

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Saluda School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,126
 Superintendent: Dr. David M. Mathis
 Board Chair: Dr. Kathy Coleman

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	Met	N/A
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2009	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
3	4	15	5	0

* 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	72.9%	77.8%	69.6%	72.9%	76.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.4%	68.6%	62.8%	67.3%	67.1%
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	35.5%	36.4%	17.3%	27.7%	31.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	33.6%	29.4%	17.8%	26.5%	27.0%
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	85.6%	7.8%	6.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.1%	13.7%	11.2%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	92.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%

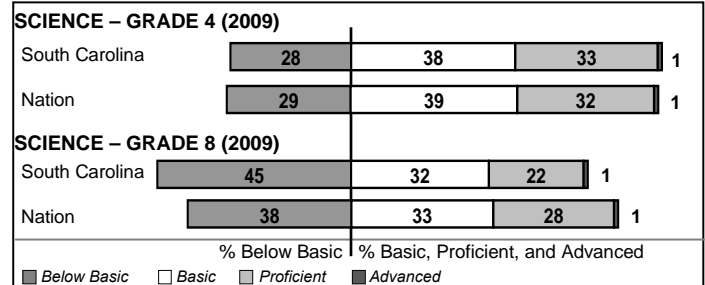
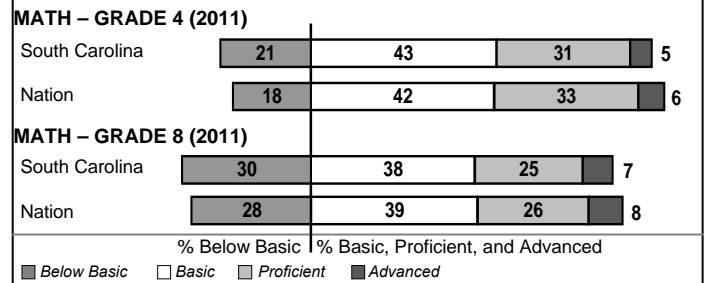
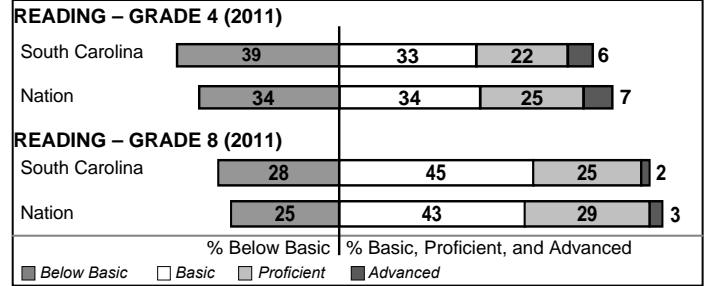
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	77.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%

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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=2,126)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 2.9%	2.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.1%	Up from 9.2%	14.9%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	7.1%	Down from 9.4%	7.4%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Down from 4.6%	3.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	8.2%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	43.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	44.5%	Down from 45.1%	30.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	18	Up from 9	64	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	15	Up from 3	28	35
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 2.9%	2.9%	2.8%
Teachers (n=147)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.7%	Up from 48.4%	61.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	89.1%	Up from 77.4%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0%	Up from 85.3%	89.9%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.5%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,635	Up 1.2%	\$45,821	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	Down from 5.2%	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	16.9 days	No Change	12.3 days	12.2 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	No Change	21.4 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 88.4%	89.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,244	Up 1.5%	\$9,033	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.9%	Down from 51.5%	53.5%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.6%	Down from 53.1%	55.9%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	8	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	1.0	Down from 2.0	8.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	97.0%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$71,070	Down 6.0%	\$77,972	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		90.5%	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 District worked diligently this year to revamp our Strategic Plan while revising our mission statement, which is to educate all students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum with supportive programs. We believe that all students can learn given appropriate learning opportunities whereas education is the shared responsibility of home, school, and community.

Once again, we are very proud of our many accomplishments. Students represented our district well in academic, athletic, and fine arts competitions. Along with our numerous region winners, the district recognized approximately thirty students for winning competitions on the state and/or national level.

Student performance continued to show improvement. Three out of five of our schools made Average Yearly Progress (AYP). Saluda Elementary received the Palmetto Gold for academic achievement and the Palmetto Silver for closing the achievement gap among subgroups of students. Saluda High School received the Palmetto Gold for closing the achievement gap and the Palmetto Silver for academic achievement. Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2011 earned an impressive \$1,300,000 in scholarships. Fifty-three seniors were awarded life scholarships.

We continue to improve our use of technology in the classrooms and throughout the district, utilizing Smartboards, Schoolwires, an ALERTNOW parent notification system, and introducing a Parent Portal through PowerSchool which allows parents to see their child's grades, and daily progress. All schools use computer-based programs to differentiate instruction, and online credit-recovery courses were available for those who needed them. This summer, all computers within the district will be upgraded with new software making them more compatible and efficient.

We recognize that while our world is changing, we must remain committed to preparing 21st Century graduates, prepared to excel in their future endeavors. With your help, we look forward to accomplishing our goals.

David M. Mathis, Ed.D., Superintendent

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