



SC Annual District Report Card Summary

SC PUBLIC CHARTER School District
Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 14,307
Superintendent: Wayne Brazell, Ph. D.
Board Chair: Don McLaurin

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

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	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2013	At-Risk	Good	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	At-Risk	Good	N/A	N/A	D	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	2	0	0	1

* 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	75.1%	65.2%	65.9%	69.1%	73.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%	75.2%	73.2%	78.4%	79.0%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	45.1%	30.8%	21.6%	29.4%	37.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	46.1%	40.1%	29.0%	41.0%	42.8%
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	68.3%	24.2%	7.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.7%	13.3%	7.0%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	78.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	72.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.5%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

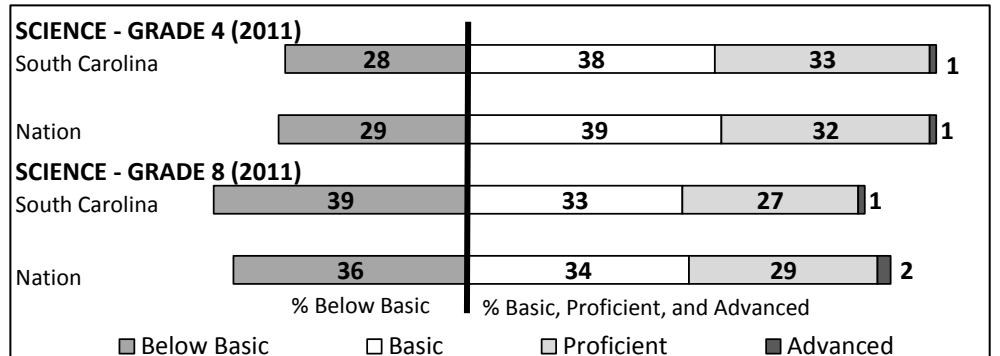
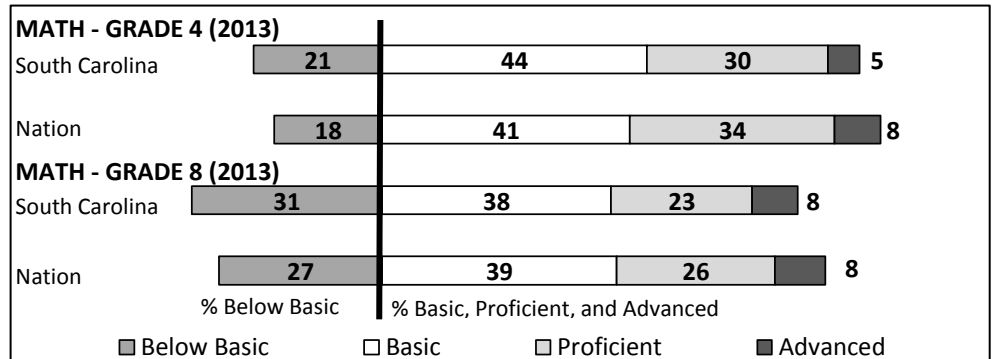
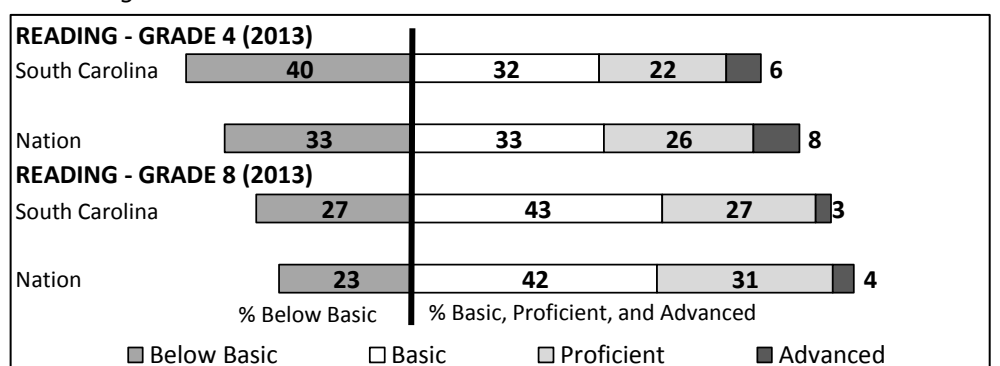
District	38.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	79.6%

** 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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SC PUBLIC CHARTER School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 14,307)				
Retention Rate	4.6%	Down from 4.8%	1.7%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	97.6%	Up from 96.3%	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	6.3%	Up from 5.3%	18.6%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 8.6%	11.5%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	9.8%	Down from 11.3%	3.6%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.9%	Up from 10.7%	24.7%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	47.2%	Up from 31.6%	52.3%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.2%	Up from 25.3%	40.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	153	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	84	31
Annual dropout rate	15.0%	Up from 4.8%	2.8%	2.3%

Teachers (n = 643)

Teachers with advanced degrees	52.3%	Down from 55.6%	61.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	61.3%	Down from 63.7%	80.5%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.4%	Down from 82.8%	91.2%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.6%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,081	Up 2.0%	\$49,037	\$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.3%	Down from 2.6%	0.3%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.8%	Down from 11.1%	2.0%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.2 days	Up from 10.2 days	11.2 days	11.1 days

District

Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Down from 38.6 to 1	21.5 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.7%	Up from 92.3%	90.8%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,602	Up 4.5%	\$8,760	\$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	30.5%	Down from 34.0%	54.5%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Down from 70.0%	58.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	39	Up from 28	19	9
Portable classrooms	15.5%	Down from 20.9%	1.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	11.0	Up from 4.0	19.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.4%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$65,350	Down 4.0%	\$80,401	\$79,777
Number of charter schools	35	Up from 28.0%	0	0
ESEA composite index score	79.1	Up from 75.5	86.0	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 2013-14 school year was one of unprecedented growth with the addition of seven new schools, including Bridges Preparatory School (Beaufort), Coastal Leadership Academy (Myrtle Beach), Cyber Academy of South Carolina (Virtual), GREEN Charter School (Greenville), Lowcountry Leadership Charter School (Hollywood), Midlands Middle College (West Columbia), and Pee Dee Math, Science, and Technology Academy (Bishopville). Enrollment increased from 11,000 students to 14,000 students.

Increased enrollment was accompanied by academic improvement. District-wide test scores improved in both ELA and mathematics in all grade spans—elementary, middle, and high. The following schools received an “A” under South Carolina’s federal accountability measures: Calhoun Falls Charter School, East Point Academy, Palmetto Scholars Academy, Spartanburg Preparatory School, and Youth Leadership Academy. Under the state report card system, the following schools received an absolute rating of “excellent”: Calhoun Falls Charter School, Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School, East Point Academy, Fox Creek High School, Palmetto Scholars Academy, Spartanburg Preparatory School, and Youth Leadership Academy.

For the district office, the emphasis this year centered on developing a performance framework dedicated to holding charter schools accountable for their academic, operational, and fiscal performance and revising the charter school hearing process to ensure that each new charter school has the capacity to provide a high quality educational experience to its students. Upholding its responsibility to ensure the academic and operational success of the schools it authorizes, the SCPCSD Board revoked two charters and did not renew the charter of an existing school. The district was also fully supportive of the increased accountability measures included in the revised charter school law passed by the General Assembly.

The district will welcome nine public charter schools in 2014-15: Garden City Preparatory Academy for Boys (Orangeburg County), Gray Collegiate Academy (Lexington County), High Point Academy (Spartanburg County), Lead Academy (Greenville County, Transfer School), Lowcountry Montessori School (Beaufort County), Midlands STEM Institute (Fairfield County), Quest Leadership Academy (Greenville County), Riverwalk Academy (York County), and South Carolina Science Academy (Richland County). District enrollment is projected to exceed 17,000 students.

Between the number of interested charter school operators and the volume of parents inquiring about charter school options, the interest in public school choice remains strong in the Palmetto State.

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