

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Kershaw County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,505**
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, 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	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	8	9	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	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
PASS	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	77.2%	73.0%	69.9%	72.7%	75.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%	72.3%	68.6%	73.0%	71.4%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
PASS	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	37.0%	27.4%	19.9%	24.8%	33.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.6%	29.7%	19.1%	28.6%	30.6%
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		75.7%	14.4%	9.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**		78.0%	11.8%	10.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)	
District	95.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.8%

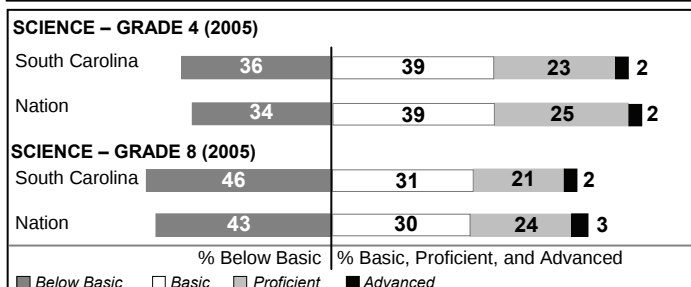
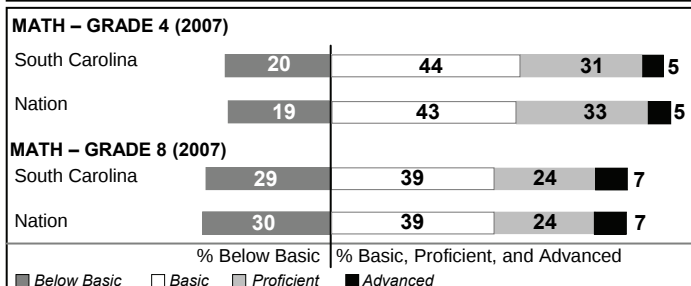
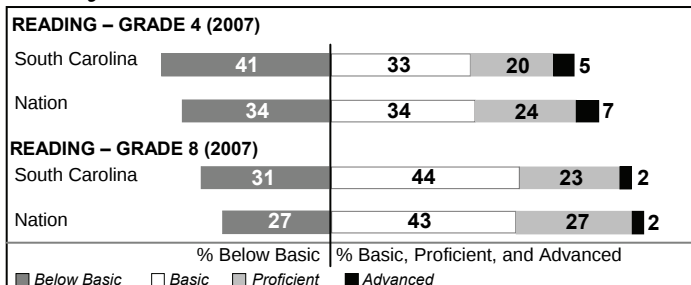
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	63.0
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.4

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	74.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.0%

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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 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=10,505)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 4.0%	2.5%	3.1%
Attendance rate	95.7%	No Change	95.7%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.4%	Down from 21.7%	14.0%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	8.6%	Down from 9.0%	10.0%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	Down from 3.5%	3.1%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Down from 1.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.2%	Up from 13.5%	16.1%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	50.0%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.7%	Up from 29.2%	33.1%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	71	Up from 60	71	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	61	Up from 51	61	30
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	Up from 1.5%	2.9%	3.4%
Teachers (n=718)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.9%	Up from 62.3%	58.1%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	84.8%	Up from 78.5%	80.9%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.2%	Down from 4.3%	3.5%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Up from 90.8%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.4%	95.4%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,899	Up 4.2%	\$47,837	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8%	Down from 2.9%	1.1%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	11.0 days	Down from 15.6 days	13.0 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Down from 22.4 to 1	21.1 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 89.0%	90.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,504	Up 4.6%	\$8,697	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.0%	Up from 53.5%	56.0%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.7%	Up from 59.0%	58.7%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	4.0%	Down from 6.9%	5.7%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	21 Years	Down from 26 Years	24 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.1%	N/A	95.4%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$81,910	Up 8.0%	\$79,227	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.1%	Up from 65.5%	90.9%	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

This has been another school year of improved student achievement and academic excellence. Kershaw County School District (KCS D) averages were higher than the state averages in 16 of the 24 possible 2008 PACT categories. The district's average SAT score was the 17th best in the state, making it 17 points above the state average. This was the fourth straight year that Kershaw County seniors improved their average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam. Five schools—ATEC, Camden High, Lugoff-Elgin High, Lugoff-Elgin Middle, and North Central High—were recognized by the State Board of Education in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement, while North Central High was also recognized for reducing the achievement gap for at least one historically underachieving student group.

Twenty-two more Kershaw County teachers earned National Board certification (the highest credential available in the teaching profession). This brings the total number of district teachers who are National Board certified to 130, or 17 percent of the teaching staff, compared to only 13 percent statewide who have the certification.

Under the i-CAN program, all of the district's high school students received laptops to use throughout their high school careers. The first set of KCS D graduates who had laptops for their entire high school careers had consecutive gains for four years in student achievement data for grade point average, percent of credits passed, and student grades from 2005-2008. In addition, a new K-8 technology initiative supplied interactive whiteboards for every classroom and laptops on carts for student use. All KCS D teachers received laptops and staff development in computer-based instruction.

Seven construction projects from Phase One of the \$102.2 million facilities equalization program were completed on or ahead of schedule. The school district is using cost savings from these projects to build a new Jackson School and address facility needs due to an increased student population in the West Wateree area.

The district's performance has received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Kershaw County was one of the first in the state to receive district-wide SACS CASI accreditation. Lugoff-Elgin Middle was named a Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award recipient, and Camden High was named a program finalist. Lugoff Elementary received the Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award. Four schools—ATEC, North Central Middle, Pine Tree Hill Elementary, and Wateree Elementary—were named Red Carpet Schools, bringing the total number of Kershaw County schools who currently hold this honor up to 14. Camden High's Academic Booster Club was one of four civic organizations to be recognized by the State Board of Education for outstanding contributions to South Carolina's public education system. Baron DeKalb Elementary School's breakfast program received a Best Practice Award from the USDA for increasing its student participation in the breakfast program, while Doby's Mill Elementary received the Palmetto Five-Star Cafeteria Award from the South Carolina School Food Service Purchasing Alliance.

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