



# SC Annual District Report Card Summary

CHESTER COUNTY School District  
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 5,438  
Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman  
Board Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hensley

## 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 |
| 2014 | Average         | Below Average | N/A                            | N/A             | D                                         | N/A                      |
| 2013 | Average         | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | D                                         | N/A                      |
| 2012 | Average         | Average       | N/A                            | N/A             | C                                         | N/A                      |

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

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 10        | 4    | 11      | 0             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## SC PASS

| SC PASS                             | 2014 Reading   | 2014 Math      | 2014 Science   | 2014 Social Studies | 2014 Writing   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                     | % Met or above | % Met or above | % Met or above | % Met or above      | % Met or above |
| District                            | 63.6%          | 61.4%          | 59.8%          | 64.9%               | 67.1%          |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 67.8%          | 65.4%          | 64.0%          | 70.7%               | 70.9%          |
| Average District                    | 73.9%          | 72.3%          | 70.2%          | 75.9%               | 76.2%          |

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|                                     | % Exemplary  | % Exemplary | % Exemplary  | % Exemplary         | % Exemplary  |
| District                            | 29.2%        | 22.3%       | 16.2%        | 24.6%               | 24.0%        |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 34.9%        | 28.4%       | 20.9%        | 30.5%               | 31.3%        |
| Average District                    | 42.4%        | 36.6%       | 26.6%        | 37.5%               | 38.6%        |

## HSAP

| HSAP: 2nd Year Students             | Passed 2 Subtests | Passed 1 Subtest | Passed No Subtests |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| District                            | 71.8%             | 20.4%            | 7.9%               |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 71.9%             | 17.6%            | 10.5%              |

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 90.0% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 90.6% |

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District                            | 70.9% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 70.6% |

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

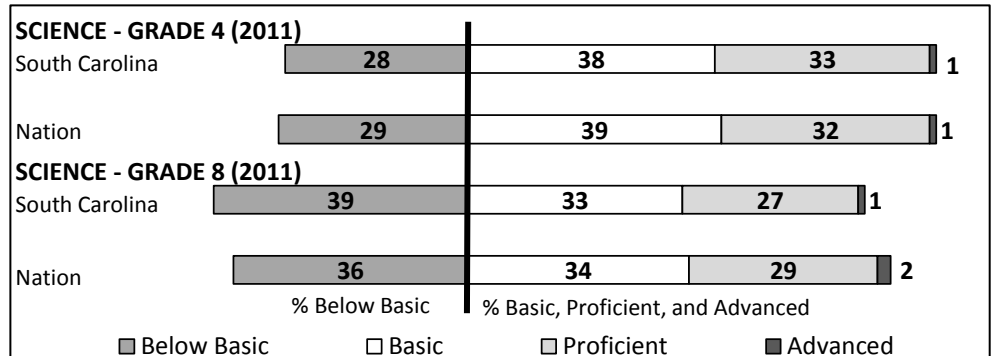
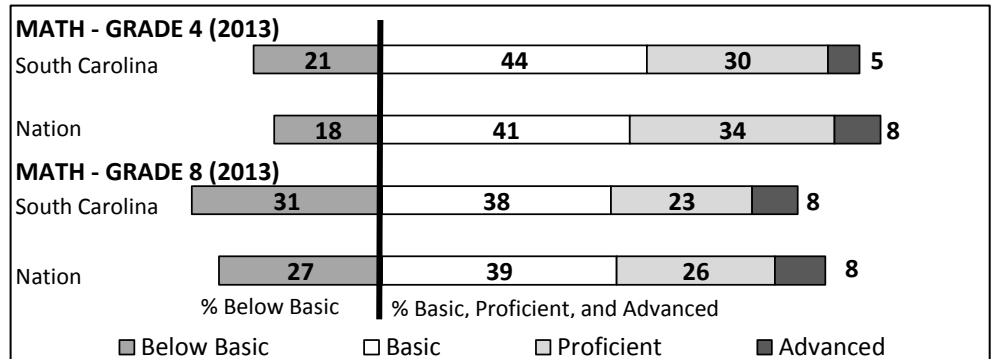
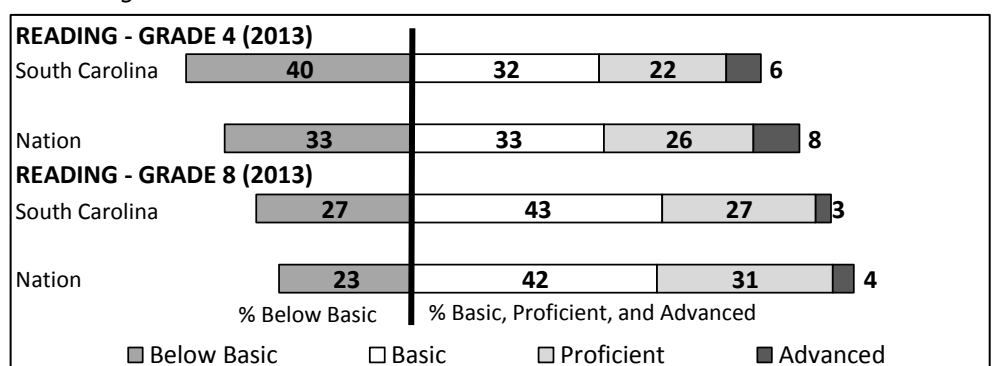
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| District                            | 75.1% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 80.3% |

\*\* 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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TBD-To Be Determined

CHESTER COUNTY School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

|                                                                              | Our District | Change from Last Year                          | Districts with Students Like Ours | Median District |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Students (n = 5,438)                                                         |              |                                                |                                   |                 |
| Retention Rate                                                               | 3.5%         | Down from 3.6%                                 | 2.5%                              | 2.1%            |
| Attendance Rate                                                              | 95.6%        | Up from 94.7%                                  | 95.9%                             | 96.2%           |
| Served by gifted and talented program                                        | 13.6%        | Up from 12.6%                                  | 11.2%                             | 11.5%           |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 12.5%        | Down from 12.6%                                | 13.9%                             | 13.1%           |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 6.6%         | Down from 7.3%                                 | 4.9%                              | 4.6%            |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.4%         | Down from 5.4%                                 | 0.5%                              | 0.7%            |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs                                                   | 99.0%        | Up from 14.8%                                  | 12.4%                             | 15.7%           |
| Successful on AP/IB exams                                                    | 32.4%        | N/A                                            | 47.4%                             | 51.6%           |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship                                                | 33.8%        | Down from 34.9%                                | 30.8%                             | 31.1%           |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs                          | 88           | Up from 33                                     | 88                                | 115             |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs                       | 28           | Up from 22                                     | 18                                | 31              |
| Annual dropout rate                                                          | 3.1%         | Up from 2.9%                                   | 2.3%                              | 2.3%            |
| Teachers (n = 377)                                                           |              |                                                |                                   |                 |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 61.3%        | Down from 63.4%                                | 61.2%                             | 60.4%           |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 71.9%        | Down from 84.2%                                | 78.9%                             | 79.6%           |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | 90.9%        | Down from 91.6%                                | 90.0%                             | 90.1%           |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 94.6%        | Down from 95.0%                                | 94.9%                             | 95.2%           |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$48,052     | Down 0.7%                                      | \$46,545                          | \$47,169        |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks                                           | 0.3%         | Down from 0.5%                                 | 0.4%                              | 0.1%            |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 1.5%         | Down from 2.3%                                 | 5.0%                              | 4.2%            |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 5.4 days     | Down from 8.6 days                             | 12.0 days                         | 11.1 days       |
| District                                                                     |              |                                                |                                   |                 |
| Superintendent's years at district                                           | 3.0          | Up from 2.0                                    | 4.5                               | 5.0             |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 19.5 to 1    | Down from 22.3 to 1                            | 20.3 to 1                         | 20.7 to 1       |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 89.1%        | Up from 88.4%                                  | 89.4%                             | 90.0%           |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$9,275      | Up 1.0%                                        | \$9,275                           | \$9,403         |
| Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**                                  | 51.7%        | Up from 51.0%                                  | 51.7%                             | 52.6%           |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 53.6%        | Down from 54.0%                                | 53.6%                             | 55.6%           |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Excellent    | No change                                      | Excellent                         | Excellent       |
| Number of schools                                                            | 14           | No change                                      | 7                                 | 9               |
| Portable classrooms                                                          | 0.6%         | No change                                      | 0.8%                              | 0.8%            |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation                                    | 12.0         | No change                                      | 6.0                               | 9.0             |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 100.0%       | No change                                      | 100.0%                            | 100.0%          |
| Average administrator salary                                                 | \$73,396     | Up 2.0%                                        | \$80,133                          | \$79,777        |
| Number of charter schools                                                    | 2            | No change                                      | 0                                 | 0               |
| ESEA composite index score                                                   | 68.5         | Up from 61.3                                   | 77.8                              | 79.5            |
| * Length of contract = 185+ days.                                            |              | **Prior year audited financial data available. |                                   |                 |

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

|              | SC 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 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| THE ACADEMY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (ELEM. )  | A               | E             | C          |
| THE ACADEMY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (MIDDLE ) | A               | A             | C          |
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Chester County School District proudly received full accreditation status from AdvancED. The AdvancED review committee complimented the district’s new initiatives, especially the placement of reading coaches and interventionists in all elementary schools, and reading interventionists in all middle school. Along with the district’s exciting reading program, hiTEC kicked off for all high school students and all district teachers. hiTEC, which stands for Helping Integrate Technology, Education and Careers, placed a Windows-based tablet in the hands of all high school students and all district teachers and administrators. This portable device now enables students to complete important assignments at home. Thanks to a unique private business/public education partnership between the district and two local communications companies, Internet hotspots are now available throughout our large rural district (in parks, community buildings, private businesses, etc) so students and staff can freely and more easily access information after school hours. In addition to hiTEC, the district also launched Telemedicine, a state-of-the-art program that uses technology to virtually connect a doctor with student patients. Using specially equipped cameras mounted on medical instruments, a doctor can examine a student while he/she is in the school nurse’s office, thus diagnosing and treating sick students quickly and reducing missed instructional time. The CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) is yet another important way students’ health needs are being addressed. CATCH, soon to be in all elementary schools, teaches students to make wise food choices and incorporate exercise into daily routines. The district boasts four Palmetto Gold and Silver Schools, including Lewisville High School which earned a perfect 100 on its state report card for the second year in a row. Chester Park School of Inquiry received the Dick and Tunky Riley What Works SC Award for Excellence. Great Falls Elementary was named a Microsoft Innovative Pathfinder School. Lastly, both Great Falls High School and Lewisville High School were named to the prestigious US News & World Report’s Best High Schools 2014 list.

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