

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Dorchester School District Four School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,208
 Superintendent: Jerry G. Montjoy
 Board Chair: Dr. Kenneth Jenkins

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
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA-HO
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	0	9	0	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	70.8%	71.9%	74.9%	76.1%	73.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.4%	61.6%	60.2%	63.3%	61.8%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	36.0%	31.7%	22.3%	30.6%	35.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	27.0%	21.3%	14.0%	20.2%	23.0%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	69.8%	17.6%	12.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.9%	16.4%	13.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)

District	86.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.9%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	53.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	54.8%

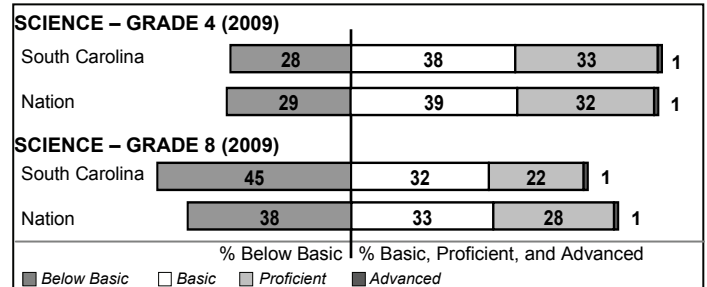
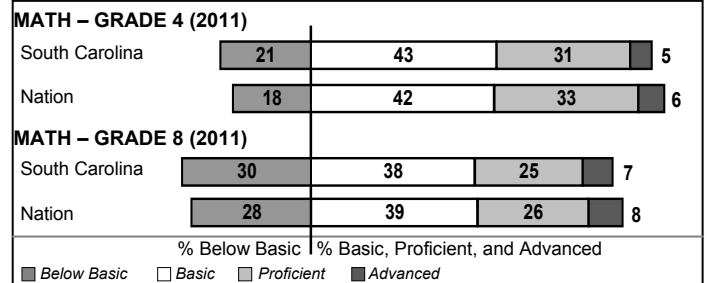
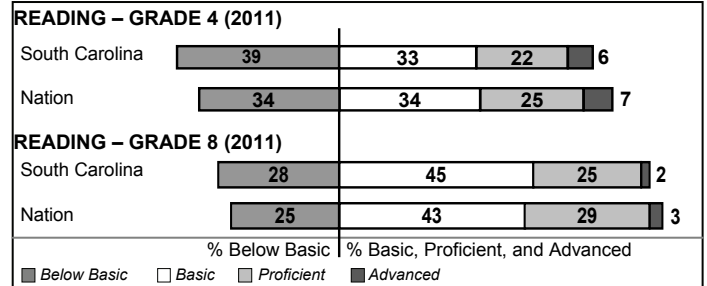
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	71.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.1%

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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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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=2,208)				
Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 3.0%	2.3%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.1%	96.1%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.8%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	6.0%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	24.2%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.9%	Down from 28.2%	29.1%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	22	Up from 17	32	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	16	No Change	16	31
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Up from 1.5%	2.7%	2.7%
Teachers (n=163)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.7%	Up from 57.3%	60.0%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Down from 88.8%	88.8%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.2%	94.7%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,000	Up 2.4%	\$44,466	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.6%	Down from 2.8%	2.5%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	5.7 days	Down from 10.8 days	13.2 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 15.3 to 1	21.4 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 88.8%	88.9%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,973	Up 1.2%	\$9,667	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	48.4%	Down from 48.9%	50.5%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.1%	Up from 52.6%	53.1%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	5	No Change	6	9
Portable classrooms	2.4%	Up from 1.4%	2.4%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	5.0	No Change	5.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	71.9%	Up from 69.3%	99.6%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$77,424	Up 2.9%	\$75,880	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	91.7	N/A	78.7	85.6

* 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

Dorchester School District Four is home to five thriving schools with a population of approximately 2,200 students. Although we are a small school district in a rural area, we are faced with the same challenges of the larger school districts. One challenge we face is to provide quality programs for our students with reduced funding because of massive budget cuts across the state.

Our teachers have done an outstanding job in the classrooms to help our students to move to the next level of improvement. We applaud our principals and administrators for monitoring instruction and promoting high expectations in the schools. Their diligent efforts in our learning environment are evident by the continuous improvement we are seeing in Dorchester Four. To our parents, we appreciate your efforts in making sure our students are present to school and ready to learn. As a result of everyone's support, not one of our schools received an absolute report card rating of Unsatisfactory for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, we have two schools that have made AYP for the past three years. Our graduation rate for 2011 was 74.9%.

During the 2011-2012 school year, Dorchester Four was accredited through AdvancEd District Accreditation. The visiting team was very complimentary of our students, staff, schools, and our community. We have one school that has participated in SC TAP (South Carolina Teacher and Student Advancement Program) for two years.

As we move forward, the district will continue its mission, that is to develop life-long learners who will have a positive impact on our global world.

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