# SC Annual District Report Card Summary

**DARLINGTON COUNTY School District**
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 10,149**
**Superintendent: Dr. Eddie Ingram**
**Board Chair: Warren Jeffords**

## 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 | Excellent | Good | N/A | N/A | C | N/A |
| 2013 | Excellent | Good | N/A | N/A | B | N/A |
| 2012 | Excellent | Excellent | N/A | N/A | A | 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 | 70.4% | 68.5% | 69.9% | 75.1% | 68.5% |
| 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 | 36.7% | 28.9% | 25.9% | 36.0% | 28.6% |
| 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 | 69.6% | 23.5% | 6.9% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 71.9% | 17.6% | 10.5% |

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

| | |
|---|---|
| District | 95.0% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 90.6% |

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

| | |
|---|---|
| District | 72.0% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 70.6% |

## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

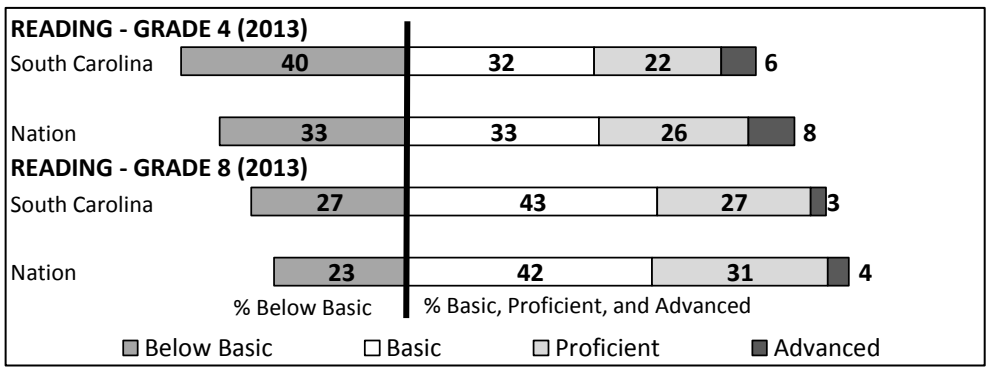
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|---|---|
| District | 92.4% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 80.3% |

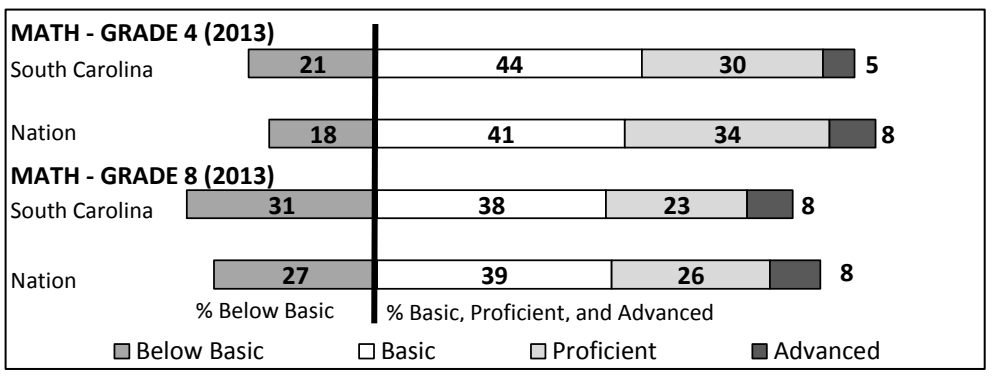
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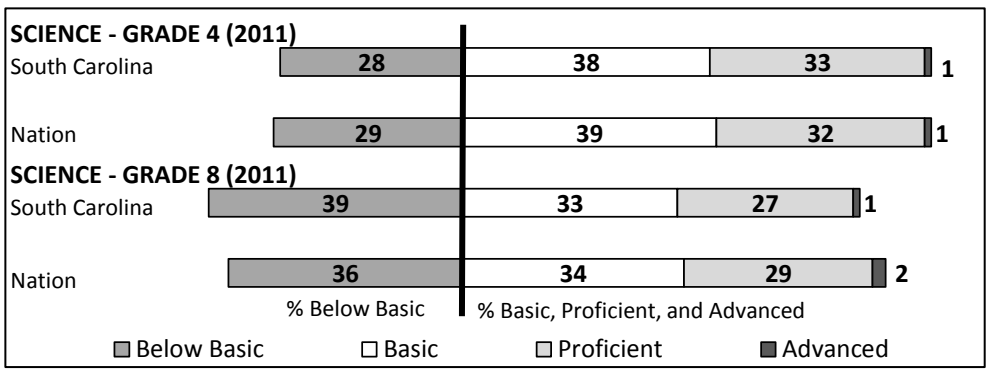
## NAEP*

**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.

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# DARLINGTON COUNTY School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

| | Our District | Change from Last Year | Districts with Students Like Ours | Median District |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Students (n = 10,149)** | | | | |
| Retention Rate | 3.2% | Down from 3.5% | 2.5% | 2.1% |
| Attendance Rate | 96.0% | Up from 95.1% | 95.9% | 96.2% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 10.7% | Down from 11.3% | 11.2% | 11.5% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 13.7% | Up from 13.6% | 13.9% | 13.1% |
| Older than usual for grade | 7.4% | Down from 7.7% | 4.9% | 4.6% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.4% | No change | 0.5% | 0.7% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 9.8% | Up from 9.3% | 12.4% | 15.7% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | 68.6% | N/A | 47.4% | 51.6% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 29.6% | Down from 31.5% | 30.8% | 31.1% |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs | 255 | Up from 74 | 88 | 115 |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs | 86 | Up from 61 | 18 | 31 |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.3% | Down from 0.4% | 2.3% | 2.3% |
| **Teachers (n = 650)** | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 57.4% | Up from 56.7% | 61.2% | 60.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 76.6% | Down from 83.5% | 78.9% | 79.6% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.7% | Down from 89.8% | 90.0% | 90.1% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.4% | Up from 95.3% | 94.9% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | $45,739 | Down 0.8% | $46,545 | $47,169 |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks | 1.7% | Up from 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| Classes not taught by higly qualified teachers | 4.0% | Up from 1.8% | 5.0% | 4.2% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 15.6 days | Up from 14.3 days | 12.0 days | 11.1 days |
| **District** | | | | |
| Superintendent's years at district | 1.0 | Down from 14.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 23.1 to 1 | Down from 26.4 to 1 | 20.3 to 1 | 20.7 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 89.9% | Up from 89.0% | 89.4% | 90.0% |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | $9,209 | Up 5.5% | $9,275 | $9,403 |
| Percent expenditures for teacher salaries** | 50.1% | Down from 51.0% | 51.7% | 52.6% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 53.3% | Down from 54.0% | 53.6% | 55.6% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | Down from Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |
| Number of schools | 23 | Down from 25 | 7 | 9 |
| Portable classrooms | 1.9% | Down from 2.3% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation | 23.0 | No change | 6.0 | 9.0 |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0% | Up from 98.8% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Average administrator salary | $82,448 | Up 0.3% | $80,133 | $79,777 |
| Number of charter schools | 0 | Down from 2.0% | 0 | 0 |
| ESEA composite index score | 79.1 | Down from 88.7 | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| There are no charter schools in this district. | | | |

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Darlington County School District (DCSD) is a countywide district serving more than 10,200 students in 23 schools. All schools and the district are fully accredited on the state and national level by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/AdvancED and the SC Department of Education.

Our District believes in providing challenging educational experiences for all children. In addition to regular classes, DCSD offers elementary and middle school magnet programs in the arts, science & technology. Three high schools offer challenging academic magnet programs, including an International Baccalaureate School. One high school offers students the chance to earn college credit and a possible college degree along with a high school diploma. Our district has established a one-of-a-kind public-private partnership with Sonoco, Coker College, Yale University and the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (SCGSSM) to offer Hartsville students advanced and college-level arts and sciences courses, as well as the Comer School Development Program. For students who struggle academically, our district offers interventionists and computer-assisted learning.

We believe that exceptional educators are the key to a student's success. Our employees are dedicated and committed to providing our students with the best educational opportunities available. The district supports a comprehensive program of professional development, including an on-demand, online professional development program customized to each teacher's individual needs.

Darlington County School District is committed to providing a technology-rich education. Through our comprehensive technology plan, all core curriculum teachers have laptop computers and document cameras. All schools are wired for the Internet, with some featuring wireless laptop computer labs, computer-based programs to evaluate and differentiate instruction, online coursework, and/or online credit-recovery tools for our students. All of our schools also have interactive whiteboards in the classrooms. The iTel (Individual Technology for Every Learner) Pilot Program allows teachers to implement personal learning systems for our students and provides one-to-one mobile computing devices for students. Once the pilot program is fully implemented, all our students will have one-to-one mobile computing devices. Our new robotics program will strengthen our STEM offerings at every level while providing students with new ways to explore science, math, technology and engineering.

We are proud of our many successes. DCSD's graduation rate is the highest in the state (93.4%) and the district ranks 4th in the state in terms of academic achievement, according to the SC Department of Education. Our drop-out rate is 0.4%, the 4th lowest rate in the state. Ten schools earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards, which recognize high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. This year our seniors earned more than $14.8 million in scholarships. We are proud of our students and staff!

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