



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Cherokee School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 9,142

Superintendent: Kim Bagwell

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

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	
2010	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	17	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	65.9%	67.4%	56.0%	57.9%	66.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.9%	65.7%	60.9%	65.7%	66.3%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	32.1%	29.6%	12.2%	16.9%	28.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.2%	26.3%	16.5%	23.3%	26.3%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	77.0%	10.9%	12.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	12.2%	12.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	92.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	53.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.0%

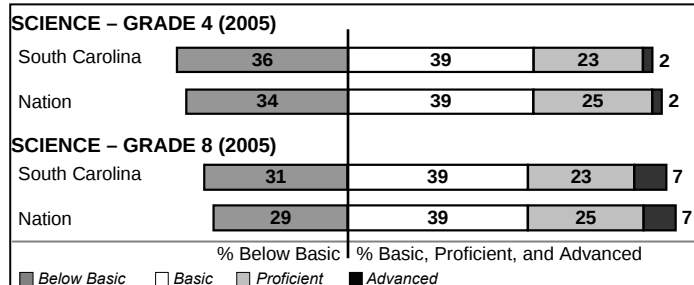
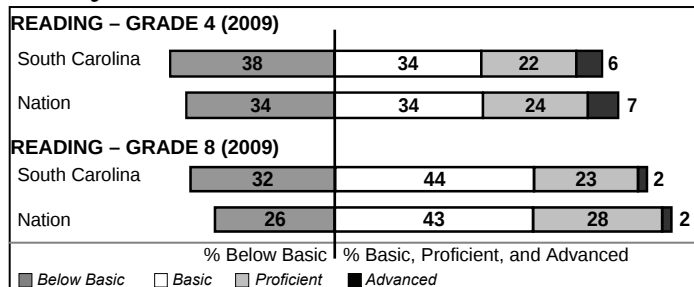
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.6%

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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=9,142)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 2.5%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.7%	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.3%	Up from 14.4%	13.3%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Up from 6.7%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Up from 2.4%	5.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.1%	Up from 6.2%	8.6%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	47.8%	Up from 41.0%	47.8%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	52.1%	Up from 47.2%	31.3%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	151	Down from 159	47	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	122	Up from 86	31	29
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Down from 5.4%	3.3%	3.1%
Teachers (n=588)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	Up from 61.8%	58.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	96.4%	Up from 88.6%	83.5%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.5%	Down from 1.1%	4.1%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.0%	Up from 91.1%	89.4%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 94.8%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,992	Up 1.3%	\$45,687	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 1.3%	1.9%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Down from 10.4 days	12.3 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 8.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.0%	89.5%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,859	Down 0.3%	\$9,371	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.9%	Up from 52.7%	53.2%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.3%	Down from 58.1%	56.0%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	1.6%	Down from 1.7%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	26 Years	Up from 25 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.6%	Up from 93.6%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$79,316	No Change	\$78,358	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 schools of Cherokee County enjoyed continued success in all areas during 2009-2010. Our teachers and staff members worked with students, parents, and the community to help each student be successful.

Upon the release of the 2009 state report card, the Cherokee County School District was pleased to learn that nine elementary schools and one middle school earned AYP status. Northwest Elementary and the CTC were recognized as Palmetto Gold Schools for their outstanding achievement in 2009, and Draytonville Elementary was recognized as a Palmetto Silver School. Additionally, BHS and GHS earned Palmetto Silver awards for growth in On-time Graduation Rate. In the spring of 2010, the Cherokee County School District awarded 525 diplomas to seniors. The Class of 2010 was awarded approximately \$8.7 million dollars in scholarships.

Other district celebrations of success include 35 middle school students being named South Carolina Junior Scholars. Additionally, B.D. Lee Elementary was recognized as a 2010 School of Character. CTC inducted 24 students into the National Technical Honor Society, and 71% of BHS Advanced Placement students earned a 3 or higher on the AP exams. Mary Bramlett Elementary achieved Red Carpet status. The GHS Air Force Junior ROTC received the Distinguished Unit Award with Merit for academic year 2009-2010.

Cherokee County students were heavily involved in character building fundraising efforts this year. Limestone Central Elementary Montessori students collected \$1,000 for the American Red Cross to assist earthquake victims in Haiti. Other schools raised monies for Relay for Life, the March of Dimes, and Jump Rope for Heart. Middle School students conducted fund raisers for the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and Peachtree Center.

Fine Arts were at their best, with student work featured during the District's Arts Expo. In athletics, GHS won the state 4-A championship in Basketball for the fourth time since 2003.

Many factors contributed to a successful year: student effort, teacher dedication, parent support, and community help and input. We appreciate the effort, assistance, and support from everyone in making 2010 a very successful school year for the students and staff of the Cherokee County School District.

Kim J. Bagwell, Interim Superintendent

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