



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Pickens School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 16,285
 Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
 Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	7	3	0	1

* 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	79.5%	76.2%	76.0%	77.8%	79.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.6%	76.0%	71.7%	75.5%	75.9%
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	46.5%	39.2%	27.9%	39.1%	40.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.5%	38.2%	25.3%	36.3%	37.2%
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	83.3%	9.3%	7.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.9%	11.4%	8.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	92.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	69.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	72.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	71.5%

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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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Pickens School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=16,285)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 1.8%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.4%	No Change	95.6%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	23.2%	Up from 21.0%	20.7%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 10.1%	7.2%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.0%	Down from 3.3%	2.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.6%	Up from 20.0%	20.4%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	61.3%	Down from 70.4%	51.7%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	53.1%	Up from 49.8%	40.1%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	381	Up from 222	158	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	113	Down from 130	85	35
Annual dropout rate	4.8%	Up from 4.1%	3.1%	2.8%
Teachers (n=1,020)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Up from 60.6%	61.3%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	90.9%	Up from 86.0%	85.4%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4%	Up from 91.3%	92.0%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.7%	96.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,693	Down 0.4%	\$47,411	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.1%	No Change	0.5%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Up from 12.4 days	11.4 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Down from 22.8 to 1	22.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Down from 90.1%	90.7%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,804	Down 1.2%	\$8,820	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.8%	Up from 56.8%	55.6%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.0%	Up from 59.0%	58.5%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	25	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	10.0%	Up from 7.8%	1.4%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	25.0	No Change	11.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Up from 98.0%	96.7%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$78,000	Up 0.9%	\$78,000	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.3%		93.9%	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	34.5%	I/S	29.0%

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In 2010-2011, the School District of Pickens County faced enormous challenges as the effect of reduced state funding was felt in all areas of district operations. Budget decisions eliminated positions that eroded support for classroom teachers. Supply money was reduced, and scheduled technology upgrades were postponed. Still, the School District of Pickens County marked accomplishments.

By reducing expenditures and implementing cost-saving measures in FY10, SDPC maintained a strong financial position and increased the General Fund's undesignated/unreserved balance over \$1,000,000. External auditors praised the leadership for good financial management despite the economic downturn and state cuts.

In our instructional program, we continued to focus on high quality learning opportunities that meet needs of our diverse learners. Fourteen schools received Palmetto Gold and Silver awards for general performance as well as for progress in closing achievement gaps. Eight of the fourteen schools received awards in both parts of the recognition program.

As assessment results were released throughout the fall, we received positive news. SDPC students exceeded the state average in every grade in every subject on PASS. Our students outperformed their peers on Algebra 1, English 1, and U.S. History and Constitution end-of-course tests. Students passing the high school exit exam on their first attempt increased slightly.

On the ACT, the district was ranked first in South Carolina for the second consecutive year and exceeded the national average as it has each year since 2006. For the second consecutive year, SAT scores increased, remaining well above the national average.

Crosswell, Holly Springs, Pickens, Six Mile, and West End elementary schools as well as Dacusville Middle, Pickens Middle, and Simpson Alternative Education Center used approximately \$6,500,000 in federal grants to implement the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). Additionally, A.R. Lewis built on its existing TAP program.

Building Futures, the district's facilities program, moved ahead. While construction of seven new schools continued, renovations began at McKissick Elementary, Dacusville Middle, and Edwards Middle. In October, an approved bond resolution supplied additional funds for a second middle school in Easley and technology upgrades.

By late May, the building program was 56% complete. The new Dacusville Elementary building was dedicated and opened to the public for tours. Five new schools were on track to open for classes in September: Pickens High, Liberty High, Dacusville Elementary, Chastain Road Elementary and the Pickens County Career & Technology Center. Easley High was on schedule for a January 2012 opening.

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