

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Marion Two School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 1,950

Superintendent: Dr. Nathaniel Miller

Board Chair: Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond

## 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 | At-Risk         | At-Risk       | N/A                            | Not Met         | NI                      |
| 2008 | Below Average   | Excellent     | N/A                            | Not Met         | N/A                     |
| 2007 | At-Risk         | Below Average | N/A                            | Not Met         | N/A                     |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0         | 0    | 0       | 7             | 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                            | 56.4%          | 49.4%          | 46.3%          | 52.2%               | 52.7%          |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 57.7%          | 51.7%          | 47.6%          | 55.9%               | 54.3%          |
| 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                            | 16.9%        | 11.7%       | 5.5%         | 11.0%               | 14.3%        |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 18.6%        | 12.4%       | 7.5%         | 12.4%               | 15.1%        |
| 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                            | 64.3%                 | 12.7%                | 23.0%                  |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 62.3%                 | 19.5%                | 18.3%                  |

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 96.2% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 90.1% |

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| District                            | 41.3 |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 41.1 |

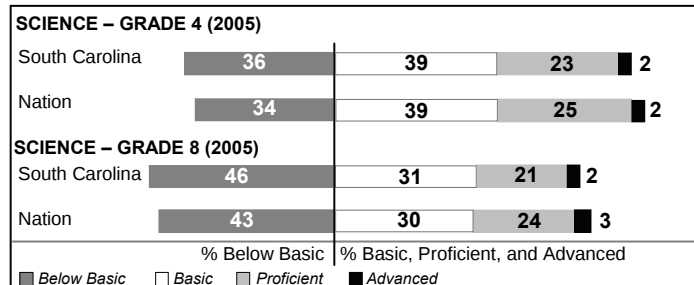
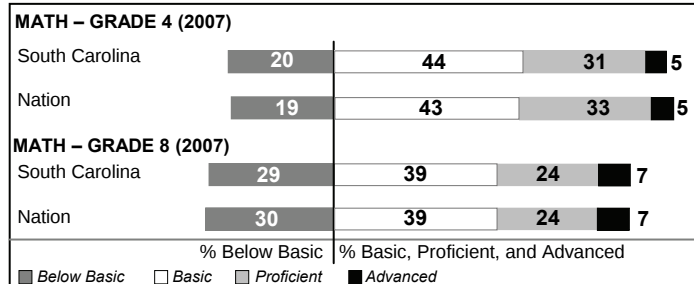
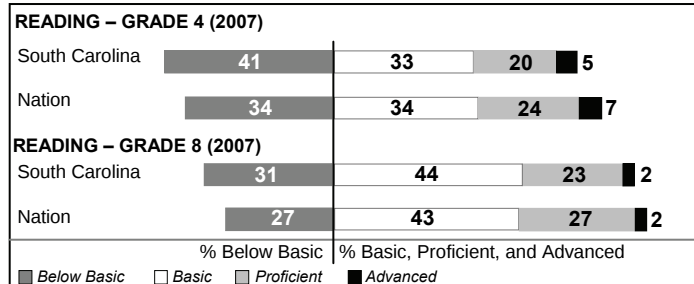
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 82.4% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 70.4% |

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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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Students (n=1,950)</b>                                                    |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Retention rate                                                               | 4.0%         | Down from 4.4%        | 3.9%                              | 3.1%            |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 93.5%        | Down from 94.2%       | 95.3%                             | 95.7%           |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 9.7%         | Up from 9.6%          | 5.6%                              | 11.2%           |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 13.4%        | Down from 14.8%       | 11.6%                             | 10.6%           |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 5.4%         | Down from 7.3%        | 6.1%                              | 4.3%            |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.3%         | Down from 0.6%        | 0.4%                              | 0.5%            |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs                                                   | 5.7%         | Up from 5.0%          | 6.4%                              | 10.5%           |
| Successful on AP/IB exams                                                    | 48.0%        | N/A                   | 38.0%                             | 51.2%           |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship                                                | 30.2%        | Down from 32.7%       | 29.3%                             | 30.8%           |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs                          | 16           | Up from 9             | 28                                | 40              |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs                       | 11           | Up from 3             | 15                                | 30              |
| Annual dropout rate                                                          | 6.4%         | Up from 5.6%          | 3.6%                              | 3.4%            |
| <b>Teachers (n=134)</b>                                                      |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 51.5%        | Up from 46.7%         | 53.1%                             | 56.8%           |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 66.4%        | Down from 68.9%       | 67.7%                             | 76.7%           |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 11.9%        | Down from 14.2%       | 11.5%                             | 4.6%            |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 86.3%        | Down from 88.0%       | 83.4%                             | 88.4%           |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 93.9%        | Down from 95.2%       | 95.0%                             | 95.0%           |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$44,297     | Up 3.6%               | \$44,165                          | \$46,992        |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks                                           | 1.5%         | Down from 2.2%        | 1.6%                              | 0.4%            |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 5.4%         | Up from 2.1%          | 6.9%                              | 2.3%            |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 11.0 days    | Down from 24.5 days   | 13.2 days                         | 13.1 days       |
| <b>District</b>                                                              |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Superintendent's years at district                                           | 3.5          | Up from 2.5           | 3.8                               | 3.0             |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 21.9 to 1    | Up from 20.1 to 1     | 19.1 to 1                         | 20.5 to 1       |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 86.3%        | Down from 87.5%       | 89.1%                             | 89.8%           |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$10,291     | Up 16.1%              | \$11,242                          | \$9,279         |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 46.3%        | Down from 48.7%       | 47.9%                             | 52.7%           |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 51.0%        | Down from 51.9%       | 52.3%                             | 56.7%           |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Good         | Down from Excellent   | Excellent                         | Excellent       |
| Number of schools                                                            | 4            | No Change             | 5                                 | 9               |
| Portable classrooms                                                          | 9.7%         | Up from 5.2%          | 3.0%                              | 3.5%            |
| Average age in years of school facilities                                    | 36 Years     | Up from 35 Years      | 32 Years                          | 28 Years        |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation                                    | 4.0          | No Change             | 4.0                               | 8.0             |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 98.7%        | Up from 98.2%         | 92.6%                             | 93.9%           |
| Average administrator salary                                                 | \$74,796     | Up 4.1%               | \$74,218                          | \$79,261        |
| Number of charter schools                                                    | 0            | No Change             | 0                                 | 0               |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 61.9%        | Up from 57.1%         | 64.4%                             | 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

Marion School District Two serves the educational needs of over 2,100 students in a population base of 13,000 residents. Located in a small rural area of the Pee Dee, the district operates four schools on five sites with 150 teachers. Approximately 80 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Over 40 percent of the families live below the poverty level and have a taxable income of less than eight thousand dollars. Marion County continues to rank near the top in the state in unemployment.

With grade restructuring, students remain in school over a greater grade span and schools are able to instruct students with greater directed instruction. The restructuring has allowed for greater vertical articulation and fewer student transitions. The district has implemented computerized MAP tests and Testview to not only assess instruction but to evaluate student performance more readily.

The utilization of an effective afterschool program that blends both the arts and academics has allowed for additional achievements in both academics and the arts. Mullins High School continues to show improvement in both academics and in closing the achievement gap between majority and minority populations. Mullins High was awarded both Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards, while McCormick Elementary received the Palmetto Silver Award.

Improved student academics were evident by the district and several schools received an "excellent improvement rating." The entire district has implemented the Achieve 3000 Reading Program K-10 as well as other strategies to enhance academic performance.

Marion School District Two enjoys a healthy partnership with several businesses in the community. These partnerships have been forged in the areas of financial support, mentoring, community forums, and participation and services in kind. We appreciate our community and its involvement.

The main focus of the Marion School District Two's Board of Trustees is to foster the development of a well-rounded individual that will someday become a productive citizen and community member. The board recognizes that this can only be accomplished through the support of our community as well as our legislative delegation.

Nathaniel Miller, Ph.D., Superintendent