

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Kershaw County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,345**
Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.
Board Chair: Mara H. Jones

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	6	3	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	77.4%	74.5%	75.5%	73.5%	75.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	75.7%	73.5%	75.3%	75.2%
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	43.0%	32.3%	26.5%	29.5%	36.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	44.1%	36.3%	24.5%	33.2%	37.6%
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	77.4%	14.3%	8.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.8%	11.4%	7.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	92.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.7%

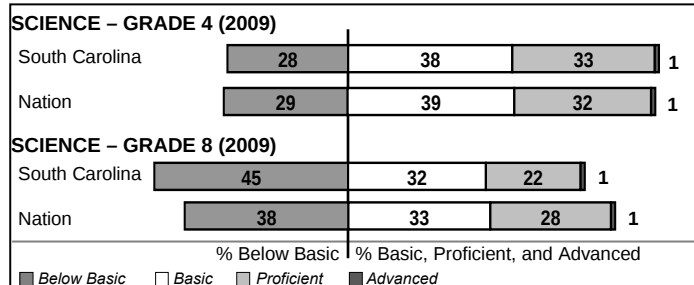
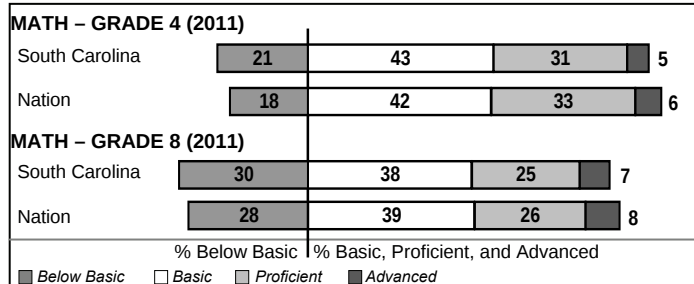
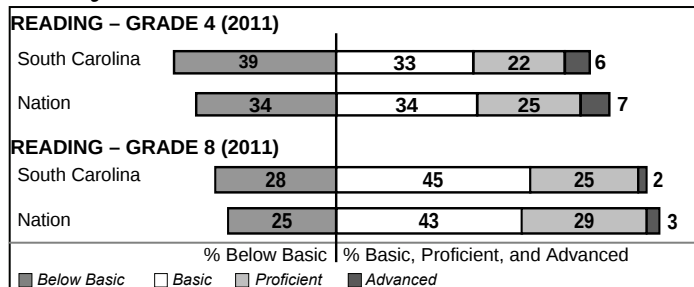
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	78.7%
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.

Abbreviations Key

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Kershaw County School District School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=10,345)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 2.7%	1.6%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.7%	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	0.9%	Down from 1.4%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.7%	Down from 17.0%	17.3%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	49.1%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.1%	Down from 31.0%	34.9%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	63	Down from 83	59	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	39	Down from 56	39	31
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 3.6%	2.8%	2.7%
Teachers (n=634)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.7%	Down from 67.9%	62.9%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	92.7%	Up from 92.4%	92.5%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,980	Up 0.9%	\$47,889	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.4%	Up from 2.1%	1.5%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Up from 10.2 days	11.9 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	No Change	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.3 to 1	Up from 23.7 to 1	22.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 90.5%	90.2%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,287	Down 3.3%	\$8,227	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.8%	Down from 55.0%	56.0%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.4%	Down from 61.0%	58.5%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	1.2%	Down from 1.3%	1.8%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	18.0	Down from 19.0	14.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.8%	100.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$81,823	Up 4.5%	\$79,371	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	84.5	N/A	90.0	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	N/A	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

This has been another school year of great student achievement and academic excellence. The Kershaw County School District (KCSD) was featured in Education Executive magazine for providing a high return on investments in students. KCSD averages were higher than the state averages in 22 of the 26 possible PASS categories. Local seniors' ACT average composite score reached an all-time district high. Fifteen schools—ATEC, Bethune Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Camden Elementary, Camden Middle, Doby's Mill Elementary, Jackson School, Lugoff Elementary, Lugoff-Elgin Middle, Mt. Pisgah Elementary, North Central High, Stover Middle, North Central Middle, Pine Tree Hill Elementary and Wateree Elementary—were recognized in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for academic achievement and closing achievement gaps. Eleven more KCSD teachers earned National Board certification or recertification, bringing the total number of district teachers who are National Board certified to 139 or 20 percent of the teaching staff.

The district's performance received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Lugoff-Elgin High science teacher Dr. Holly Sullivan received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Camden Middle teacher Valerie Willis was named 2011 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for both SC and the Southeast region. Doby's Mill Elementary Media Specialist Betsy Long was honored as one of 10 national winners of the Carnegie Corporation of New York/The New York Times "I Love My Librarian" Award. Pine Tree Hill Elementary Principal Dr. Lisa Shannon was named the SC International Reading Council's Administrator of the Year. KCSD Teacher of the Year Helen Walker was one of five finalists in the SC Teacher of the Year Program. Camden Elementary teacher Darlene Cantey was named the VFW State Citizenship Educational Teacher of the Year (K-5). ATEC nursing instructor Laura Marshall was selected as the 2012 Outstanding New Teacher of the Year for the SC Career and Technical Education Association.

In addition, the School Improvement Council of Baron DeKalb Elementary received the 2012 Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence. For the second year in a row, the North Central High Tourism Management team won the SC Lodging Management Program Championship and Blaney Elementary's archery team won the Department of Natural Resources' state competition. Doby's Mill Elementary's robotics team won the state championship for the 4th time in six years and 3rd place in the Inspiration Award at the World Festival. Pine Tree Hill Elementary was one of three schools statewide to be honored by the SC Association of Title I Administrators for closing the achievement gap. Baron DeKalb Elementary earned an Exemplary Writing Program Award. Camden Elementary was named a 2011 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School for outstanding achievement in comprehensive educational excellence for students. The SC Scholastic Press Association named the Lugoff-Elgin High School yearbook the best in the state. Programs funded by the \$5.7 million Safe Schools/Healthy Students federal grant continued to provide resources to students and their families. The district's Class of 2012 high school graduates earned \$10,656,822 in college scholarships, more than double the amount five years ago.

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