

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Darlington County School District School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,423**
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight
Board Chair: Charles Govan

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	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Good	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	3	13	1	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	71.0%	73.8%	73.5%	73.3%	72.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	68.8%	68.7%	66.2%	69.1%	69.0%
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	36.6%	31.8%	26.0%	31.0%	30.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.0%	28.9%	19.2%	26.9%	30.8%
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	79.8%	10.8%	9.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.2%	13.1%	9.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	96.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.9%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	67.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.6%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	93.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.6%

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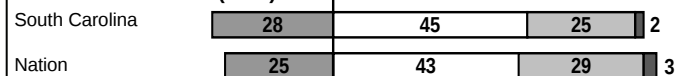
NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

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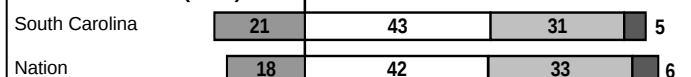


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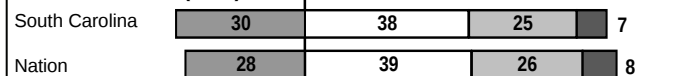


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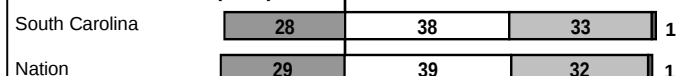


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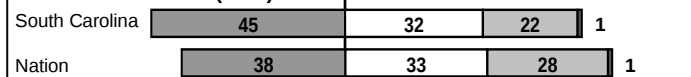


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SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2009)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



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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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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=10,423)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 3.6%	2.2%	2.0%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 95.2%	95.9%	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	0.4%	Down from 0.6%	0.4%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.9%	Down from 8.2%	8.3%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	35.7%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.3%	Down from 30.3%	29.0%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	326	Up from 279	50	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	89	Down from 95	26	31
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	Down from 1.2%	3.1%	2.7%
Teachers (n=633)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.5%	Up from 56.6%	62.1%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.9%	Up from 89.1%	91.3%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.4%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,677	Down 0.2%	\$46,019	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	No Change	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Up from 0.7%	1.7%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	17.7 days	Up from 16.0 days	12.1 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	13.0	Up from 12.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.0 to 1	Up from 24.2 to 1	22.6 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.6%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,529	Down 2.8%	\$8,659	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.3%	Down from 51.8%	52.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.8%	Down from 55.3%	54.4%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	23	No Change	7	9
Portable classrooms	2.9%	Up from 2.7%	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	23.0	No Change	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.2%	99.8%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$79,489	Down 0.1%	\$77,747	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	1	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	94.4	N/A	84.1	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	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
CHOICES Charter School	At-Risk	At-Risk	I/S

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

We are proud of our many successes this year! The Darlington County School District is one of the highest ranking school districts in South Carolina in terms of the report card ratings. In addition, our district has one of the highest graduation rates in the state. Our dropout rate is only 0.6%, the 3rd lowest dropout rate in state. This year, our seniors earned more than \$12.4 million in scholarships. Two Darlington County Schools are among the U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of "America's Best High Schools": Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology is ranked among the top 5% of the high schools in the country and Lamar High School earned a Bronze rating.

The Darlington County School District is a countywide district serving more than 10,400 students in 23 schools, including a state-of-the-art career and technology center, an alternative school, and a nationally recognized early childhood center. All schools and the District are fully accredited on the state and national level by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/AdvancED and the SC Department of Education.

Our District believes in providing challenging educational experiences for all children. In addition to our regular classes, Darlington County School District offers elementary and middle school magnet programs in the arts, as well as science & technology. Three high schools offer academic magnet programs: The International Baccalaureate/ Honors College at Hartsville High School; Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology; and the Early College at Darlington High School. The Darlington County School District has partnered with Sonoco, Coker College, and the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (SCGSSM) to offer our Hartsville High School students the opportunity to take rigorous math, science, foreign language and fine arts courses at the partner schools, including Mandarin Chinese or advanced physics at the SC GSSM and theater, dance and visual arts at Coker College. Four elementary schools in Hartsville has partnered with Sonoco and Yale University to bring the Comer School Development Program to our community. We have already begun to see outstanding results from those partnerships.

We believe that exceptional educators are the key to a student's success. The district supports a comprehensive program of professional development, including offering several degree programs through partnerships with local colleges and universities.

Darlington County School District is committed to providing cutting-edge technology in the classroom. Through our comprehensive technology plan, all core curriculum teachers have laptop computers and document cameras. All schools are wired for the Internet, with some featuring wireless laptop computer labs, computer-based programs to evaluate and differentiate instruction, or online credit recovery tools for our students. Most of our schools also have interactive whiteboards in the classrooms.

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