



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Beaufort County School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 19,520
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	12	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above
District	74.3%	72.5%	62.5%	67.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.3%	78.5%	69.8%	73.2%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced
District	36.9%	30.8%	30.8%	27.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.9%	37.2%	38.3%	36.1%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	75.8%	12.2%	12.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.2%	9.1%	7.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	91.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.4%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	55.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.3%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.5%

** 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 GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=19,520)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 2.8%	3.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 96.7%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.6%	Down from 17.5%	15.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	Up from 7.5%	9.4%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.0%	Up from 1.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	29.6%	Up from 28.2%	16.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	46.2%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.0%	Up from 30.8%	40.2%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	110	Down from 330	60	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	100	Up from 71	49	27
Annual dropout rate	1.6%	Up from 1.2%	3.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=1433)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Up from 59.0%	56.9%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	68.3%	Down from 71.6%	78.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.7%	Up from 4.0%	2.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.9%	No Change	90.7%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.3%	95.1%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,794	Up 3.4%	\$46,337	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Down from 1.5%	0.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.9%	Up from 5.8%	0.8%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	No Change	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	Down from 20.6 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 89.1%	89.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,614	Up 8.8%	\$8,060	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.1%	Down from 55.4%	53.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.0%	Down from 57.6%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	28	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	9.9%	Down from 16.7%	6.1%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	15 Years	No Change	22 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	Down from 16.0	13.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$73,750	Up 3.5%	\$75,224	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	69.7%		77.4%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

We had an exciting 2007-08 school year with our students excelling in academics, arts, athletics and extra-curricular activities. More than 1,000 seniors graduated with almost \$10 million in scholarships. 35 students earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma, signifying intense advanced study. 39 students were recognized as Advanced Placement Scholars. More than 135 students earned IB Certificates, and three of our students were recognized as National Merit Finalists.

Hilton Head Island High School and Beaufort High School were ranked among the nation's top high schools by Newsweek Magazine. Seven Beaufort County elementary schools and the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards from the S.C. Education Oversight Committee. Awards went to schools that dramatically improved student performance between 2006 and 2007.

Recognized with a Silver Award were Bluffton Elementary, Broad River Elementary, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, Mossy Oaks Elementary, Michael C. Riley Elementary, Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary, and Shell Point Elementary Schools. Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence won the gold award.

The S.C. Education Oversight Committee stated that 7 Beaufort County elementary schools showed exceptional results, helping historically underachieving students make academic gains. Those schools earned a one-grade upgrade on their report cards for helping close the achievement gap; recognized were Bluffton Elementary, Broad River Elementary Hilton Head Elementary School for Creative Arts, M.C. Riley Elementary, Mossy Oaks Elementary, Shanklin Elementary and Shell Point Elementary.

Port Royal Elementary School was one of seven South Carolina schools honored for innovative single-gender programs. The Whale Branch Middle School Technology Education Program earned the prestigious Program Excellence Award - one of fewer than 50 programs in the world to hold that distinction. Sponsored by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Paxton/Patterson, the Program Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology Education classroom teachers on the elementary, middle, or high school levels.

Other highlights included Beaufort County School district's first annual Summer Institute, dedicated to professional growth. Over 750 teacher participated in this first year.

In a testament to belief in the school system, Beaufort County voters endorsed the School District's \$162.7 million bond referendum to build new schools, renovate and improve older facilities, buy land for future schools, and upgrade technology in all 28 schools. We are blessed to serve students and their families in Beaufort County.

Valerie Truesdale, Ph.D., District Superintendent

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