

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Spartanburg 4 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 2,665**
Superintendent: W. Rallie Liston
Board Chair: Milton Smith

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	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	7	1	0	0

* 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	81.0%	82.0%	76.9%	78.2%	74.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%	74.5%	73.9%	76.0%	75.2%
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	46.1%	47.7%	24.4%	42.3%	34.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.1%	35.6%	23.6%	35.8%	33.4%
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	85.6%	10.5%	4.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	83.8%	10.4%	5.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	93.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	83.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.5%

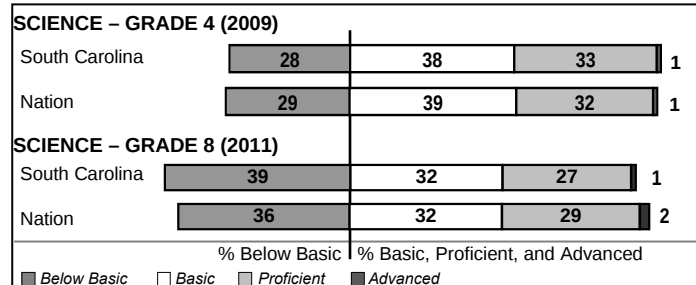
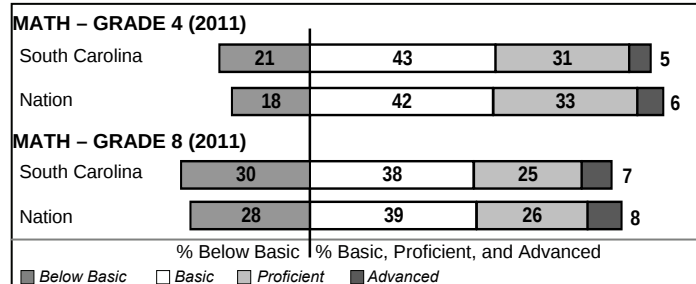
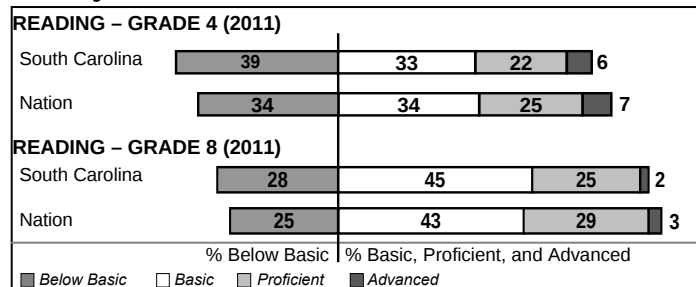
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	81.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.4%

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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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Spartanburg 4 School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=2,665)				
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.6%	1.7%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.7%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.2%	N/A	16.3%	12.0%
With disabilities	11.4%	N/A	13.1%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	N/A	4.5%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	No Change	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	44.6%	Up from 43.9%	18.6%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	24.5%	Down from 25.1%	54.0%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	40.6%	Up from 29.2%	32.6%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	24	Down from 57	63	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	21	Down from 31	51	37
Annual dropout rate	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	2.1%	2.3%
Teachers (n=157)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.5%	Down from 69.0%	62.4%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	93.0%	Down from 94.9%	83.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.1%	Up from 93.3%	91.3%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.1%	95.0%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,139	Up 3.1%	\$49,249	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Down from 1.8%	1.3%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Down from 12.3 days	10.4 days	10.3 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	10.5	Up from 9.5	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.3 to 1	Down from 25.7 to 1	22.3 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 90.2%	89.9%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,982	Up 7.4%	\$8,873	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.0%	Down from 53.2%	53.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0%	Down from 55.6%	56.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	4	No Change	14	11
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No Change	0.8%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	4.0	No Change	13.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	99.8%	Up from 99.0%	98.4%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$85,726	Up 3.4%	\$81,621	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	92.7	Up from 90.8	86.1	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

Spartanburg School District Four continued to provide opportunities for students to excel during the 2012-2013 school year. And students responded with academic performances that resulted in state and national recognition. The Washington Post ranked Woodruff High School as the 7th Most Challenging High School in South Carolina. This ranking was based on the rigor of the curriculum that is offered to students in the schools. Nationally, Woodruff High School ranked above 93% of all public high schools in the United States. US News and World Report placed Woodruff High School as the 18th best among the 226 public high schools in South Carolina. This designation is based on a school's effectiveness in preparing students for college and career success, as measured by student performance in rigorous courses and overall academic performance.

All of the district's eligible schools were recognized in the state's Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards program. Woodruff Elementary School earned a Gold award for overall student achievement and a Silver award for closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming groups of students. Woodruff Middle School earned a Silver award for closing the achievement gap. While Woodruff Primary School is ineligible for the Gold and Silver awards due to the absence of state-mandated testing at that level, it continues to provide the only public school early childhood program accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in South Carolina.

Spartanburg School District Four benefits from a supportive community that is represented by an engaged and highly competent School Board. All students attend school in well-maintained and well-equipped facilities. The district's faculty and staff are dedicated to excellence in teaching and service to our students, families and the entire community. A strong sense of pride, loyalty and tradition fosters an atmosphere of camaraderie that makes all this possible.

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