



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lee County School District School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,252  
 Superintendent: Dr. Cleo F. Richardson  
 Board Chair: Ms. Sanya Moses

## 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	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2011	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2010	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

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

EXCELLENT 1	GOOD 2	AVERAGE 6	BELOW AVERAGE 3	AT-RISK 5
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\* 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	45.8%	39.0%	34.1%	41.5%	47.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	57.4%	55.4%	50.1%	55.8%	59.7%
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	15.6%	7.6%	2.8%	3.2%	12.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	23.0%	17.3%	9.2%	14.7%	21.6%
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	44.6%	23.7%	31.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	64.6%	18.9%	16.6%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	84.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	85.7%

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

District	31.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	47.4%

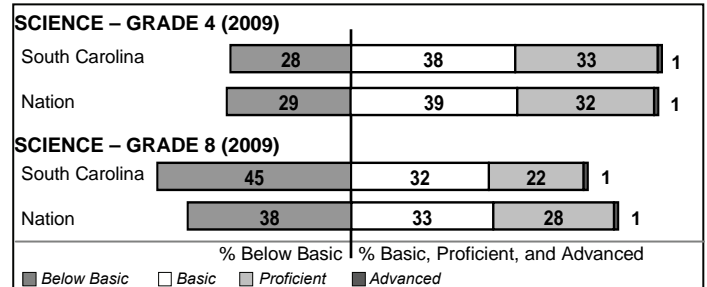
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	79.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.8%

\*\* 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.*

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# Lee County School District School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=2,252)</b>				
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 1.3%	2.4%	2.0%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.0%	96.0%	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%	Up from 0.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.4%	Down from 33.2%	2.6%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	62.9%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	24.6%	Down from 36.8%	28.8%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	53	Down from 100	48	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	26	Down from 65	27	31
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	Up from 2.2%	2.3%	2.7%
<b>Teachers (n=150)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.0%	No Change	58.6%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	76.0%	Up from 75.0%	86.3%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	87.2%	Down from 97.7%	94.9%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,026	Up 1.0%	\$42,607	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	3.3%	Up from 1.8%	0.5%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.1%	Up from 9.4%	5.2%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Up from 10.9 days	11.8 days	12.4 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 23.5 to 1	18.9 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	79.5%	Down from 91.7%	89.6%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,267	Up 6.3%	\$11,108	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	44.3%	Down from 45.0%	48.1%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.2%	Down from 49.8%	51.2%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Good	Excellent
Number of schools	6	Down from 7	4	9
Portable classrooms	2.0%	Down from 2.3%	2.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	6.0	Down from 7.0	4.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.7%	Down from 99.7%	96.8%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$68,398	Up 0.6%	\$71,059	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	39.5	N/A	57.8	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

Lee County School District has completed another successful year! Despite nearly \$5.0 million in state budget cuts over the last few years, our faculty and staff strive to deliver first-class educational services to all of our students.

The district's continued trend of improved student achievement is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff. An on time graduation rate of 83.9 percent in 2010 placed the Lee County School District in ninth place among the 86 state school districts. During the 2010-11 school year Lee Central High School received Palmetto Gold Awards for improved student achievement and closing the achievement gap. We also had three of our four elementary schools (Bishopville Primary School, Lower Lee Elementary School and West Lee Elementary School) to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). West Lee Elementary School was also recognized as a Red Carpet School. Our third year of PASS testing was a success, with student improvements in the areas of ELA, math, and social studies. SAT scores continue to rise, especially in the area of critical reading. The number of students participating in Advanced Placement (AP) courses shows growth. Technology in all buildings is being updated to provide opportunities for teachers to present engaging instruction in every classroom.

Our district emphasis on professional growth remains essential to our goal of not only having a highly qualified teacher, but also to have a highly effective teacher in every classroom who meets the needs of each student through rigorous and engaging instruction. We continue to build on strategies to recruit, retain and develop highly effective teachers, teacher leaders and administrators.

We will continue to work diligently to provide choice to every student in our district. The fine arts and athletic programs continue to be a great source of pride for the district and the community, culminating with the Lee Central High School Chorus performance at the South Carolina Association of School Administrators Summer Leadership Institute last summer. Additional options at every level include the single-gender programs, a collaboration with Central Carolina Technical College offering dual credit courses, and efforts to offer expanded course opportunities at the Lee County Career and Technology Center.

The district remains committed to maintaining great communication with all of our stakeholders in the Lee County community through one-on-one meetings, presentations, and district-wide events, including the Back-To-School Bash prior to the start of school each summer. Our district website continues to be an effective tool in keeping our teachers, staff, parents, and students informed.

While our teachers and staff play a critical role in the success of our district, we must have continued and expanded parent and community support! The schools and district cannot do it alone!

The loss of approximately \$5.0 million of state funding in the Lee County School District over the last four years has forced us to make tough decisions in regard to our personnel and curriculum. However, we believe your continued support will help us overcome these economic challenges. Please feel free to contact me, district staff, principals, and other school leaders whenever you have questions or concerns.

Cleo Faith Richardson, Jr., Ed.D, Superintendent

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