

# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Spartanburg 7 School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 7,614**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.**  
**Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III**

## 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   | Below Average | N/A                            | Not Met         | CA                      |
| 2008 | Below Average   | Excellent     | N/A                            | Not Met         | CA                      |
| 2007 | Below Average   | Average       | N/A                            | Not Met         | CA                      |

## 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                            | 69.4%          | 66.1%          | 62.4%          | 69.0%               | 66.3%          |
| 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%          |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                                     | % Exemplary  | % Exemplary | % Exemplary  | % Exemplary         | % Exemplary  |
| District                            | 34.0%        | 26.2%       | 18.7%        | 27.0%               | 28.8%        |
| 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                            | 72.6%                 | 12.0%                | 15.3%                  |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 72.9%                 | 14.3%                | 12.9%                  |

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 89.5% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 93.1% |

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| District                            | 57.4 |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 55.8 |

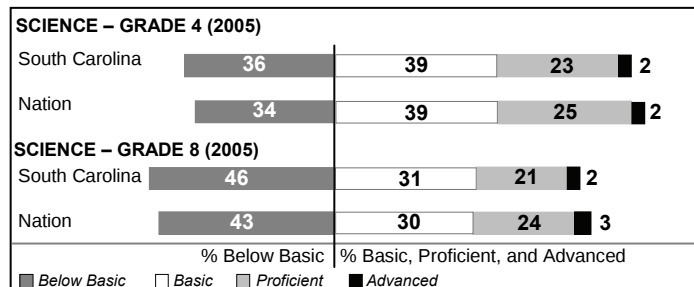
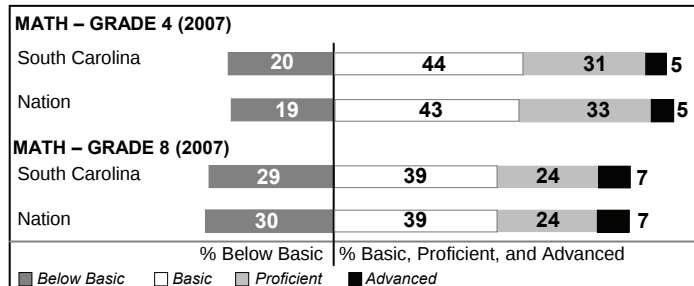
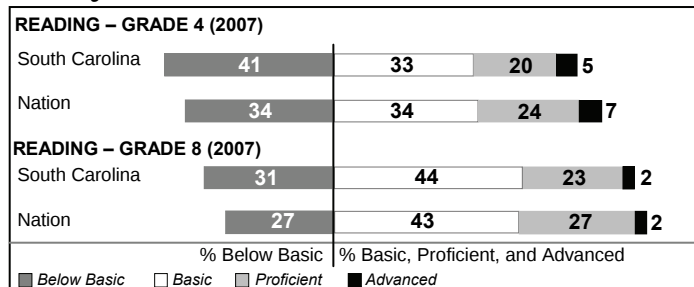
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 73.7% |
| 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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Students (n=7,614)</b>                                                    |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Retention rate                                                               | 3.2%         | Down from 5.0%        | 3.5%                              | 3.1%            |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 94.4%        | No Change             | 95.7%                             | 95.7%           |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 20.2%        | Down from 21.0%       | 12.1%                             | 11.2%           |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 12.3%        | Up from 11.9%         | 10.8%                             | 10.6%           |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 3.8%         | Down from 4.1%        | 4.9%                              | 4.3%            |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.1%         | Down from 2.4%        | 0.6%                              | 0.5%            |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs                                                   | 22.0%        | Down from 23.2%       | 8.1%                              | 10.5%           |
| Successful on AP/IB exams                                                    | 77.1%        | Up from 76.6%         | 50.2%                             | 51.2%           |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship                                                | 31.6%        | Down from 33.2%       | 29.4%                             | 30.8%           |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs                          | 40           | Down from 54          | 40                                | 40              |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs                       | 39           | Down from 47          | 23                                | 30              |
| Annual dropout rate                                                          | 6.6%         | Down from 7.5%        | 4.0%                              | 3.4%            |
| <b>Teachers (n=624)</b>                                                      |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 67.9%        | Up from 66.3%         | 56.5%                             | 56.8%           |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 76.9%        | Down from 78.0%       | 79.9%                             | 76.7%           |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 1.4%         | Down from 2.8%        | 4.3%                              | 4.6%            |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 87.0%        | Up from 86.7%         | 88.4%                             | 88.4%           |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 94.2%        | Up from 94.0%         | 95.0%                             | 95.0%           |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$50,006     | Up 3.7%               | \$46,226                          | \$46,992        |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks                                           | 1.0%         | Down from 1.1%        | 0.3%                              | 0.4%            |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 2.3%         | Up from 1.2%          | 1.6%                              | 2.3%            |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 15.8 days    | Up from 15.2 days     | 13.4 days                         | 13.1 days       |
| <b>District</b>                                                              |              |                       |                                   |                 |
| Superintendent's years at district                                           | 2.0          | Up from 1.0           | 3.0                               | 3.0             |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 17.9 to 1    | Up from 17.2 to 1     | 20.0 to 1                         | 20.5 to 1       |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 87.2%        | Up from 86.7%         | 89.8%                             | 89.8%           |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$10,793     | Up 4.3%               | \$9,378                           | \$9,279         |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 56.2%        | Down from 57.7%       | 52.7%                             | 52.7%           |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 58.8%        | Down from 60.6%       | 56.4%                             | 56.7%           |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Excellent    | No Change             | Excellent                         | Excellent       |
| Number of schools                                                            | 13           | No Change             | 9                                 | 9               |
| Portable classrooms                                                          | 9.8%         | Up from 0.0%          | 2.3%                              | 3.5%            |
| Average age in years of school facilities                                    | 28 Years     | Up from 27 Years      | 29 Years                          | 28 Years        |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation                                    | 12.0         | No Change             | 9.0                               | 8.0             |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 94.9%        | Up from 93.8%         | 95.2%                             | 93.9%           |
| Average administrator salary                                                 | \$86,331     | Up 6.4%               | \$78,468                          | \$79,261        |
| Number of charter schools                                                    | 0            | No Change             | 0                                 | 0               |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 84.8%        | Up from 81.8%         | 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 people of Spartanburg District Seven have always supported the programs and policies that contribute to the excellent educational opportunities for the students of District 7. To honor that trust, the Board of Trustees and all district employees strive to provide an environment in which all students can reach their maximum potential.

In Spartanburg School District Seven, it is our belief that students are most successful when they are involved in programs that interest and motivate them: programs that stimulate their sense of curiosity. I am happy to announce that each one of our schools emphasizes an innovative approach to learning. Though our students are assigned to schools based on their residential address, they may apply to attend another school within the district with a certain focus or a unique program. By offering a variety of opportunities within the various schools of District 7, we are giving students and their families choice. An outline on each school's unique approach is available on the district website ([www.spartanburg7.org](http://www.spartanburg7.org)) so that you may learn more about school choice in District 7.

In these efforts and in all ways, we strive for unmatched excellence in academics, athletics, activities, and the arts. In academics, Spartanburg High School had six students named as National Merit 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 arts, the District Seven Orchestra Program sent 28 talented high school orchestra students to China for a concert tour during the summer 2009, which included playing at the very prestigious Xian Music Conservatory Concert Hall. In activities, our students participated in over 34 clubs and organizations, Student Government, Student Advisory Council, JROTC, Career Education, job shadowing opportunities, as well as produced the award winning yearbook, SAGA. In athletics, the district recently added lacrosse as one of 23 varsity offerings for boys and girls. We have made extensive site improvements at the athletic complex on campus and at Duncan Park. All the athletic facilities improvements at SHS will be second-to-none and will provide excellent facilities for not only its athletes but also the residents of the district.

Sincerest Regards,  
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