

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Sumter 17 School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 8,534

Superintendent: Zona W. Jefferson, Ph.D.

Board Chair: Mr. Greg L. Simonson

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	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	18	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	72.2%	65.6%	66.3%	70.6%	66.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.8%	68.0%	63.6%	68.1%	68.7%
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	34.8%	24.2%	18.6%	24.3%	24.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.0%	29.4%	18.7%	26.2%	29.6%
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	72.4%	17.0%	10.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	12.2%	12.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	89.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.6%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	60.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%

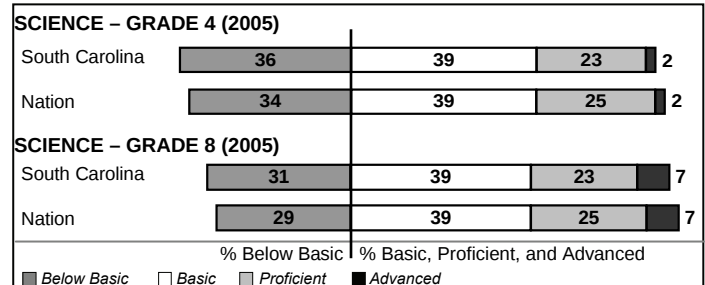
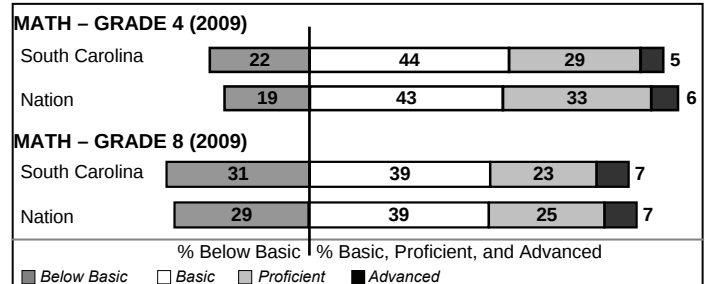
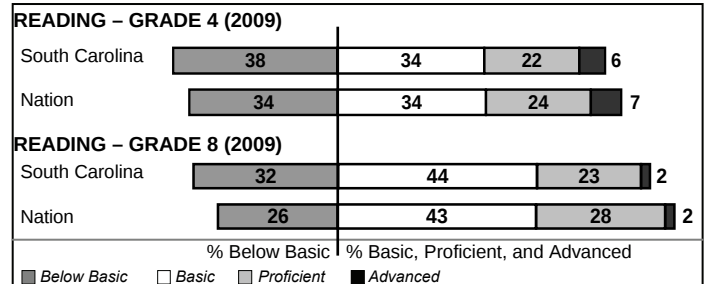
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.4%

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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
Students (n=8,534)				
Retention rate	3.7%	Down from 4.2%	2.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.1%	No Change	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.5%	Up from 12.8%	14.5%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Down from 11.7%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.3%	Down from 6.9%	4.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.4%	Up from 8.1%	9.4%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	72.7%	Down from 82.0%	46.3%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.3%	Up from 25.0%	31.1%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	96	Up from 85	57	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	83	No Change	37	29
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 2.0%	3.3%	3.1%
Teachers (n=588)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.5%	Up from 56.0%	58.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.1%	Up from 79.0%	84.1%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.7%	Down from 9.8%	3.8%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Up from 88.4%	89.4%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.8%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,151	Down 0.9%	\$45,809	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.7%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8%	Down from 3.9%	2.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Down from 10.9 days	12.8 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	8.0	Up from 7.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.2%	89.4%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,506	Down 2.9%	\$9,366	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.8%	Up from 54.5%	53.9%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.3%	Down from 58.4%	56.3%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	11	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	0.5%	Down from 1.5%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	30 Years	Up from 29 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.3%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$73,081	No Change	\$78,515	\$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

Sumter School District 17 serves more than 8,500 students in grades preschool through 12 and employs over 1,500 staff members. Our district includes seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, an alternative learning center, and the Early Head Start program. In addition, our district offers choice opportunities, which include the Magnet School for the Fine Arts and Technology, the Science Connections Magnet School, the Sixth Grade Oaks Academy, and the IB Middle Years Programme. Sumter School District 17 remains committed to its mission of providing an education of high quality to every student by providing challenging, innovative learning experiences in a safe, supportive, and culturally diverse environment.

The 2009-2010 school year was filled with progress, one in which our schools and educators were recognized at the national and state levels. Nine teachers in Sumter School District 17 achieved National Board Certification, bringing the district's total to 79. The Sumter High School Class of 2010 earned over \$7.8 million in merit-based scholarships and included 18 Palmetto Fellows, one National Merit Scholarship winner, one National Merit Commended student, and two students with 12 years of perfect attendance. Twenty-two middle school students were named South Carolina Junior Scholars. Furthermore, Sumter High, Alice Drive Elementary, Lemira Elementary, Millwood Elementary, and Wilder Elementary earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards.

The high school graduation rate increased to 80.3%; students exceeded the national average on AP exams; and all IB Diploma candidates earned IB Diplomas. More middle and elementary school students met and exceeded state academic standards on the PASS.

Excellence in education includes extracurricular achievements as well. Our extracurricular activities support the interests of our students. From musical or dramatical ambitions to sports, our district features award-winning teams, bands, ensembles, and clubs. We can be proud of these extracurricular achievements, as they showcase the incredible talents of our student body.

District 17 continues to expand initiatives to help improve test scores across the district by building upon our areas of success and working as a team to improve our educational challenges. In an effort to improve test scores and continue making gains, the district utilizes the MAP and Classworks programs, strong literacy initiatives, math institutes, afterschool programs, and extensive professional development opportunities.

Sumter School District 17 has a long history of success that will continue to be a source of pride for our community. Only with the support of parents, elected officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, faith-based groups, and others have we been able to accomplish so much. We thank you for your continued support.

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