SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Saluda School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 2,130**
Superintendent: Dr. David Mathis
Board Chair: Ben Harrison

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	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	7	19	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 % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	70.7%	78.5%	60.5%	66.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.5%	71.1%	61.1%	64.8%
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	30.0%	33.6%	28.0%	29.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	30.6%	28.7%	29.2%	27.4%
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	74.7%	14.4%	10.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.2%	10.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)	
District	93.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.1%

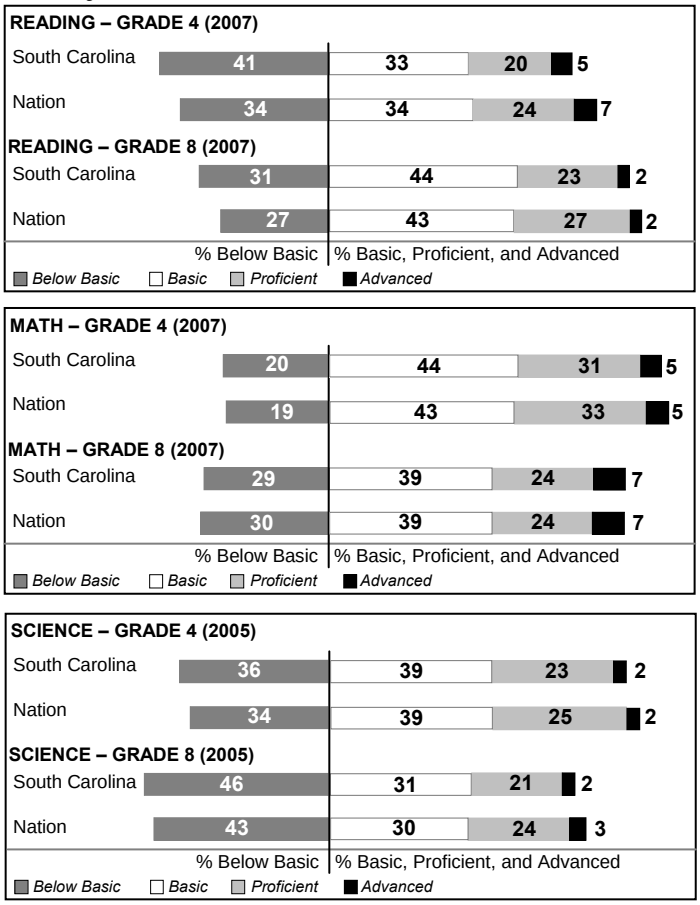
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	66.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.4%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	83.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.0%

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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=2,130)				
Retention rate	3.1%	Down from 3.3%	4.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 95.9%	95.4%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.2%	Down from 10.5%	11.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.0%	Up from 8.9%	11.0%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.5%	0.8%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.2%	Up from 6.4%	8.7%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	56.0%	N/A	50.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.6%	Down from 29.1%	30.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	6	Down from 10	41	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	2	Down from 10	22	27
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Up from 1.3%	3.1%	3.8%
Teachers (n=151)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	41.1%	Down from 47.6%	55.0%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	63.6%	Down from 64.6%	76.6%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	12.1%	Up from 10.2%	4.4%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.8%	Up from 79.7%	88.5%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 93.8%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$40,501	Up 5.4%	$45,155	$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.8%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.8%	Down from 8.6%	2.2%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Down from 21.6 to 1	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 88.2%	88.7%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$7,920	Down 0.5%	$8,635	$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	48.9%	No Change	53.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	51.5%	Up from 51.0%	57.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	2.1%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	26 Years	No Change	27 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	2.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	$76,032	Up 10.7%	$76,176	$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	75.9%		68.5%	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

We have watched our plan for academic excellence unfold over the last six years with pride and excitement. Saluda County School District has received statewide recognition as a leader in improvement of academic performance.

Our focus on literacy remained strong with the continuation of Academy Time, Balanced Literacy, Write from the Beginning, Write for the Future, and Thinking Maps. Literacy coaches and tutors provide support in each school. Additional instruction is provided to ESOL students through “sheltered programs.” Math, Science, and Social Studies initiatives are in place with a focus on a standards based curriculum.

Saluda High School received the Palmetto Gold Award once again this year, and Saluda Elementary School was awarded the Palmetto Silver Award for the third year in a row. In the 3rd and 4th grade, students are scoring above 80% on the ELA portion of the PACT. 87% of our students are scoring basic or above in writing on the PACT. In 2007, the seventh grade exceeded its goal when 91% of the students scored basic or above in math. The district was ranked #1 in overall improvement in S.C. by Measuring Education Gains (MEG). Last year, over 80% of Saluda High school students passed the HSAP on their first attempt, surpassing the state average. In addition to the success we have enjoyed academically, we are also proud to report that many of our students have been recognized as winners in various athletic endeavors and artistic pursuits.

After opening the new Educational Complex in 2001, renovations were made to Hollywood Elementary School to make room for the growing number of students moving to the area. This past summer, Saluda Primary School was completely renovated to make major improvements to the appearance of the school as well as much needed upgrades for energy efficiency. The four million dollar project was completed in December and plans are underway for renovating Saluda Elementary School in the future.

As we look to the future, I am confident that our schools will continue to flourish through the continuation of established programs and support from parents and the community.

Pete Stone, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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