

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fairfield School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,158
 Superintendent: Dr. Patrice Robinson
 Board Chair: Mr. Ronald Smith

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	8	3	8

* 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	64.0%	61.3%	52.0%	60.8%	63.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	59.7%	56.5%	49.9%	56.1%	59.8%
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	25.4%	20.1%	7.6%	18.8%	19.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	23.7%	17.7%	9.7%	16.0%	19.2%
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	68.6%	17.9%	13.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.9%	18.5%	15.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	84.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	86.0%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	44.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	45.1%

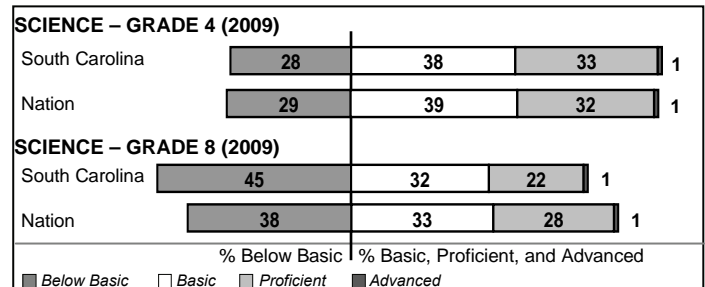
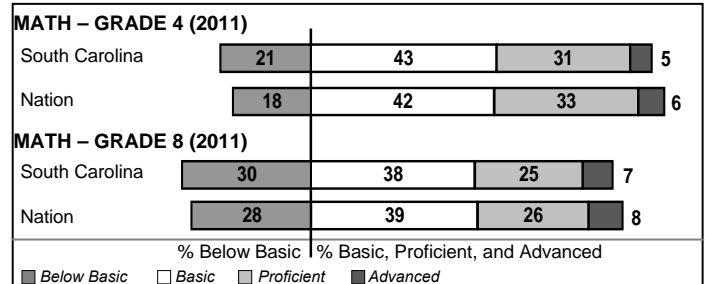
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.7%

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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=3,158)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 2.2%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 94.6%	96.0%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.0%	Up from 5.6%	7.1%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.5%	Down from 10.6%	7.7%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Down from 3.3%	4.2%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 0.9%	0.5%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.1%	Down from 12.9%	3.8%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	23.2%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.9%	Down from 30.1%	27.7%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	106	Down from 175	50	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	34	Up from 10	29	35
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 1.4%	2.2%	2.8%
Teachers (n=263)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.0%	Up from 55.6%	58.9%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	73.8%	Up from 62.8%	76.7%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.5%	Down from 80.7%	84.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.6%	94.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,836	Down 1.7%	\$43,564	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 1.5%	0.8%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.5%	Down from 5.8%	4.8%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.5 days	Down from 13.1 days	12.5 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	No Change	1.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.8 to 1	Down from 17.3 to 1	20.0 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 87.9%	89.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,448	Down 5.0%	\$10,793	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.9%	Up from 47.8%	48.4%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.4%	Up from 51.5%	52.1%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	5	9
Portable classrooms	3.6%	Down from 8.5%	1.6%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No Change	5.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	94.4%	Down from 100.0%	93.7%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$73,434	Down 7.2%	\$72,235	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%		79.3%	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.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The mission of The School District of Fairfield County in partnership with the total community is to ensure that each student has the skills to be responsible and successful in a constantly changing, global society by providing ongoing opportunities in an atmosphere of excellence. In 2010-11, this mission was met through a mutual cooperation of home, school and community. Our school district serves over 3,000 students with nine schools focusing on academic excellence. Our work is built around strategies focused on achieving a vision that resonates with parents, students, business and community members alike: every child will graduate from Fairfield County School District with the critical skills necessary to succeed in college and the 21st Century global economy.

Fairfield County School District is a fiscally responsible school district that proudly aims to be a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars. Expenditures are closely monitored to ensure that funds are allocated where they are most needed. McCrory-Liston Elementary School was recently identified and funded as a Technology Magnet School to provide an IPOD Touch as an instructional resource tool to all students.

Kelly Miller Elementary School was recognized as both a Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipient. Fairfield Central High School's Class of 2011 amassed over \$1.25 million in scholarships. Fairfield Magnet School features math and science with an integrated arts program while the Career and Technology Center allows students to cultivate and articulate key skills in various areas to include: Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Auto Mechanics, Auto Body Repair, Health Science Technology, Masonry, Horticulture, Graphic Design, Business, etc... The school district also boasts a noteworthy Art Works program.

Continued academic support is given to pioneering programs and techniques such as Balanced Literacy and Mathematics, credit recovery, Response to Intervention, Making Middle Grades Work, High Schools that Work, and curricular focused professional development training for school, district and community constituents. Assessment tools such as Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), a formative assessment, Dominie, a progress-monitoring tool to measure literacy, and quarterly standards-based assessments are administered to monitor student mastery of South Carolina state standards. The district staff development program continues to provide training in a variety of professional areas.

Our Board of Trustees remains committed to academic excellence and fiscal responsibility. Better results, a clear focus on teaching, productive learning environments, with quality opportunities for students and parents were our goals last year. We plan to accelerate achievement even further and improve literacy rates this year with a strategic emphasis on technology, teacher quality, and extended educational opportunities for students.

To learn more about Fairfield County School District visit our website at www.fairfield.k12.sc.us.

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