



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Dorchester 2 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 22,386**
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair: Frances Townsend

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	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met
2008	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met
					N/A
					CDI-HOLD
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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	4	1	0	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	81.7%	79.4%	74.7%	78.8%	82.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%	74.5%	73.0%	75.7%	77.0%
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	48.7%	41.8%	26.6%	38.2%	43.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.4%	35.9%	25.4%	34.2%	39.5%
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	83.7%	9.7%	6.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	82.8%	9.8%	7.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	91.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	72.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	70.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2009)	
South Carolina	38
Nation	34

34	22	6
34	24	7

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)	
South Carolina	32
Nation	26

44	23	2
43	28	2

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced
 Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

MATH – GRADE 4 (2009)	
South Carolina	22
Nation	19

44	29	5
43	33	6

MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)	
South Carolina	31
Nation	29

39	23	7
39	25	7

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SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)	
South Carolina	36
Nation	34

39	23	2
39	25	2

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)	
South Carolina	31
Nation	29

39	23	7
39	25	7

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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=22,386)				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 3.2%	1.7%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.1%	95.9%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.2%	Up from 14.4%	18.3%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	No Change	9.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Down from 4.0%	2.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.8%	Down from 4.8%	0.4%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	26.1%	Up from 17.2%	19.9%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.0%	Down from 66.7%	69.8%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.6%	Down from 30.2%	38.0%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	296	Up from 245	159	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	251	Up from 207	97	29
Annual dropout rate	4.3%	Up from 3.1%	3.2%	3.1%
Teachers (n=1,344)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.6%	Up from 52.5%	59.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	80.6%	Up from 70.6%	82.2%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.8%	Down from 4.5%	2.4%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Up from 85.9%	90.7%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.4%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,426	Down 1.3%	\$47,645	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Up from 0.2%	1.2%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Down from 13.9 days	12.7 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Up from 21.7 to 1	22.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.5%	90.5%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,106	Up 3.9%	\$7,926	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.8%	Up from 56.3%	56.7%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.5%	Up from 60.3%	58.8%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	20	No Change	23	9
Portable classrooms	9.2%	Down from 9.6%	4.8%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	22 Years	Up from 21 Years	20 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	20.0	No Change	23.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Up from 93.1%	98.2%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$79,613	No Change	\$80,344	\$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	I/S	N/A	44.4%

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 2009-2010 school year was one of challenges and achievements for Dorchester School District Two. The school system, with over 22,000 students, continues to experience growth as enrollment increased by 650 students this year, making it one of the fastest growing districts in the state. District Two is one of a few select districts in the state and nation to achieve district-wide accreditation as a quality school system by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Faced with the challenges of reductions in state funding, the district continued its commitment to increase student achievement with an emphasis on program efficiency and effectiveness. Technology has played an important role, serving individual needs of students through instructional software such as Waterford for primary grades, Compass, and Apex Learning. Key business partnerships have provided students quality programs such as Robotics and classroom mentoring by business professionals. The district also received a four-year 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant totaling \$494,962 to fund comprehensive afterschool programs at several middle schools.

The greatest resource of the district is the dedicated employees who constantly seek better ways to ensure student success. All schools and district staff have embraced the Professional Learning Community concept this year to focus on student learning and to build a collaborative culture. Explicit direct instruction, a teacher-centered approach to instruction, is being implemented in all schools. The district is one of only a few to have 100% of the 2,900 employees trained in the Darkness to Light Program to identify and prevent child abuse. Thirteen teachers attained National Board Certification, totaling 158 nationally certified teachers in district classrooms.

Extraordinary accomplishments of our schools and students were recognized at the state and national level. Five schools received 2009 Palmetto Gold Awards from the SC Education Oversight Committee for overall student performance, and five schools were honored for closing the achievement gap based on academic gains of student subgroups. Fort Dorchester Elementary was a finalist for the Palmetto's Finest Award. Three schools earned Red Carpet Awards for family-friendly environments, bringing the district total to 12 Red Carpet Schools. The district continues to receive recognition for leadership in arts education. Windsor Hill Arts Infused Elementary received the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Arts Education Award, the third time the district has received this award. District Two received a four-year Arts in Education grant totaling \$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Education. The district fine arts coordinator received the 2010 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts, the highest state award in the arts. The graduating class of 2010 was offered over \$20,721,853 in scholarships. Summerville High cheerleaders won the state championship for the second consecutive year. Fort Dorchester High wrestling team captured the state title this year. District SAT scores surpassed the state average, and ACT scores surpassed the state and national average. Our vision is that every child will reach his/her potential through Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships.

Joseph R. Pye, Superintendent

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