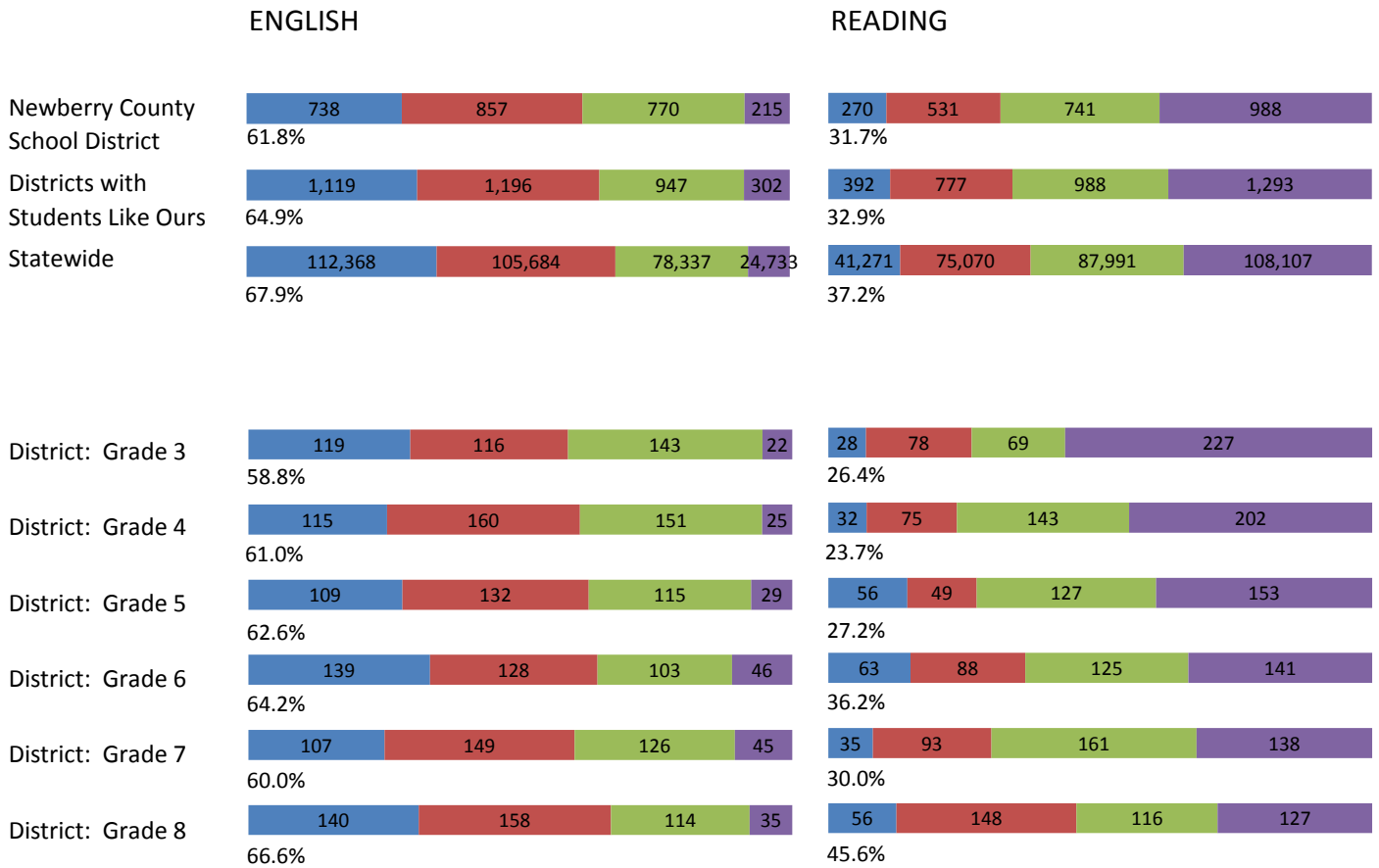
Students in the Newberry County School District complete various projects and performance tasks at each level. Teamwork is demonstrated not only in our brand of "One District. One Team. One Mission.," but also in our classrooms. Our 12 schools and a technologically advanced career center serve over 6,000 students in three attendance areas. The district continues to upgrade and integrate technology to provide additional opportunities for students. The addition of laptop carts for middle and high schools and iPads for elementary schools will support our goal of making learning personal for all students and assist teachers in differentiating instruction on a daily basis.

We are thankful for the support from partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, Piedmont Technical College, Newberry College, Newberry Opera House, and other local businesses. These partnerships extend beyond the classrooms into service learning and character education projects that positively impact our students, schools, and community.

Mr. Bennie Bennett, 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



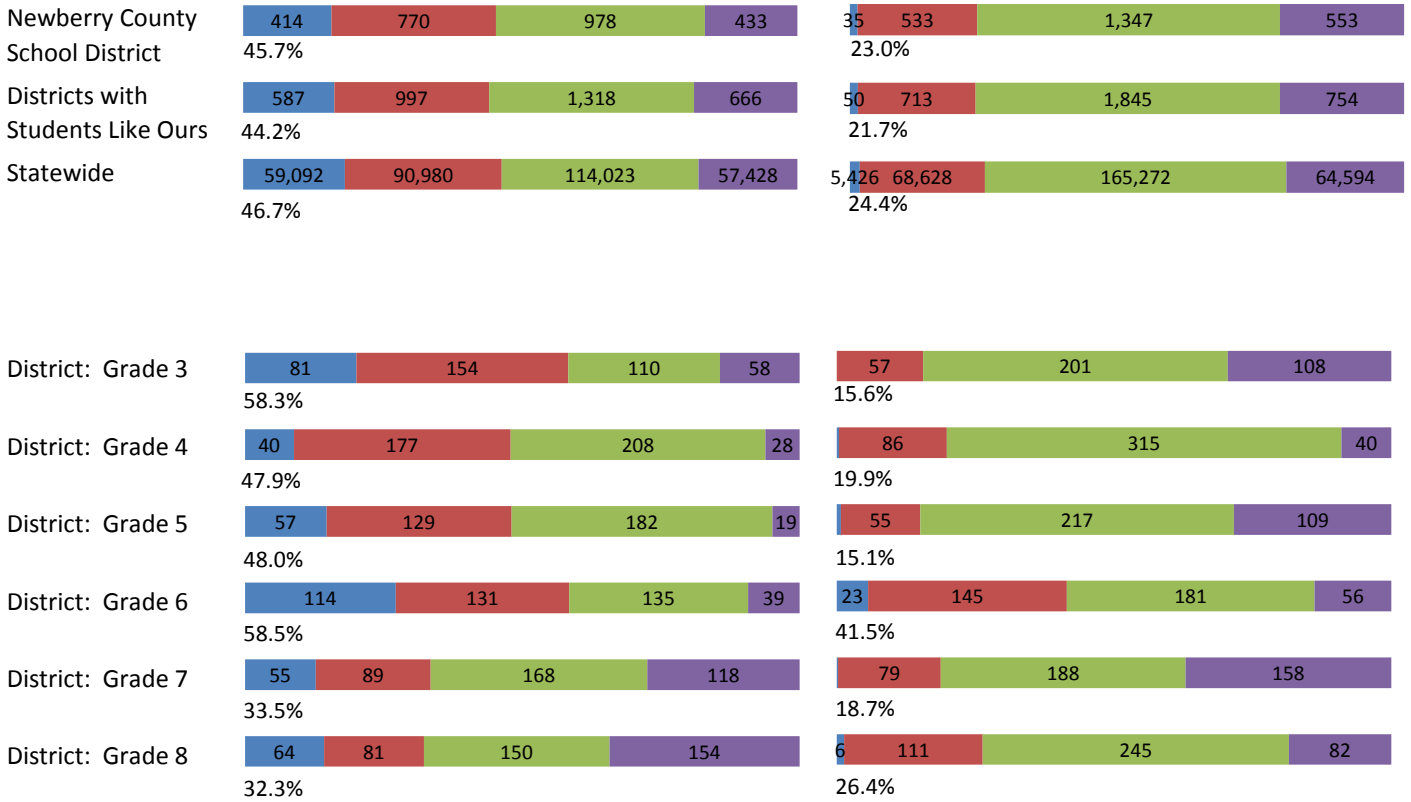
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MATHEMATICS

WRITING



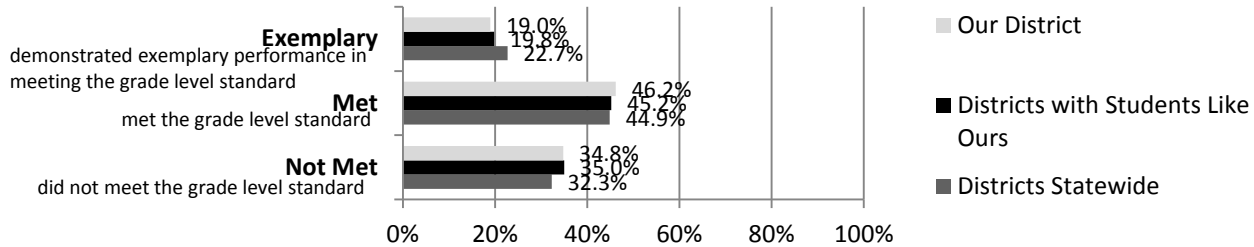
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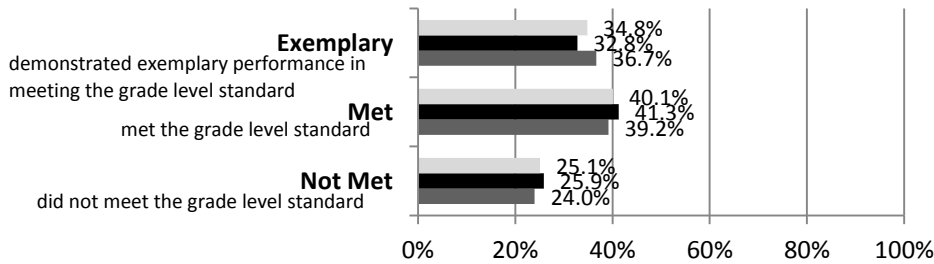
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

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
66.0	62.3	66.3	64.0	66.7

Social Studies SCPASS

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
81.5	69.3	82.8	65.6	74.6

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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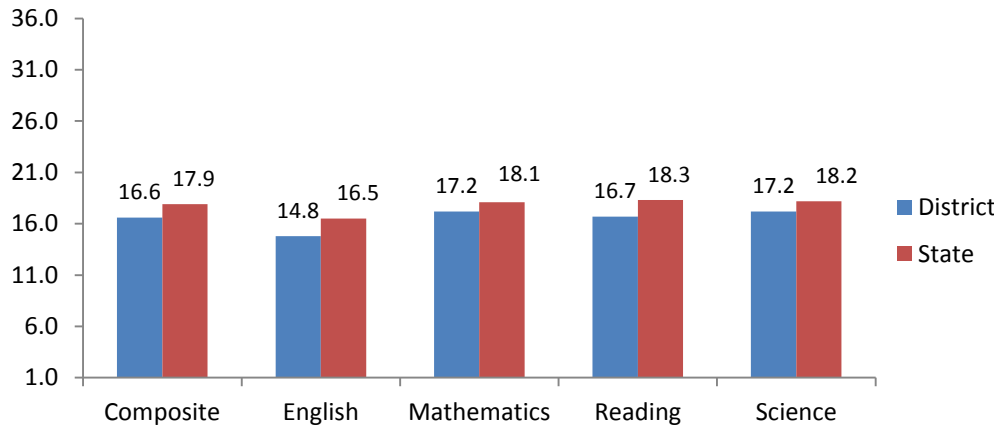
End of Course Tests

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	86.7	85.5	85.7
English 1	71.0	73.2	75.1
Biology 1	67.5	76.8	77.8
US History and the Constitution	55.8	64.5	69.1
All Subjects	70.5	75.4	77.3

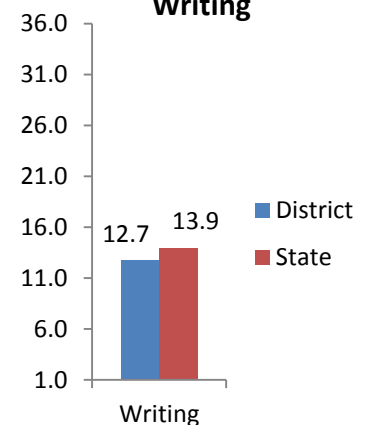
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

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
27.5	16.2	18.1	12.1	5.6

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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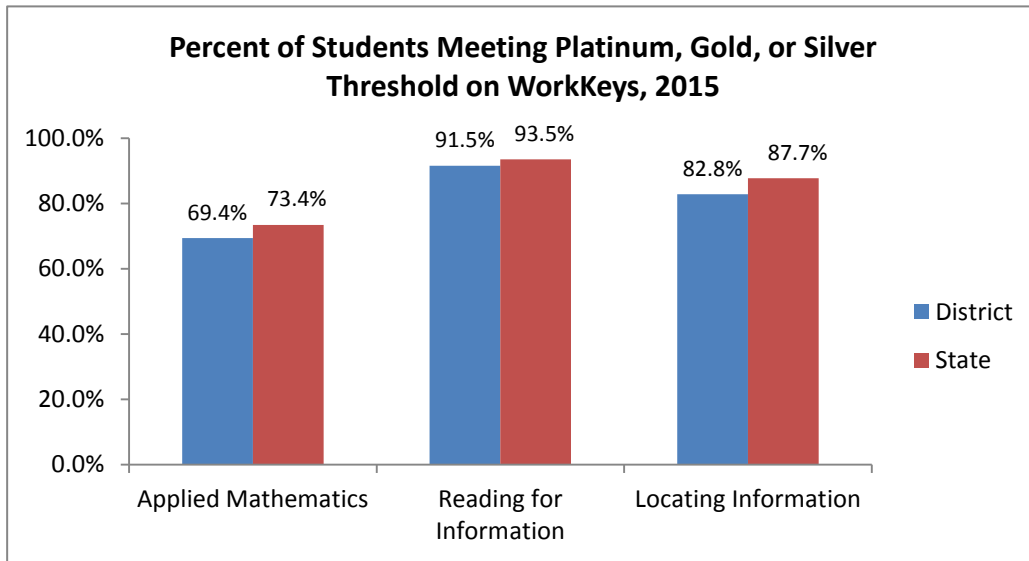
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. 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
43.5	454	456	439	1349

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
81.4	83.3	80.3	74.4

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
83.8	80.3	75.6	78.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
54.6	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
61.0	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
Students (n = 6,133)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	73.9	Down from 77.7%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.9	Down from 96.0%	95.1
With disabilities	13.9	Up from 13.4%	13.9
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5	Down from 0.6%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	14.0	Down from 15.5%	13.8
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.9	Down from 9.0%	18.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	38.9	Down from 44.2%	53.7
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.6	N/A	1.9
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	6.4	N/A	4.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	236	N/A	322
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	86.6
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	151	Up from 147	136
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	99.3	N/A	98.1
Annual dropout rate	2.4	Up from 1.4%	2.3
Dropout recovery rate	7.0	N/A	6.7
Percentage of students retained	1.7	Down from 1.9%	2.0
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	206	Down from 220	120
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	25	Down from 34	17
Teachers (n = 429)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	65.0	Down from 68.0%	63.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	76.7	Down from 82.5%	81.2
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8	Down from 89.8%	90.1
Teacher attendance rate	97.2	Up from 96.4%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$44,928	Down 3.7%	\$48,492
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	1.1	Up from 0.6%	3.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.2	N/A	0.5

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	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
District			
Superintendent's years at district	9.0	Up from 8.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.1 to 1	Up from 19.4 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.0	Up from 91.0%	88.4
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	15	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	.	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	No	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	34	N/A	19
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,167	Up 2.4%	\$9,586
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.1	Up from 53.0%	53.4
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	53.2	Down from 55.2%	55.5
Average administrator salary	\$81,017	Up 1.6%	\$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	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Average	Good

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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