



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Sumter 17 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 8,404  
 Superintendent: Mr. Randolph Bynum, Sr.  
 Board Chair: Mr. Larry D. Addison

## 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	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	4	14	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	71.5%	69.0%	65.6%	71.1%	68.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.9%	71.3%	65.4%	69.8%	69.6%
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	34.1%	26.2%	19.1%	26.8%	26.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.7%	33.3%	20.4%	30.1%	30.1%
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	66.4%	23.4%	10.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.4%	12.8%	10.8%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	90.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.6%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	61.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.1%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.5%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### 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.*

#### Abbreviations Key

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# Sumter 17 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=8,404)</b>				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.7%	2.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.9%	Up from 15.5%	15.2%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.0%	Down from 11.3%	7.5%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 6.3%	3.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.1%	Down from 9.4%	8.8%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	78.0%	Up from 72.7%	49.4%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.4%	Up from 28.3%	31.1%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	102	Up from 96	74	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	74	Down from 83	35	35
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	No Change	2.9%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=569)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Up from 58.5%	61.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	80.3%	Up from 79.1%	88.7%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 88.8%	90.8%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.3%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,900	Up 1.7%	\$45,948	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.4%	Down from 3.8%	1.7%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Up from 8.9 days	12.1 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	0.0	Down from 8.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 20.5 to 1	21.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 89.6%	89.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,611	Up 1.2%	\$9,139	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.6%	Down from 56.8%	53.9%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.2%	Down from 58.3%	56.7%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	11	No Change	10	9
Portable classrooms	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	1.3%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Down from 100.0%	97.4%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$75,665	Up 3.5%	\$77,197	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%		92.0%	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

Sumter School District 17 serves more than 8,500 students in grades preschool through 12 and employs over 1,500 staff members. Our district includes seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, an alternative learning center, and the Early Head Start program. In addition, our district offers choice opportunities, which include the Magnet School for the Fine Arts and Technology, the Science Connections Magnet School, the Sixth Grade Oaks Academy, and the IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. Sumter School District 17 remains committed to its mission of providing an education of high quality to every student by providing challenging, innovative learning experiences in a safe, supportive and culturally diverse environment.

The 2010-2011 school year was filled with progress, one in which our schools and educators were recognized at the national and state levels. The Sumter High School Class of 2011 earned over \$8.2 million in merit-based scholarships and included 136 Life Scholars, 32 Hope Scholars, 32 Palmetto Fellows, one National Merit Scholarship winner, and three students with 12 years of perfect attendance. Twenty-seven middle school students were named South Carolina Junior Scholars. Furthermore, Sumter High, Alice Drive Elementary, Millwood Elementary, Willow Drive Elementary and Wilder Elementary earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards.

In addition, all elementary and one middle school made Adequate Yearly Progress; students exceeded the national average on AP exams; all IB students scored above the world average; and more middle and elementary school students met and exceeded state academic standards on the PASS.

Excellence in education includes extra-curricular achievements as well. Our extra-curricular activities support the interests of our students. From musical or dramatic ambitions to sports, our district features award-winning teams, bands, ensembles and clubs. We can be proud of these extra-curricular achievements as they showcase the incredible talents of our student body.

District 17 continues to expand initiatives to help improve test scores across the district by building upon our areas of success and working as a team to improve our educational challenges. In an effort to improve test scores and continue making gains, the district utilizes the MAP and Classworks programs, strong literacy initiatives, math institutes, after school programs, and extensive professional development opportunities.

Sumter School District 17 has a long history of success. As we move into consolidation, educational excellence will continue be a source of pride for our community. Only with the support of parents, elected officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, faith-based groups, and others have we been able to accomplish so much. We thank you for your continued support.

Zona W. Jefferson, Ph.D., Superintendent

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