Spartanburg School District Six
1390 Cavalier Way
Roebuck, South Carolina 29376

2015

South Carolina
State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	PK-12 District	**Superintendent:**	Dr. Darryl Owings
Enrollment:	11,147 students	**Board Chair:**	Rev. Kevin Harrison
District Phone:	864-576-4212		
District Website:	http://www.spart6.org/		

Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge
- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills
- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics
- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …
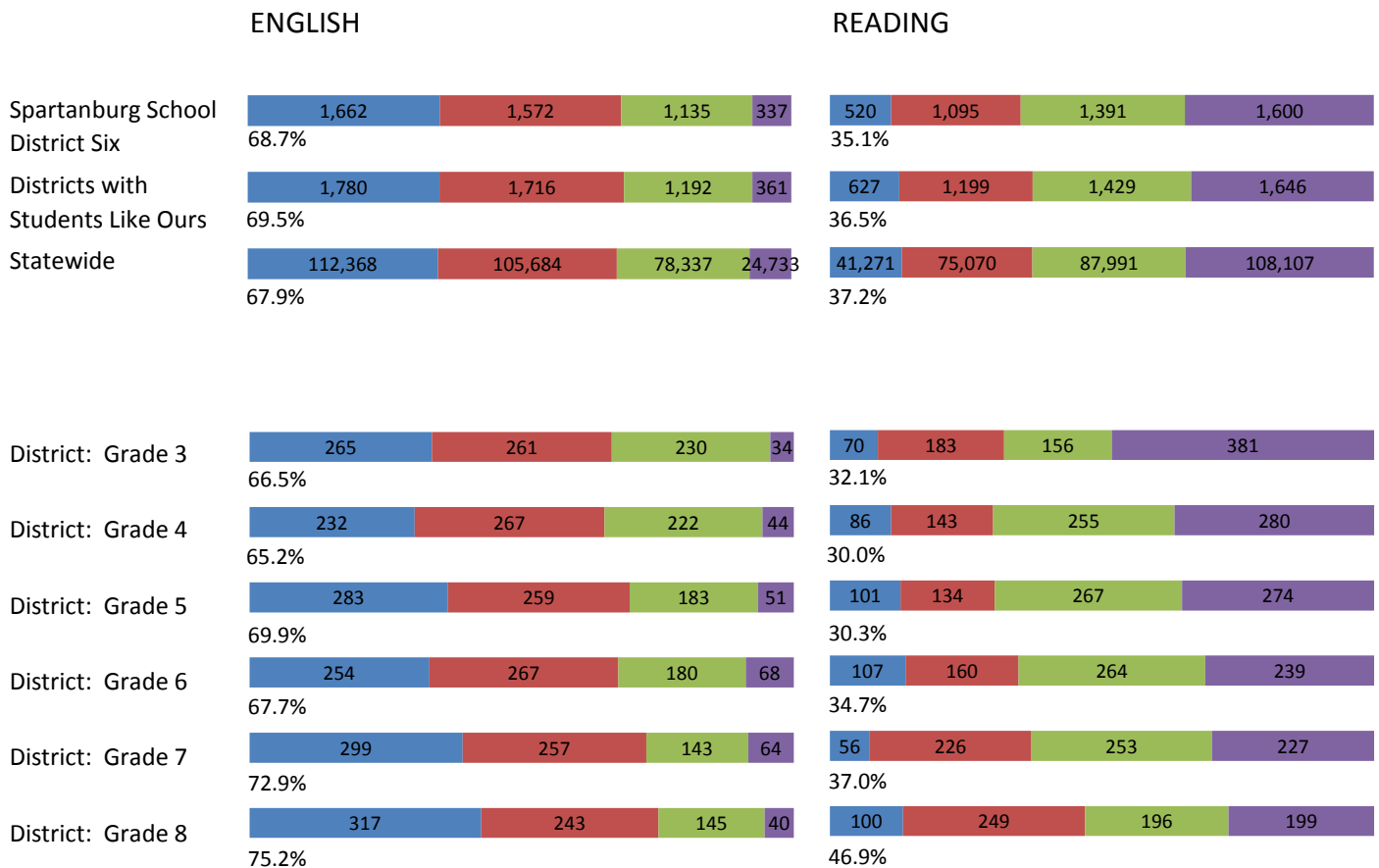
The 2014-2015 school year was marked by outstanding performance and growth for the students and staff of Spartanburg School District Six. Dorman High School was recognized as a leader in preparing students to be college and career ready by the ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign, as well as being one of four high schools in the nation to receive the South Carolina College and Career Transition Award. Our high school students earned a total of 1,476 college credits during the 2014-2015 school year, including 998 dual enrollment credits and 478 AP credits. This year's graduating seniors earned over $15,000,000 in academic, performing arts, and athletic scholarships. District Six earned an "Excellent" rating for the fourth consecutive year from the SC Education Oversight Committee. One of nine elementary schools was awarded The National Blue Ribbon Award for student achievement, four elementary and two middle schools were awarded with Palmetto Silver Awards. The Director of the R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center was awarded the South Carolina's 2015 Career and Technology of Administrator of the Year. District Six was first in the state to establish a Project SEARCH program for high school students in special education. The transition program provides internship opportunities for students to gain valuable real-life work experience. All of the students from this year's cohort were offered full-time employment. Another example of how students in District Six are Always First. This year, student performances were held in the new Fine Arts Center. District Six is grateful to have this facility in place for our students. We are proud to offer a state of the art building for the many artistically gifted students in our district. In addition, the district received Region Championships in volleyball, wrestling, and lacrosse. Our students finished in the top ten in the state in the areas of competitive cheer, boys cross country, girls cross country, football, girls golf, girls swim, volleyball, girls basketball, wrestling, boys tennis, girls soccer, and boys golf. The District Six Athletic Program offers 23 different sports with over 1800 student athletes participating in them. Spartanburg School District Six continues a long tradition of meeting the educational needs of our students and community. Our Board of Trustees is committed to the continuous improvement and innovation of our school district for our students.
Dr. Darryl Owings, Superintendent
Rev. Kevin Harrison, Board Chairman

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

ENGLISH

Spartanburg School District Six	1,662	1,572	1,135	337
68.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours	1,780	1,716	1,192	361
69.5%
Statewide	112,368	105,684	78,337	24,733
67.9%

District: Grade 3	265	261	230	34
66.5%
District: Grade 4	232	267	222	44
65.2%
District: Grade 5	283	259	183	51
69.9%
District: Grade 6	254	267	180	68
67.7%
District: Grade 7	299	257	143	64
72.9%
District: Grade 8	317	243	145	40
75.2%

READING

520	1,095	1,391	1,600
35.1%
627	1,199	1,429	1,646
36.5%
41,271	75,070	87,991	108,107
37.2%

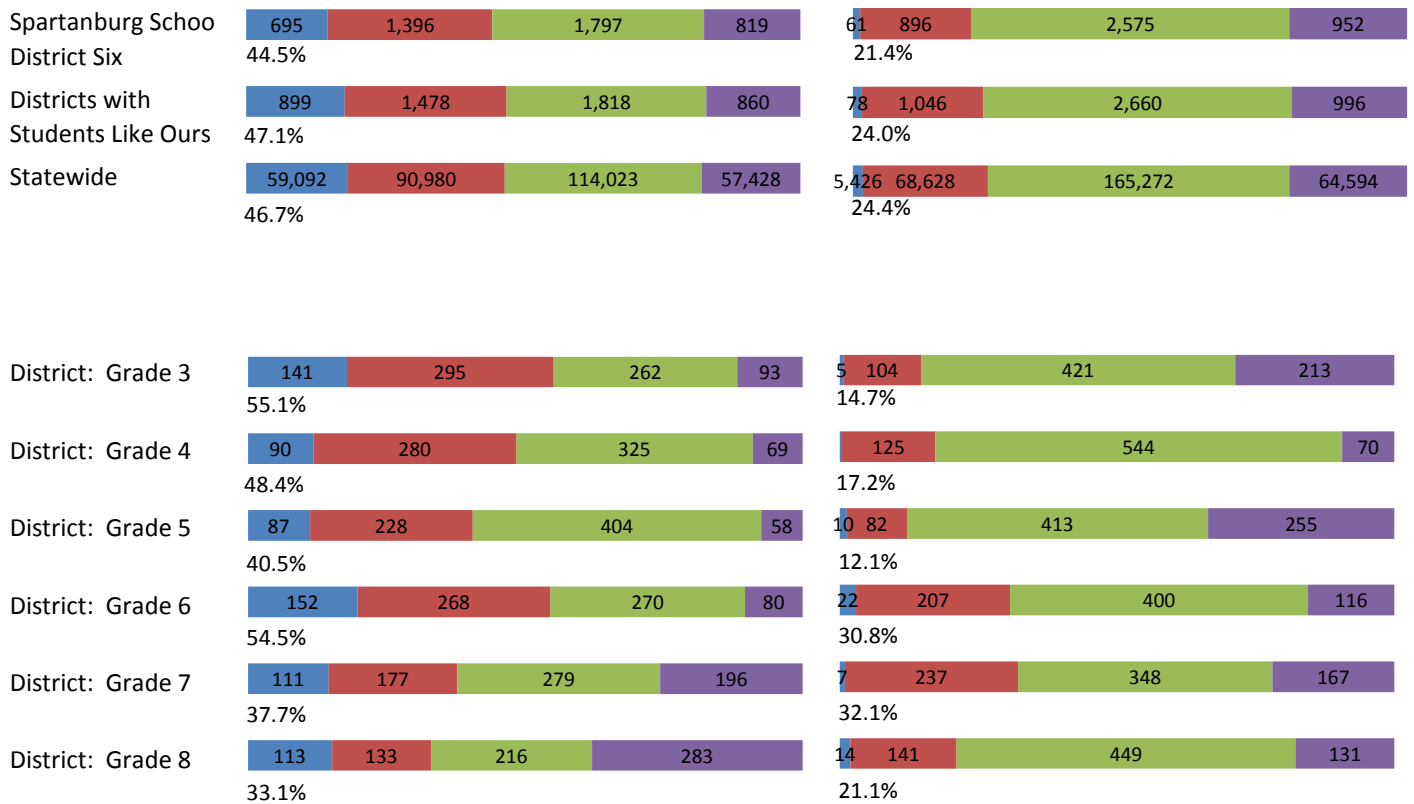|			
70	183	156	381
32.1%
86	143	255	280
30.0%
101	134	267	274
30.3%
107	160	264	239
34.7%
56	226	253	227
37.0%
100	249	196	199
46.9%

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KNOWLEDGE

MATHEMATICS

Group	Exceeding	Ready	Close	In Need of Support	% Exceeding and Ready
Spartanburg School District Six	695	1,396	1,797	819	44.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours	899	1,478	1,818	860	47.1%
Statewide	59,092	90,980	114,023	57,428	46.7%

Group	Exceeding	Ready	Close	In Need of Support	% Exceeding and Ready
District: Grade 3	141	295	262	93	55.1%
District: Grade 4	90	280	325	69	48.4%
District: Grade 5	87	228	404	58	40.5%
District: Grade 6	152	268	270	80	54.5%
District: Grade 7	111	177	279	196	37.7%
District: Grade 8	113	133	216	283	33.1%

WRITING

Group	Exceeding	Ready	Close	In Need of Support	% Exceeding and Ready
Spartanburg School District Six	61	896	2,575	952	21.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours	78	1,046	2,660	996	24.0%
Statewide	5,426	68,628	165,272	64,594	24.4%

Group	Exceeding	Ready	Close	In Need of Support	% Exceeding and Ready
District: Grade 3	5	104	421	213	14.7%
District: Grade 4		125	544	70	17.2%
District: Grade 5	10	82	413	255	12.1%
District: Grade 6	22	207	400	116	30.8%
District: Grade 7	7	237	348	167	32.1%
District: Grade 8	14	141	449	131	21.1%

Results for groups with 4 or fewer students are not shown
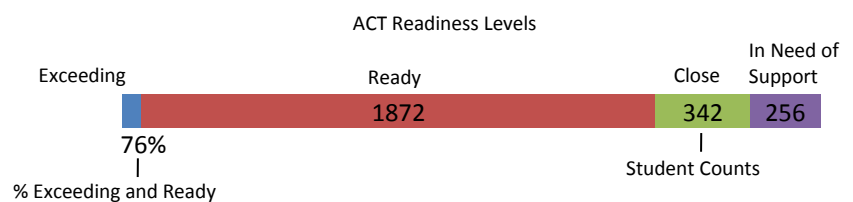
ACT Readiness Levels

Exceeding   Ready   Close   In Need of Support

	1872	342	256

76%
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% Exceeding and Ready

Student Counts

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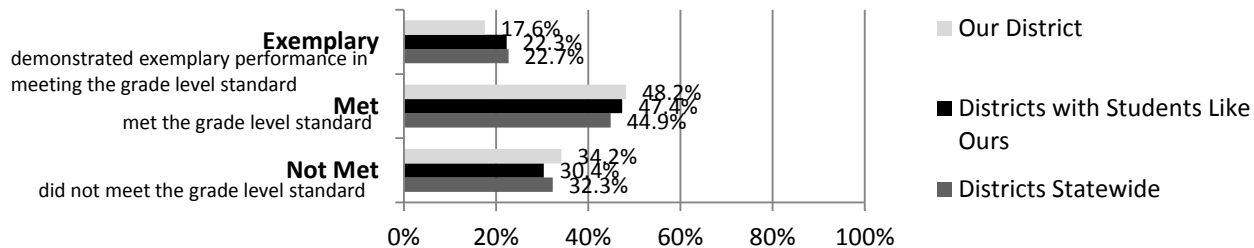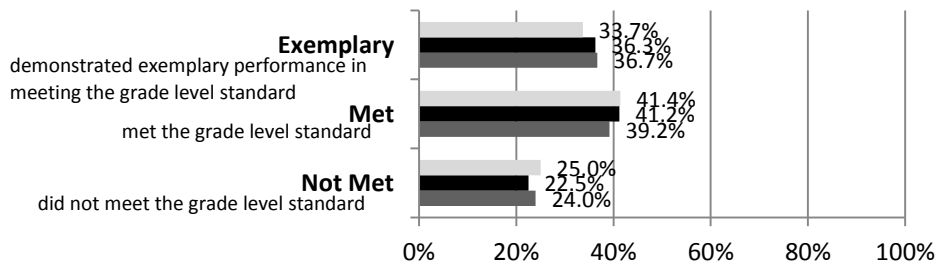N/A-Not Applicable   N/AV-Not Available   N/C-Not Collected   N/R-Not Reported   I/S-Insufficient Sample

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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science

Exemplary
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard — 17.6% / 22.3% / 22.7%

Met
met the grade level standard — 48.2% / 47.4% / 44.9%

Not Met
did not meet the grade level standard — 34.2% / 30.4% / 32.3%

Legend:
- Our District
- Districts with Students Like Ours
- Districts Statewide

Social Studies

Exemplary
demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard — 33.7% / 36.3% / 36.7%

Met
met the grade level standard — 41.4% / 41.2% / 39.2%

Not Met
did not meet the grade level standard — 25.0% / 22.5% / 24.0%

Science SCPASS

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level				
4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
68.5	65.6	63.9	68.2	63.6

Social Studies SCPASS

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level				
4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
83.6	75.8	76.1	67.7	71.9

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary — **"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met — **"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met — **"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

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End of Course Tests			
Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	**Our District**	**Districts with Students Like Ours**	**State**
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	88.7	87.0	85.7
English 1	78.6	77.1	75.1
Biology 1	76.1	82.1	77.8
US History and the Constitution	54.7	69.8	69.1
All Subjects	74.8	79.1	77.3

Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015
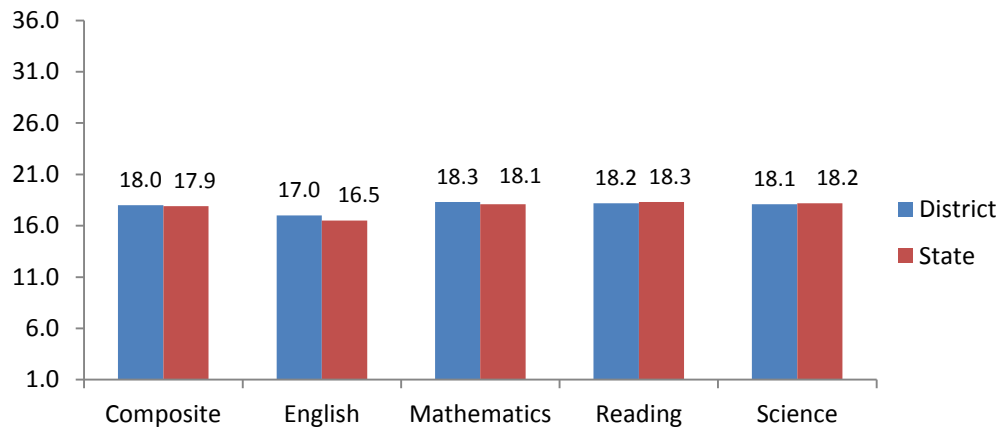
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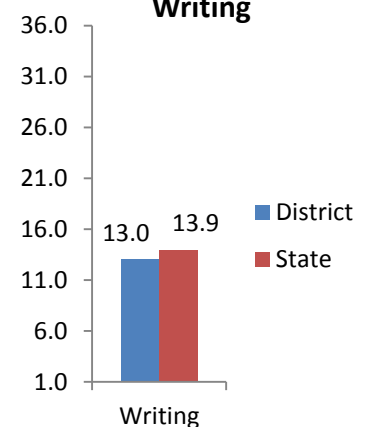
Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	**Math** Benchmark Score: 22	**Reading** Benchmark Score: 22	**Science** Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
41.4	22.2	24.3	18.5	12.6

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

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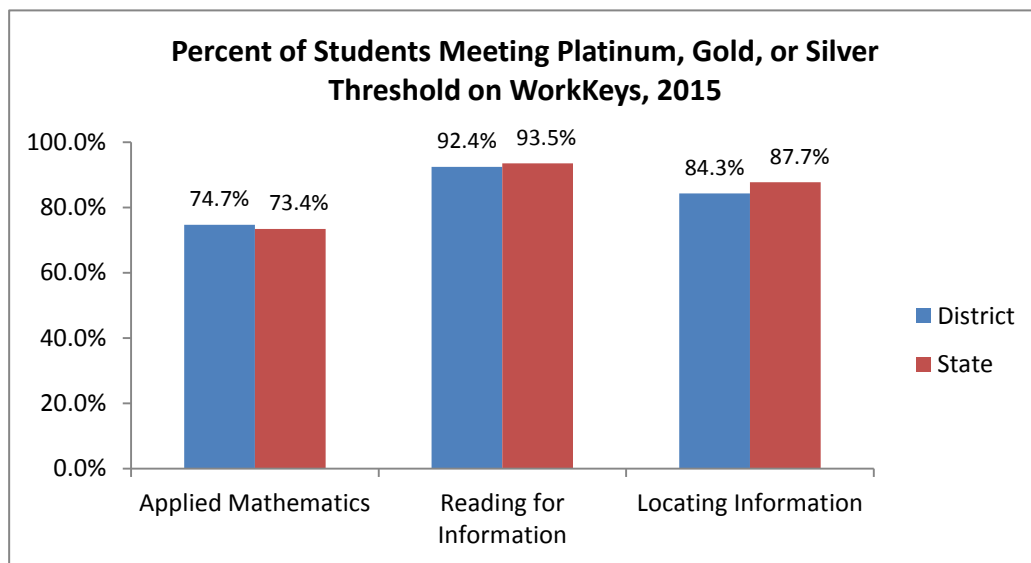
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015

Subtest	District	State
Applied Mathematics	74.7%	73.4%
Reading for Information	92.4%	93.5%
Locating Information	84.3%	87.7%

District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
50.3	478	487	455	1420

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	**Five-Year**
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**
88.1	84.4	85.5	83.2

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**
85.5	86.7	86.7	84.3

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	**State**
27.8	**42.2**

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	**State**
77.4	**70.3**

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OPPORTUNITIES

For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
Students (n = 11,147)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	68.1	Down from 73.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.6	Down from 97.3%	95.4
With disabilities	12.1	Down from 12.2%	12.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7	Down from 0.8%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.2	Up from 18.1%	16.7
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.9	Up from 22.7%	22.6
Successful in AP/IB programs	72.3	Down from 73.5%	55.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.0	N/A	3.1
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.7	N/A	4.7
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	500	N/A	459
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	90.6
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	256	Up from 69	175
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	96.1	N/A	98.0
Annual dropout rate	2.0	Down from 2.3%	2.2
Dropout recovery rate	4.7	N/A	6.0
Percentage of students retained	1.1	Up from 1.0%	1.8
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	104	Down from 115	104
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	8	Down from 17	22
Teachers (n = 713)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	71.7	Down from 71.8%	62.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	82.3	Up from 79.8%	82.8
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6	Down from 91.8%	90.8
Teacher attendance rate	95.8	Up from 95.6%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	$49,059	Down 0.2%	$49,059
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.1	Up from 5.8%	1.9
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.3	N/A	0.5

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	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
District			
Superintendent's years at district	N/A	N/A	4.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 21.1 to 1	23.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1	Down from 91.8%	89.4
Opportunities in the arts	N/A	N/A	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	6	Down from 13	N/A
Parents attending conferences	98.9	Down from 99.2%	99.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	14.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	Yes	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	No	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	13	N/A	23
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,155	Up 3.4%	$9,154
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.6	Up from 57.3%	54.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.5	Down from 60.5%	57.0
Average administrator salary	$71,344	Up 1.4%	$79,430

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of District

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards
2014-15 Accountability Manual
Report Card Data Files
ESEA Data Files

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