



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

York 4 School District  
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 10,744  
 Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.  
 Board Chair: Patrick White

## 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	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	0	0	0	0

\* 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	89.9%	89.3%	90.2%	90.3%	90.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.9%	89.3%	90.2%	90.3%	90.4%
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	63.5%	57.9%	42.2%	57.6%	61.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.5%	57.9%	42.2%	57.6%	61.2%
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	95.2%	3.4%	1.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.2%	3.4%	1.5%

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

District	99.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	99.0%

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

District	90.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	90.2%

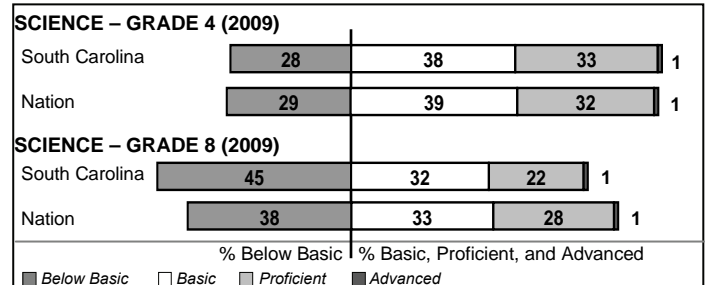
### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	93.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.3%

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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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# York 4 School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=10,744)</b>				
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 0.9%	0.8%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.1%	96.8%	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	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.1%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	32.5%	Up from 27.8%	32.5%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	83.0%	Up from 82.7%	83.0%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	40.5%	Up from 39.5%	40.5%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	8	Down from 14	8	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	6	Down from 13	6	31
Annual dropout rate	1.0%	Down from 1.3%	1.0%	2.7%
<b>Teachers (n=701)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.8%	Up from 66.6%	66.8%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	94.8%	Up from 94.3%	94.8%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.5%	94.6%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,930	Up 1.3%	\$50,930	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Up from 0.4%	2.1%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	11.2 days	Up from 10.9 days	11.2 days	12.4 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	Down from 21.7 to 1	20.5 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.5%	90.0%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,655	Down 7.4%	\$7,655	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.3%	Down from 60.4%	60.3%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.2%	Down from 62.0%	61.2%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	Up from 12	13	9
Portable classrooms	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.3%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	13.0	Up from 12.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	96.2%	Up from 95.3%	96.2%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$91,135	Up 2.1%	\$91,135	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	95.0	N/A	95.0	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

For the 2011-12 school year, Fort Mill School District (FMSD) continued to be one of the fastest growing school districts, per capita, in the state of South Carolina. In spite of the most depressed economy since the 1930's, the district grew at a rate of 4% which equated to over 400 new students. The enrollment at year-end was approximately 10,800 students.

The challenge for FMSD continues to be funding the operating needs of a growing district with modest or flat annual increases in state funding. The district again was rated "Excellent" on the state report card system. This report is based largely on student achievement results. Individual and student awards were too numerous to mention, but the following deserve special recognition: All schools received Palmetto Gold awards for outstanding student academic performance; Honor Roll status was awarded by the College Board for increasing the number of students taking advanced placement (AP) courses; over \$17,000,000 in scholarship opportunities were awarded to high school graduates; two students were National Merit finalists; Fort Mill High School was a finalist in the Palmetto Finest competition; Nation Ford High School's band won the AAA state marching band championship for the second consecutive year and participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City; Fort Mill High School's band was selected to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland; FMHS's boys swim team won the AAA state championship; FMHS's girls lacrosse team won the AAA state championship; FMHS's boys soccer won the AAA state championship and the archers from Springfield Middle School won the state championship and competed on the national level.

Even though we face additional financial issues as we go forward, the School Board, the administration, the teachers and staff pledge to continue to provide a quality educational program to our constituents. In fact, we developed a three-year spending plan to prepare for future obligations, including the opening of two new elementary schools in 2014. As always, we will focus our resources at the classroom level. Thank you for your past support and the district looks forward to continuing to work with our community in ensuring that we adhere to the motto of "Children First."

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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