

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Berkeley County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 30,085**
Superintendent: Dr. Rodney Thompson
Board Chair: Doug Cooper

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	6	5	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	77.9%	76.2%	73.3%	76.5%	74.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%	75.2%	72.5%	74.6%	73.8%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	44.4%	35.3%	23.0%	33.5%	36.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.0%	36.1%	23.9%	32.8%	36.1%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

HSAP			
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	80.9%	11.8%	7.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.7%	11.9%	7.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)	
District	93.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.1%

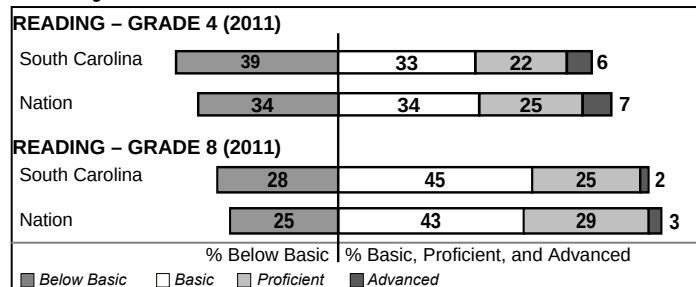
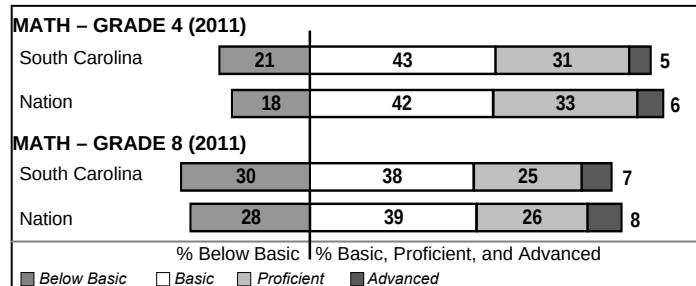
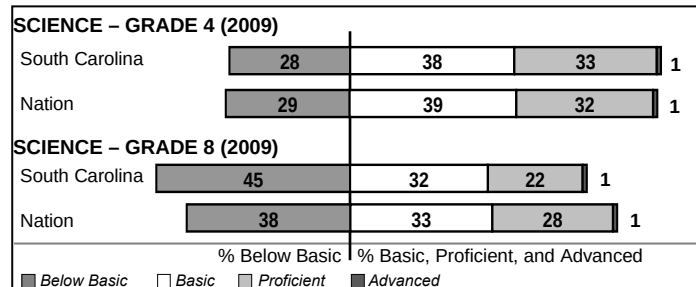
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	73.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	74.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%

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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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Berkeley County School District School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=30,085)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 1.7%	1.8%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.2%	96.2%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Down from 1.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.4%	Up from 12.8%	16.9%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	49.4%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	34.2%	Up from 27.2%	32.8%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	188	Down from 242	63	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	91	Down from 120	43	31
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 2.0%	2.5%	2.7%
Teachers (n=1,844)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Up from 59.3%	62.9%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	No Change	92.1%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.9%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,260	Down 0.2%	\$47,927	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	Up from 1.5%	1.8%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Down from 11.0 days	12.8 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.5	Up from 0.5	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.7 to 1	Up from 22.0 to 1	22.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.7%	90.0%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,167	Down 2.0%	\$8,689	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.8%	Up from 52.6%	54.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.1%	Down from 56.4%	57.2%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	39	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	9.2%	Up from 1.0%	1.7%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	39.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	90.4%	Down from 96.5%	99.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$79,714	Up 0.7%	\$79,028	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	90.4	N/A	88.0	85.6

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	I/S	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Berkeley County School District is proud to announce many outstanding achievements, including increasing our graduation rate from 67% to 75% with 1,781 graduates. Our graduates earned \$29,182,446 in academic and athletic scholarships in 2012, surpassing last year's record by 17%. Among our graduates were two National Merit Scholars, 53 Palmetto Fellows; 417 Life Scholars and 114 Hope Scholars.

The District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 35 of 37 federal objectives this year. On the PASS, we achieved gains in 17 of the 26 target areas, and surpassed the state average in 21 of 26 areas. Our ACT scores rose for the fifth straight year and our SAT scores increased.

School highlights include Marrington Middle School of the Arts being one of eight schools nationally to receive the Making Middle Schools Work Award for Depth of Implementation. The school was also nominated as our second National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; the first middle school in the state to have been nominated in a decade. Additional highlights include: Hanahan Middle won the national Lexus Eco Challenge for the third year in a row; Berkeley Elementary was one of 25 agencies in the nation to be selected as a National School of Character; five more of our school counseling programs were recognized as National ASCA Program Models, bringing the District total to 12, the most of any District in S. C.; twenty-nine of our schools received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards, eight more than received awards last year; Berkeley County Middle College graduated its first class of students; 2 of whom earned Associates degrees from Trident Technical College before they earned their high school diplomas; Berkeley High finished its first year offering International Baccalaureate Programme classes; H. E. Bonner Elementary unveiled their Academy of the Arts; Whitesville Elementary opened the doors to its new Montessori Program; the Evening High School Program allowed 300 students to complete credit hours towards graduation; and one hundred percent of District staff was trained in sexual abuse recognition and prevention by Darkness to Light.

Looking to the future, the district will begin implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that have been adopted by 45 of the 50 states and will continue its focus on the areas of literacy, STEM education, and community engagement.

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 11/07/12-0801999