SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fairfield School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 3,500**
Superintendent: Dr. Samantha J. Ingram
Board Chair: Mr. Harold C. Heath

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	At-Risk	Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	7	11

** 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 % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	58.6%	61.3%	46.7%	55.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%	59.2%	46.9%	54.2%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading %Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math %Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science %Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies %Proficient & Advanced
District	20.5%	18.3%	14.8%	16.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	20.9%	17.2%	17.6%	17.3%
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	74.9%	12.3%	12.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.0%	15.8%	14.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)	
District	88.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	88.7%

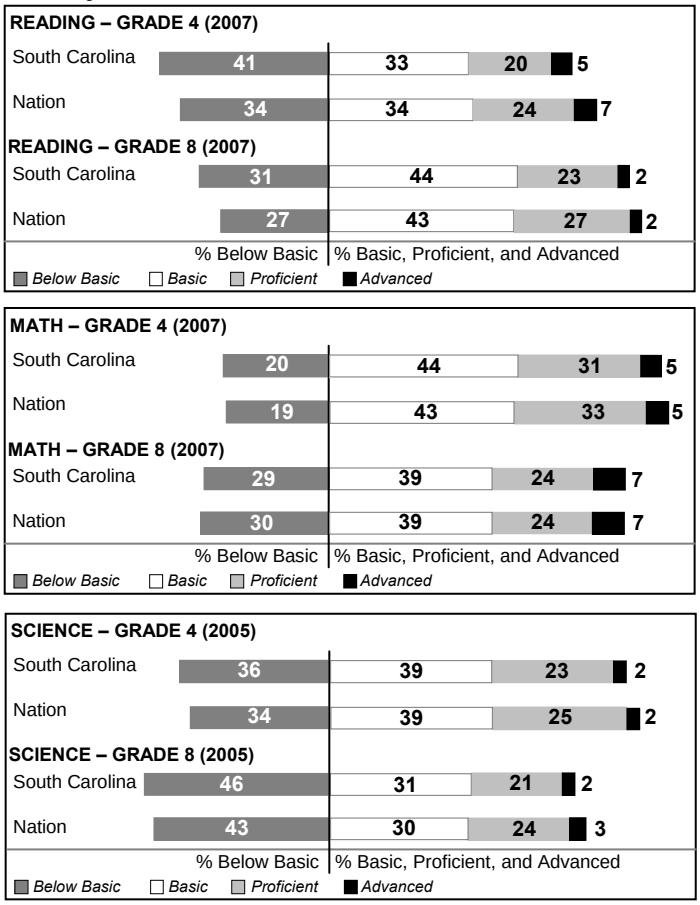
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	47.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	65.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%

*** 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=3,500)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 3.3%	5.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.6%	Down from 15.5%	6.0%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Up from 12.1%	10.6%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.7%	Up from 0.4%	1.1%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.3%	Down from 14.1%	6.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	9.1%	N/A	23.7%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	9.0%	Down from 30.1%	25.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	72	N/A	37	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	8	N/A	15	27
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Down from 5.0%	4.3%	3.8%
Teachers (n=307)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.8%	Up from 46.5%	53.0%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	54.7%	Down from 64.8%	64.9%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	17.8%	Down from 18.5%	14.3%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 86.0%	84.2%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 95.7%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$44,988	Up 2.9%	$42,844	$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.0%	Up from 0.0%	1.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	Up from 3.2%	7.4%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 3.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.5 to 1	Down from 18.8 to 1	18.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 88.0%	87.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$12,168	Up 0.6%	$9,684	$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	47.9%	Up from 44.5%	48.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	51.3%	Up from 50.6%	52.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	13.6%	Up from 3.5%	4.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	No Change	31 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No Change	4.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	$76,731	Up 0.8%	$71,370	$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	52.4%		57.5%	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

Fairfield County School District serves more than 3,386 students and is located in a rural community comprised of ten schools. We are proud of the many accomplishments and new initiatives in Fairfield County, which have been lead by the leadership of our Board of Trustees and community. Through the combined efforts of our principals, teachers, staff, students, parents, and stakeholders we have made great strides in achieving our academic goals.

On the 2007 Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT), our district's highest percentage of students scoring Proficient or Advanced occurred in third and fourth grades in the area of English/Language Arts. The students in fourth and sixth grades were the top performers on the PACT in the area of mathematics. In science, the fourth grade had the highest percent of students scoring proficient or advanced and in social studies, the students in sixth grade had the highest percent of students scoring proficient or advanced. Notable increases from the 2006 administration of PACT to the 2007 administration in regards to the percent of students scoring proficient or advanced occurred in the following areas: fourth grade English/Language Arts with a 12.3% increase, sixth grade English/Language Arts with a 7.4% increase, fourth grade mathematics with a 9% increase, fourth grade science with a 10.3% increase, and sixth grade social studies with a 20.4% increase. On the High School Assessment Program (HSAP), the percentage of students passing the test increased by 16.6%.

In 2007, Geiger Elementary, Kelly Miller Elementary, and McCrorey-Liston Elementary met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. These three schools have met AYP continuously for the past four years. On the 2007 Annual School Report Card, Fairfield Central High School earned an improvement rating of excellent which was an improvement from the 2006 report card.

The strategic plan for the School District of Fairfield County focuses on teaching and learning, parental involvement, building leadership, communication, and student involvement beyond academics. In an effort to increase student achievement, we have implemented the following instructional programs: Reading First, embedded intervention in all schools, NovaNet Credit Recovery, Linkit (a tool that provides immediate assessment analysis of state standards), AVID- Advancement Via Individual Determination, Making Middle Grades Work, High Schools that Work, Open Court, Math Solutions, and Skills Tutor. Students are assessed using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) twice a year for diagnostic purposes, and are administered benchmark assessments four times a year to measure progress on South Carolina state standards.

Teachers, principals, students, parents, and stakeholders are dedicated to the success of every child in Fairfield County. Through the continued vision and leadership provided by the Board of Trustees and ongoing community support, the School District of Fairfield County will continue to provide a quality standards based education for all of its students.

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