SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Abbeville School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 3,295**
Superintendent: Dr. Ivan Randolph
Board Chair: James B. Tisdale, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	2	19	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.*

PASS

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	81.1%	81.4%	77.1%	79.0%	76.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%	65.7%	61.1%	66.5%	64.5%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary
District	41.2%	36.7%	26.2%	34.8%	32.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	29.5%	23.7%	14.4%	22.3%	23.8%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	82.6%	13.2%	4.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.9%	14.3%	12.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	94.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	60.9
Districts with Students Like Ours**	55.8

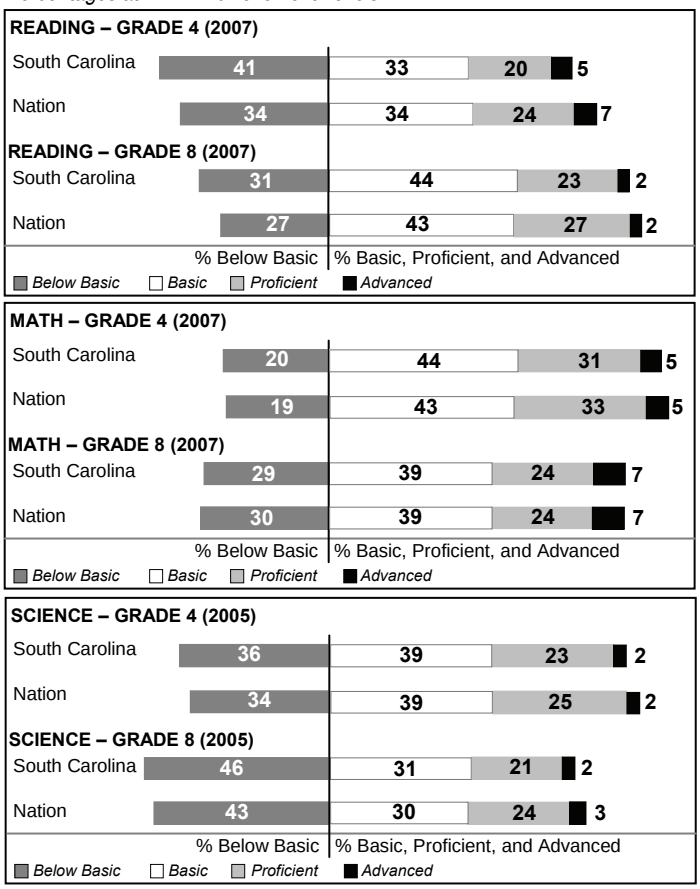
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%

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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 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,295)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 3.3%	3.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.6%	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.0%	Up from 9.1%	12.1%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.6%	Down from 10.7%	10.8%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.0%	Up from 4.6%	4.9%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.1%	Down from 9.0%	8.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	50.2%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.0%	No Change	29.4%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	28	Up from 26	40	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	27	Up from 25	23	30
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Up from 1.8%	4.0%	3.4%
Teachers (n=257)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.4%	Up from 52.6%	56.5%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	82.5%	Up from 82.1%	79.9%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.0%	Down from 6.0%	4.3%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Down from 90.8%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.7%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	$47,985	Up 5.4%	$46,226	$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.8%	Up from 1.9%	1.6%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	7.7 days	Down from 10.9 days	13.4 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 18.5 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 90.4%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,416	Up 9.4%	$9,378	$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.9%	No Change	52.7%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 58.8%	56.4%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	9	Down from 10	9	9
Portable classrooms	3.3%	Up from 2.5%	2.3%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	25 Years	Up from 24 Years	29 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	9.0	Down from 10.0	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.3%	N/A	95.2%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	$73,328	Up 2.0%	$78,468	$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 76.2%	85.2%	85.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** 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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Abbeville County School District continues to make significant strides in providing a quality education for our students. With a student population of approximately 3,246 students housed at nine school sites, our district has been restructured from five elementary schools, one middle school, three high schools, and one career center to a district with one primary school, four elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools, and one career center. John C. Calhoun Elementary and Wright Middle School received the prestigious Palmetto Silver Award, and the Abbeville Career Center received the prestigious Palmetto Gold Award for academic achievement. Abbeville High School and John C. Calhoun Elementary received the Silver award for closing the achievement gap.

While it is our hope that every student, teacher, and staff member takes pride in the improved instructional performance of our young people, there remain areas that require our attention. We are continually searching for more effective ways to improve the instructional environment for the students of Abbeville County. This year emphasis was placed on engaging students at all levels in education experiences that ensure success and life-long learning through the use of Individualized Graduation Plans (IGP), career counseling, dual credit, advanced placement, and a pre-engineering course added at the career center. We continue to improve our use of technology in the classroom with the installation of more SMART boards and visual presentation machines at several of our schools. These tools are a way to help the teacher bring lessons to life, capture the attention of students, and further engage student learning. As a district, we are making a conscious effort to maintain a balance between the academic, athletic, and fine arts programs.

With the support of our school board and the dedication of our teachers, administrators, support staff, students, and parents, Abbeville County School District strives to continue to be a model of excellence in education.

Ivan Randolph, Ph.D.

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