

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Union School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 4,545

Superintendent: Dr. Kristi Woodall

Board Chair: Dr. Wanda R. All

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD General Performance	AND SILVER AWARD Closing the Gap	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT 0	GOOD 2	AVERAGE 17	BELOW AVERAGE 5	AT-RISK 0
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* 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 % Met or above	2010 Math % Met or above	2010 Science % Met or above	2010 Social Studies % Met or above	2010 Writing % Met or above
District	65.3%	67.5%	59.9%	63.7%	63.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.3%	64.8%	60.5%	65.2%	65.8%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading % Exemplary	2010 Math % Exemplary	2010 Science % Exemplary	2010 Social Studies % Exemplary	2010 Writing % Exemplary
District	30.2%	24.6%	13.5%	21.8%	21.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	32.5%	25.4%	16.2%	22.4%	25.7%
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	71.3%	15.2%	13.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%	12.5%	12.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	85.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	55.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.5%

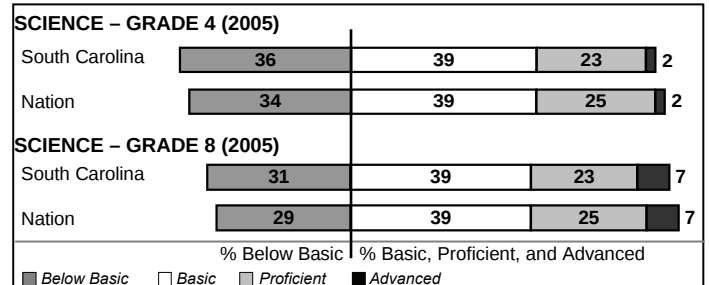
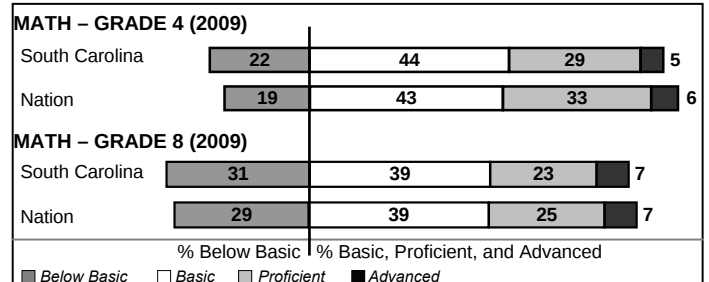
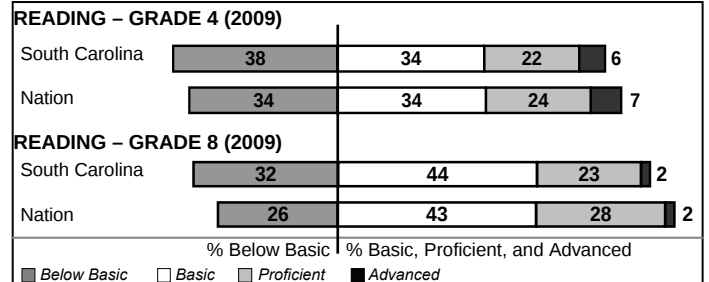
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	71.6%
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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Union School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=4,545)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.9%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.6%	95.7%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.6%	Down from 12.5%	12.3%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	14.1%	Down from 14.3%	11.1%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Up from 3.0%	4.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.8%	Up from 6.6%	7.6%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	48.9%	Down from 51.1%	48.3%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.3%	Up from 9.9%	33.4%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	63	Up from 53	47	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	61	Up from 53	31	29
Annual dropout rate	0.9%	Down from 3.4%	3.3%	3.1%
Teachers (n=300)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.7%	Down from 56.5%	58.8%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	Up from 73.6%	83.2%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.0%	Up from 4.3%	3.9%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 90.1%	89.1%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,503	Down 3.3%	\$45,687	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Up from 12.4 days	12.6 days	12.6 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Down from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Up from 20.5 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.8%	89.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,913	Up 1.7%	\$9,353	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.1%	No Change	53.0%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.3%	Up from 58.8%	55.5%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	Down from 9	8	9
Portable classrooms	5.5%	Down from 10.1%	1.4%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	26 Years	Down from 43 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	Down from 9.0	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 96.0%	97.5%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$77,098	No Change	\$78,492	\$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 2009-2010 school year has presented both challenges and successes. We have maintained quality despite a reduction in state funding. Every effort has been made to reduce expenses while retaining the programs that are important for student achievement. Union County Schools has excellent student teacher ratios, and the goal has been to retain that very important statistic. Smaller classes result in greater attention by teachers to the progress of each student. It can also result in more and better communication with the home. The Board of Trustees, staff, and administration have worked hard to examine every aspect of school district operations to assure that the emphasis continues to be on the classroom.

The district is proud to have successfully opened two new schools, Sims Middle School, housing grades 6-8, and Jonesville Elementary Middle School, housing grades K-8. The opening of these two energy efficient schools and the closing of four older schools have helped tremendously with this year's budget. Efficiencies gained in these two facilities will pay dividends to Union County Schools for many years to come as they provide a great environment for the students in Union County to grow and learn. An Open House was held at each site to celebrate the addition of the new facilities with the community.

I look forward to serving you as superintendent. Progress continues as do challenges. Every effort must be made to seek areas for improvement. We are pursuing partnerships and grant funding to address the unique needs of our district.

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