SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Dorchester 4 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 2,267**
Superintendent: Mr. Jerry G. Montjoy
Board Chair: Dr. Kenneth Jenkins

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		
2011	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	6	2	3

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	67.5%	68.7%	66.7%	72.7%	64.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.8%	60.7%	55.3%	62.4%	60.5%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary	%Exemplary
District	30.9%	29.1%	17.8%	29.8%	27.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	26.0%	19.9%	12.0%	20.0%	19.9%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	59.5%	26.8%	13.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.3%	18.4%	13.4%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	91.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	50.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	50.6%

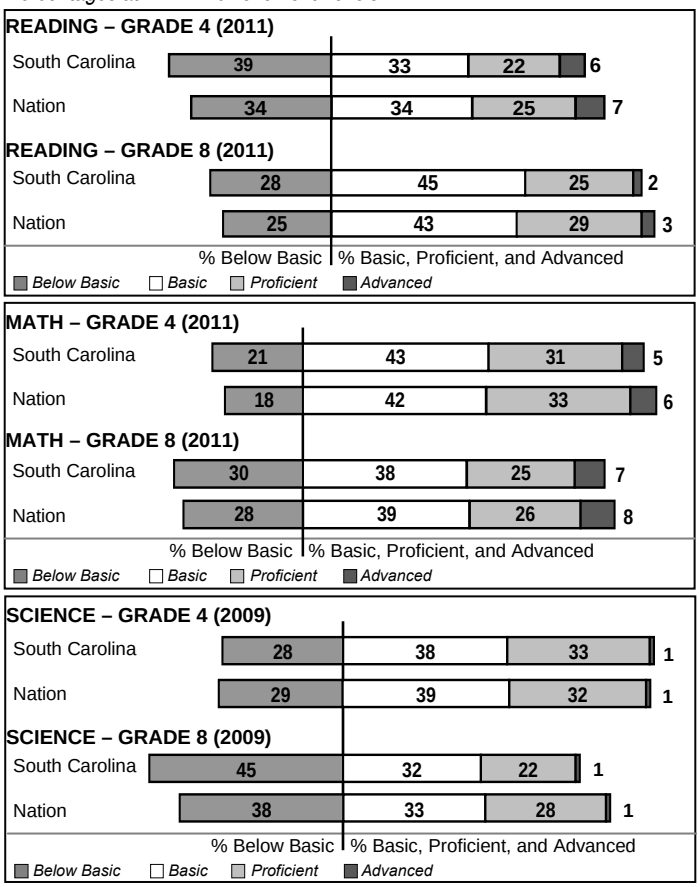
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.9%

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NAEP*

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



SC PERFORMANCE 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=2,267)				
Retention rate	3.0%	Up from 2.1%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.0%	96.5%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.3%	Up from 4.1%	9.2%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	10.7%	Up from 10.4%	7.8%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	Down from 5.1%	4.0%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	6.4%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	17.8%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.2%	Up from 26.7%	28.9%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	17	Down from 24	52	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	16	Down from 22	31	35
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 2.6%	2.1%	2.8%
Teachers (n=157)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.3%	Down from 57.8%	57.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	72.0%	Up from 70.8%	79.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Up from 86.1%	87.4%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Up from 93.7%	94.7%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$46,865	Down 1.7%	$43,823	$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8%	Down from 3.6%	2.8%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.8 days	Down from 13.2 days	12.5 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	N/R	1.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.3 to 1	No Change	19.3 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 86.3%	89.7%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$11,826	Up 0.7%	$10,351	$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	48.9%	Down from 51.1%	49.2%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.6%	Down from 54.3%	52.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	6	9
Portable classrooms	1.4%	Down from 19.8%	0.4%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	No Change	5.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	69.3%	Down from 84.2%	96.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	$75,208	Down 6.2%	$73,434	$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		89.7%	93.1%

* 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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dorchester School District IV is home to five thriving schools with a population of approximately 2,200 students. Although we are a small school district in a rural area, we are faced with the same challenges of the larger school districts. One challenge we face is to provide quality programs for our students with reduced funding because of massive budget cuts across the state.

Our teachers have done an outstanding job in the classrooms to help our students to move to the next level of improvement. We applaud our principals and administrators for monitoring instruction and promoting high expectations in the schools. Their diligent efforts in our learning environment are evident by the continuous improvement we are seeing in Dorchester Four. To our parents, we appreciate your efforts in making sure our students are present to school and ready to learn. As a result of everyone's support, not one of our schools received an absolute report card rating of Unsatisfactory for the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, we have two schools that have made AYP for the past three years. Our graduation rate for 2010 was 74.9%.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Dorchester Four implemented its first JROTC program. We had one school to participate in SC TAP (South Carolina Teacher and Student Advancement Program). We had students in the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) program to place at the gold and silver level at the national conference in California in summer 2011. Our graduating seniors received 2.3 million dollars in scholarship funds.

As we move forward, the district will continue its mission that is to develop life-long learners who will have a positive impact on our global world.

Jerry G. Montjoy, Superintendent

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