SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Saluda School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 2,152**
Superintendent: Dr. David M. Mathis
Board Chair: Dr. Kathy Coleman

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	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Met	CDI-HOLD
2010	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	3	15	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	74.2%	78.6%	72.8%	77.6%	74.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.2%	69.3%	66.8%	69.9%	69.2%
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	40.0%	35.3%	18.9%	30.7%	40.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	35.5%	29.6%	19.7%	28.0%	31.1%
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	80.4%	11.8%	7.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.0%	13.3%	9.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	93.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	71.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.6%

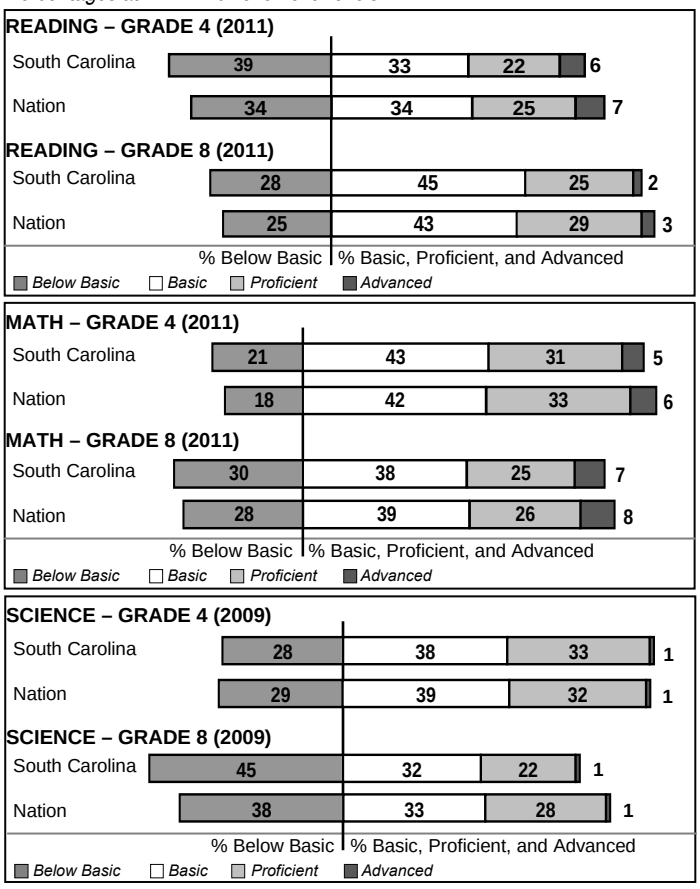
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	81.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%

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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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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=2,152)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 2.4%	2.2%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.0%	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	1.2%	Up from 0.8%	0.4%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	8.7%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	48.5%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.8%	Up from 44.5%	30.4%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	8	Down from 18	61	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	7	Down from 15	30	31
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 3.5%	3.0%	2.7%
Teachers (n=136)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.7%	Up from 49.7%	62.4%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Up from 89.0%	91.2%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.2%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	$43,221	Up 1.4%	$46,084	$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.2%	Up from 3.5%	1.9%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	17.8 days	Up from 16.9 days	12.7 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.3 to 1	Up from 19.5 to 1	22.3 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 89.6%	89.8%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,997	Down 2.7%	$8,827	$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.7%	Up from 50.9%	52.5%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.7%	Up from 52.6%	54.4%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	7	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	Up from 1.0	7.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	99.7%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	$72,022	Up 1.3%	$77,433	$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	90.5	N/A	84.3	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.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The 2011-12 school year has proven to be an outstanding year for Saluda County Schools. We are proud to salute our students and staff for being named the only district in the state to meet the rigorous federal goal of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The entire district was recommended for full accreditation through AdvancED, a global leader in advancing excellence in education through continuous improvement, organizational effectiveness, and accreditation. Four of our schools were awarded the Palmetto Gold and/or Silver Award for student performance and closing the achievement gap. Saluda Primary School earned a rating of Excellent on their Report Card. Making student achievement our number one priority, staff participated in professional development through professional learning communities (PLCs) where they developed assessments, utilized MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) scores and PASS results. Ninety-five administrators and staff ended the school year by participating in a summer course-Unpacking the Standards. This past year, Saluda High School made the transition from a 4 x 4 block schedule to a traditional seven period day. The class of 2012 marked history for setting a school record in being offered just under $2.3 million dollars in scholarship money- the largest amount in recorded history for our district. Seventy-six seniors were eligible for either a two or four year Life Scholarship. One senior received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and another was awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship. Two students were identified as South Carolina Junior Scholars. Once again, our athletic teams excelled on the regional and state levels. Three athletes made All-State Teams, nine varsity teams qualified for state play-offs, and three of our coaches were recognized as coaches of the year for our region. The Boys Golf team won the region title and finished in the top ten at the AA State Golf Tournament. Our Fine Arts department continues to excel on the state level winning awards in the SC Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest. The NJROTC rifle team finished third in the region and fifth in the state, with one student qualifying for the National Rifle Championship. We are proud to put children first, to foster a dedicated and knowledgeable faculty, as well as to provide a safe and high level learning environment for our students. We thank you for your support and for sharing the responsibility of the accomplishments of our students, our school and our community.

David M. Mathis, Ed.D Superintendent

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NI Newly Identified **CDI** Continuing District Improvement **CA** Corrective Action **RP** Plan to Restructure **R** Restructure **DELAY** District Improvement Status **HOLD** District Improvement Status