

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fairfield County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,770
 Superintendent: J.R. Green
 Board Chair: Beth Reid

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
2013	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	1	10	6	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. 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	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	66.0%	62.0%	56.4%	71.5%	64.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	61.4%	55.3%	50.8%	58.2%	59.4%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	27.8%	19.9%	10.0%	28.3%	21.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	23.7%	17.4%	8.9%	17.0%	18.1%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

HSAP			
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	64.6%	24.5%	10.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.7%	18.6%	15.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)	
District	89.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.5%

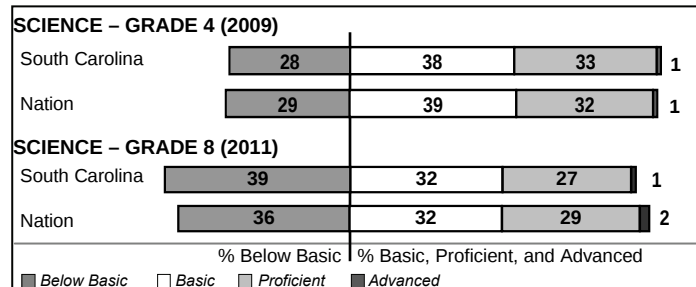
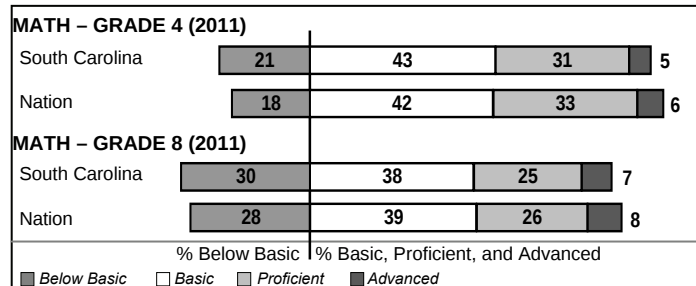
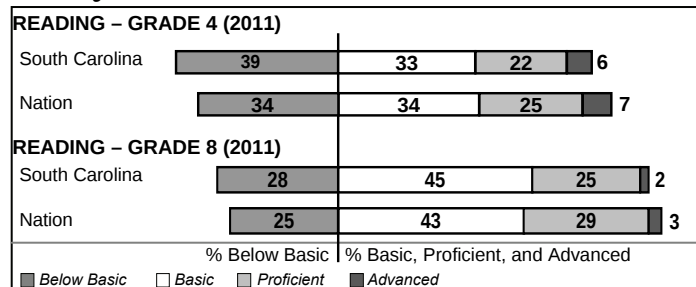
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	55.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	53.1%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	80.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%

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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=2,770)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Up from 1.7%	2.5%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.2%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.4%	N/A	5.0%	12.0%
With disabilities	14.2%	N/A	12.7%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	N/A	6.4%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	4.4%	Up from 0.0%	5.0%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	21.9%	N/A	43.3%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.8%	Up from 28.3%	27.2%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	93	Down from 96	15	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	48	Up from 33	14	37
Annual dropout rate	1.6%	Up from 1.5%	1.7%	2.3%
Teachers (n=246)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	Up from 59.0%	59.9%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.5%	Down from 71.1%	71.6%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 87.8%	85.6%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 93.0%	95.0%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,737	Up 2.4%	\$44,008	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.2%	Up from 0.0%	1.2%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7%	Down from 5.0%	4.7%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Down from 15.1 days	9.6 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	No Change	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.9 to 1	Up from 16.2 to 1	20.8 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 87.1%	89.5%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$14,126	Up 7.9%	\$10,260	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	47.0%	Down from 49.0%	48.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	51.0%	Down from 52.1%	51.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	8	No Change	6	11
Portable classrooms	3.4%	Up from 2.5%	1.1%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	No Change	5.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	97.2%	Up from 92.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$75,754	Up 6.6%	\$74,517	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	63.8	Down from 84.9	62.1	81.0

* 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

Fairfield County celebrated many remarkable successes this year. Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science received the Palmetto Gold Award while Fairfield Central High School received the Palmetto Silver award. This was the second consecutive year for both schools. Additionally, the percentage of students passing the End of Course exams in Algebra I and Biology increased during the 2012-2013 school year for the high school while Algebra 1 and English 1 percentages increased for the middle school. Fairfield Middle School had one Duke Tip scholar, and three Junior Scholars. Under the new Federal Accountability System, our district received a rating of "B" while 3 of our 8 schools received a rating of an "A." Fairfield Elementary School, due to increased student achievement, was removed from the Palmetto Priority List. Fairfield County students were recognized for achievements in both the arts and academics. Several students placed in local and state competitions, to include the SC State Fair, SC Beta Club Conventions, and Pig on the Ridge.

The initiation of the STEM Early College Academy program for seventh and eighth grade students highlights the district's focus on providing a rigorous curriculum in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This program offers a rigorous accelerated curriculum track that will award students with not only a high school diploma, but also a two year Associate's Degree in Science from Midlands Technical College upon graduation.

Fairfield County School District is committed to ensuring our students are globally competitive and technologically literate. This is evident with our continued focus on integrating technology in all classrooms through the 1:1 Google Chromebooks initiative, interactive white boards, iPads, iPods, laptops, and other technology resources. It is our commitment to provide students with student centered instruction designed around evidence-based best practices, connections across content areas, and relevant relationships to real-life experiences that enable our students to compete in the 21st century. As a result of our commitment, middle school students took Latin virtually through the South Carolina Virtual School for the first time. We are truly proud of our successes, in collaboration and support from all stakeholders we are committed to moving from ordinary to extraordinary!

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