SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 7 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 7,619**
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	7	18	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	72.4%	70.4%	60.8%	67.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.6%	71.2%	61.3%	65.2%
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	36.0%	31.9%	31.8%	31.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	30.8%	28.9%	29.3%	27.7%
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	73.8%	12.5%	13.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.2%	10.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	90.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	52.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.7%

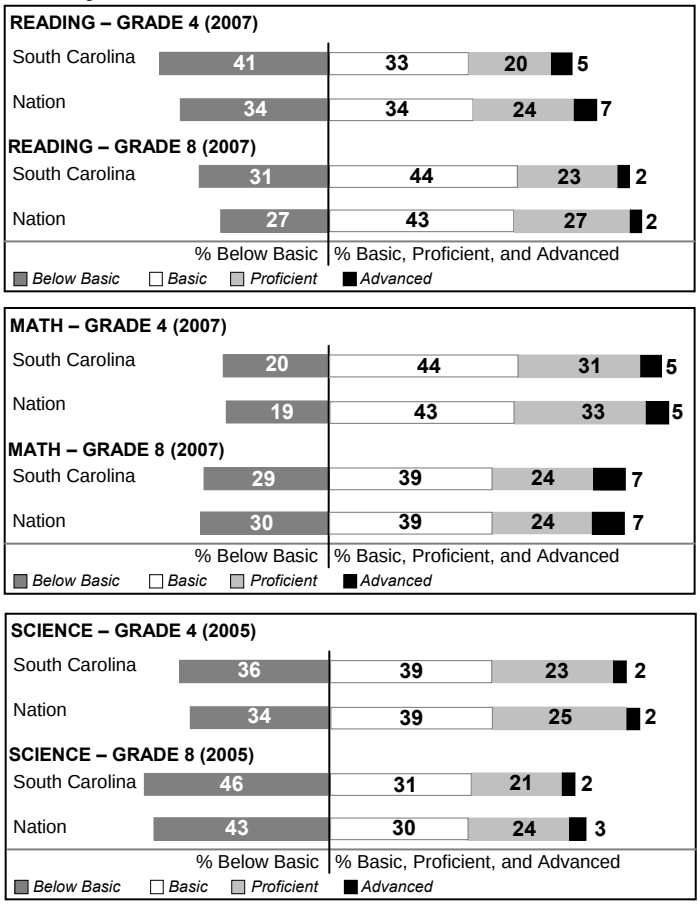
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	68.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%

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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=7,619)				
Retention rate	5.0%	Up from 4.3%	4.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.2%	95.5%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.0%	Down from 22.0%	11.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.9%	Up from 9.8%	11.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Up from 1.5%	0.7%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.2%	Up from 18.9%	9.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	76.6%	N/A	50.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.2%	Up from 32.8%	29.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	54	Down from 72	50	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	47	Down from 54	25	27
Annual dropout rate	7.5%	Up from 3.3%	3.1%	3.8%
Teachers (n=626)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.3%	Up from 65.9%	54.8%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Down from 79.5%	77.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.8%	Up from 2.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.7%	Down from 89.1%	88.5%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.3%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	$48,243	Up 3.2%	$44,873	$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.1%	Up from 0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Down from 3.7%	2.1%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	No Change	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 16.5 to 1	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.7%	Up from 86.5%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$10,350	Up 8.6%	$8,666	$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.7%	Down from 57.8%	53.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.6%	No Change	57.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	10	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	Down from 7.2%	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	12.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	$81,161	Up 4.2%	$76,032	$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	81.8%		69.0%	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

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and all district employees of Spartanburg District Seven strive to provide an environment in which all students can reach their maximum potential. Safety is paramount in Spartanburg District Seven, as is the mission to meet the needs of all young people in the schools.

During the 2007-2008 year, District Seven looked for ways to offer choices to the families in the district. Innovations in various schools include a Montessori program at Todd Elementary, single gender classes at Park Hills Elementary, an Academic Achievement Academy at Carver Junior High, International Baccalaureate programs at Boyd Elementary, a technology emphasis at Chapman Elementary, a fine arts emphasis at Pine Street Elementary, the Dream Catcher Academy at Whitlock Junior High, a multi-academy concept at Cleveland Elementary, and an innovative concept at Houston Elementary. These and many other ideas are being considered, along with a new district system in which families may request a change in school placement.

In academics, Spartanburg High School had ten students named as National Merit or Achievement Finalists, and the school was named by Newsweek as one of the top schools in the country in recognition of its Advanced Placement program. In athletics, the district is working with the city of Spartanburg to renovate the Duncan Park stadium, as well as making extensive site improvements at the DuPre Drive complex. In activities and the arts, students have gained local, state, and national recognition for participation and excellence in performance.

District Seven invites the Spartanburg community to celebrate the successes of district students, teachers, and administrators, both individually and collectively. Including several new administrators, both at the district and school level, these members of the district "family" appreciate all current school and district partners. As District Seven reaches for new heights, new partners in excellence are welcome as Spartanburg enters a new era in its schools, its quality of life, and the many opportunities for its citizens.

Thomas D. White, Jr., Superintendent

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