

2011 Annual School and District Ratings Discussion Points

Based on data received from SCDE on October 28 and 30, 2011 and November 2, 6, and 7, 2011.

ABSOLUTE Ratings for Schools

Accountability Rating	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	318 (27%) Primary: 27 Elementary: 166 Middle: 53 High: 72	242 (21%) Primary: 32 Elementary: 134 Middle: 36 High: 40	188 (16%) Primary: 26 Elementary: 111 Middle: 26 High: 25
Good	211 (18%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 129 Middle: 51 High: 28	209 (18%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 119 Middle: 46 High: 44	185 (16%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 105 Middle: 41 High: 36
Average	462 (39%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 259 Middle: 125 High: 77	510 (44%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 289 Middle: 136 High: 85	537 (46%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 301 Middle: 143 High: 93
Below Average	120 (10%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 66 Middle: 42 High: 12	136 (12%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 72 Middle: 52 High: 12	170 (15%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 86 Middle: 62 High: 22
At Risk	69 (6%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 23 Middle: 29 High: 17	69 (6%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 24 Middle: 27 High: 18	83 (7%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 33 Middle: 29 High: 21
Number of Report Cards	1,180	1,166	1,163

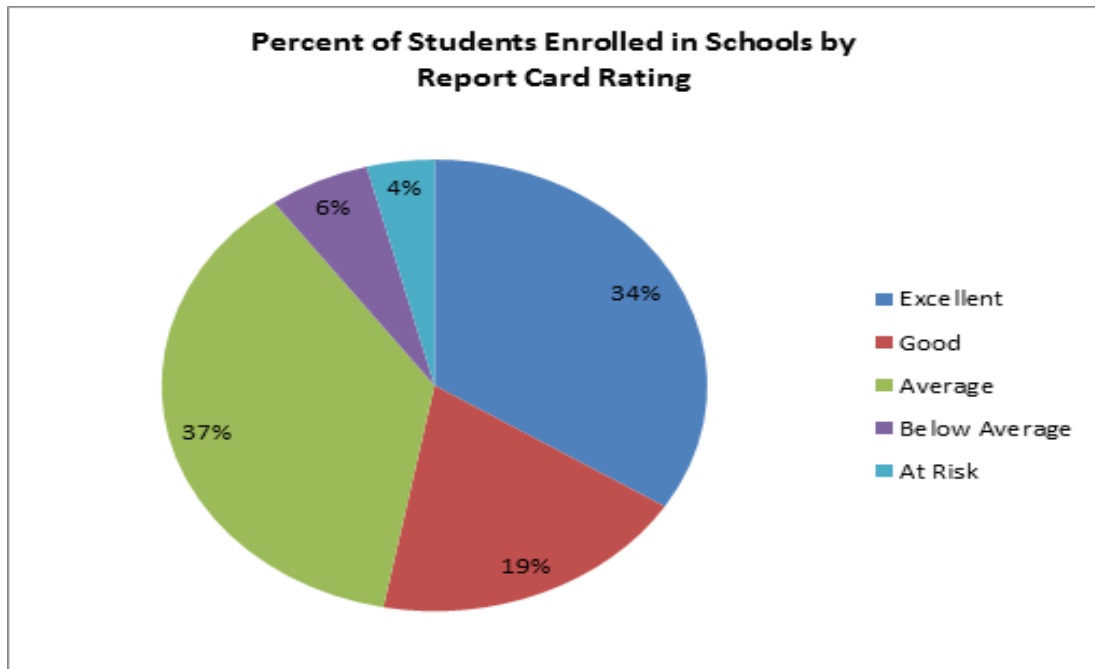
The above table includes all charter schools but does not include ratings for career and technology centers.

Changes in Absolute Ratings from 2010 to 2011:

- **“Improving”** – 226 school report cards (19%) improved absolute rating
- **“Sliding”** – 74 school report cards (6%) had declines in absolute rating

Patterns Across Three Years 2009 to 2011:

- **“Consistently Excellent”** – 160 school report cards had an absolute rating of Excellent all three years
- **“Consistently Improving”** – 32 school report cards improved absolute rating from 2009 to 2010 and again from 2010 to 2011
- **“Persistently Underperforming”** – 37 school report cards had absolute rating of At Risk all three years



Total Students in SC public schools in 2010-11: 719,647

ABSOLUTE Ratings for Charter Schools

Accountability Rating	2011	2010
Excellent	12 (21.8%)	10 (23.3%)
Good	6 (10.9%)	4 (9.3%)
Average	11 (20.0%)	13 (30.2%)
Below Average	12 (21.8%)	5 (11.6%)
At Risk	14 (25.5%)	11 (25.6%)
Total	55	43
Not Rated	10	11

ABSOLUTE Ratings for Palmetto Priority Schools

Accountability Rating	2011	2010
Excellent	1	0
Good	0	0
Average	5	2
Below Average	15	14
At Risk	31	36

Three-Year Performance of Underperforming Schools

Number Schools	2009 Absolute Rating	The 2009 Underperforming Schools in 2011 had absolute ratings of:					No Report Card
		Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At Risk	
170	Below Average	2	2	78	66	13	9
83	At Risk	1	1	4	21	41	15

The most likely reason that a school did not receive a report card in 2011 was that the school had previously been closed or merged.

ABSOLUTE Ratings for School Districts

Accountability Rating	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	11 (12.8%)	6 (7.0%)	1 (1.2%)
Good	22 (25.6%)	12 (14.0%)	0
Average	35 (40.7%)	48 (55.8%)	24 (28.2%)
Below Average	9 (10.5%)	14 (16.3%)	39 (45.9%)
At Risk	9 (10.5%)	6 (7.0%)	21 (24.7%)
Number of Districts	86	86	85

Note: The SC Public Charter School District started receiving ratings in 2010.

School District **Absolute** Ratings:

- This year 9 districts are rated At Risk as compared to 6 in 2010.
- The number of districts rated Excellent or Good increased from 18 in 2010 to 33 in 2011.
- 26 districts improved their absolute rating while 9 districts had declines in their absolute ratings with 51 maintaining the same absolute rating for 2010 and 2011.

Districts Improving From:	
Average to Excellent	Florence 5 Spartanburg 6
Good to Excellent	Abbeville Darlington Spartanburg 1
Average to Good	Anderson 5 Calhoun Charleston Cherokee Clarendon 1 Clarendon 3 Florence 3 Georgetown Greenville Lexington 3 Oconee Spartanburg 3 Sumter 2 York 3
Below Average to Average	Chesterfield Colleton Florence 4 Hampton 1 Marion 7 Orangeburg 5
At Risk to Below Average	Bamberg 2

Districts Declining From:	
Good to Average	Pickens
Average to Below Average	Laurens 55 Lexington 2 Spartanburg 7 Williamsburg
Below Average to At Risk	SC Charter School Dillon 2 Lee Marlboro

GROWTH Ratings for Schools

Accountability Rating	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	251 (21%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 152 Middle: 54 High: 42	263 (23%) Primary: 13 Elementary: 183 Middle: 42 High: 25	110 (10%) Primary: 7 Elementary: 76 Middle: 8 High: 19
Good	249 (21%) Primary: 24 Elementary: 126 Middle: 67 High: 32	242 (21%) Primary: 15 Elementary: 139 Middle: 67 High: 21	201 (17%) Primary: 15 Elementary: 124 Middle: 26 High: 36
Average	456 (39%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 293 Middle: 134 High: 29	402 (35%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 240 Middle: 144 High: 17	535 (46%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 338 Middle: 185 High: 11
Below Average	140 (12%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 49 Middle: 27 High: 64	135 (12%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 58 Middle: 29 High: 48	161 (14%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 50 Middle: 50 High: 61
At Risk	75 (7%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 23 Middle: 17 High: 32	116 (10%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 17 Middle: 15 High: 84	150 (13%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 47 Middle: 31 High: 70
Number of Report Cards	1,171	1,158	1,156

GROWTH Ratings for School Districts

Accountability Rating	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	18 (20.9%)	23 (26.7%)	0 (0%)
Good	24 (27.9%)	28 (32.6%)	2 (2.4%)
Average	21 (24.4%)	17 (19.8%)	5 (5.9%)
Below Average	20 (23.3%)	11 (12.8%)	20 (23.5%)
At Risk	3 (3.5%)	7 (8.1%)	58 (68.2%)
Number:	86	86	85

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Confronting Poverty

- In 2011 the poverty index for public schools in South Carolina was 68.50 as compared to 67.74 in 2010.
- The poverty index is an indicator of the relative poverty of a school or district as measured by the number of students eligible for the Federal free or reduced-price lunch program and/or the number of students eligible for Medicaid services over the past three years.

Poverty and Absolute Ratings

- Only 49 schools (4%) served a population with a poverty index of 30 or less in the 2010-11 school year.
- Of the 1,114 schools that had poverty indices in both 2010 and 2011, 719 (65%) showed an increase in the poverty index in 2011.
- Across the districts, 68 (79%) had an increase in the district poverty index in 2011.
- Schools with extreme poverty, a poverty index of 90 or greater, increased.

Absolute Rating and Average Poverty Index, Schools

Accountability Rating	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	53.4	50.6	47.7
Good	68.5	64.7	62.8
Average	81.7	79.4	74.4
Below Average	92.5	91.9	90.2
At Risk	93.6	94.8	93.9

**2006-2011 School Ratings
Poverty Levels Across Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School
Report Cards**

	Extent of Poverty (Poverty Index)		
	High Poverty (70+)	Very High Poverty (80+)	Extreme Poverty (90+)
Total Number of Report Cards (% of 1180 report cards in 2011; 1164 in 2010; 1178 in 2009; 1171 in 2008; 1128 in 2007; and 1106 in 2006)	2011: 746 (63.2%) 2010: 699 (60.1%) 2009: 684 (58.1%) 2008: 656 (56.0%) 2007: 601 (53.3%) 2006: 599 (54.2%)	2011: 530 (44.9%) 2010: 514 (44.2%) 2009: 493 (41.9%) 2008: 471 (40.2%) 2007: 421 (37.3%) 2006: 402 (36.3%)	2011: 312 (26.4%) 2010: 295 (25.3%) 2009: 283 (24.0%) 2008: 278 (23.7%) 2007: 228 (20.2%) 2006: 215 (19.4%)

Overcoming Poverty

- Four schools had a poverty index of 90 or greater and an absolute rating of Excellent in 2011.
- Nine schools had a poverty index of 90 or greater and an absolute rating of Good in 2011.

District	School Name	School Designation	Poverty Index	Absolute Rating
Abbeville	John C. Calhoun Elementary	Elementary	92.61	Excellent
Barnwell 19	Blackville-Hilda High	High	90.35	Excellent
Charleston	Military Magnet Academy	High	92.42	Excellent
Horry	Socastee Elementary	Elementary	90.13	Excellent
Calhoun	Calhoun County High	High	92.74	Good
Charleston	Stono Park Elementary	Elementary	96.60	Good
Charleston	Charleston Development Academy	Elementary	91.96	Good
Horry	South Conway Elementary	Elementary	93.46	Good
Laurens 55	Waterloo Elementary	Elementary	90.85	Good
Orangeburg 5	Bethune-Bowman Middle/High	High	94.05	Good
Orangeburg 5	Rivelon Elementary	Elementary	98.51	Good
Orangeburg 5	Whittaker Elementary	Elementary	95.81	Good
Richland 1	South Kilbourne Elementary	Elementary	98.40	Good

Reading

Percentage of Students Scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS Reading & Research By Absolute Rating in 2011

Elementary Schools

Accountability Rating	Percent of Students	Average Poverty Index
Excellent	87.7%	52.0
Good	81.2%	70.4
Average	73.2%	85.9
Below Average	61.5%	93.3
At Risk	49.4%	97.0

Middle Schools

Accountability Rating	Percent of Students	Average Poverty Index
Excellent	82.1%	45.3
Good	74.6%	64.0
Average	65.5%	77.5
Below Average	52.5%	91.3
At Risk	43.6%	94.7

Graduation Rates

State On-Time Graduation Rate

2011	2010	2009
73.7	72.1	73.7

District Graduation Rate By Absolute Rating in 2011

Accountability Rating	On-Time	5-Year
Excellent	83.7	84.8
Good	75.8	77.1
Average	72.5	73.7
Below Average	65.0	66.8
At Risk	61.7	63.5

Districts Ranked by 2011 ABSOLUTE Index

	DISTRICT	ABSOLUTE INDEX 2011	Poverty INDEX	Accountability Rating
1	YORK 4	4.30	26.85	Excellent
2	LEXINGTON 5	3.92	42.36	Excellent
3	ANDERSON 1	3.89	55.24	Excellent
4	LEXINGTON 1	3.75	49.87	Excellent
5	DARLINGTON	3.72	81.82	Excellent
6	GREENWOOD 52	3.67	66.93	Excellent
7	SPARTANBURG 1	3.67	64.96	Excellent
8	ABBEVILLE	3.60	77.46	Excellent
9	FLORENCE 5	3.53	74.19	Excellent
10	YORK 2	3.51	43.76	Excellent
11	SPARTANBURG 6	3.48	68.10	Excellent
12	DORCHESTER 2	3.39	56.73	Good
13	LEXINGTON 3	3.38	76.33	Good
14	SPARTANBURG 5	3.36	62.96	Good
15	ANDERSON 4	3.34	66.78	Good
16	CLARENDON 3	3.34	70.02	Good
17	GEORGETOWN	3.34	74.03	Good
18	CALHOUN	3.29	90.84	Good
19	SPARTANBURG 2	3.29	62.50	Good
20	SUMTER 2	3.28	83.38	Good
21	ANDERSON 2	3.26	66.45	Good
22	SPARTANBURG 4	3.25	68.60	Good
23	FLORENCE 3	3.24	92.29	Good
24	HORRY	3.24	73.53	Good
25	CHEROKEE	3.23	78.71	Good
26	GREENVILLE	3.23	59.11	Good
27	CLARENDON 1	3.21	95.62	Good
28	YORK 3	3.21	63.97	Good
29	RICHLAND 2	3.20	55.52	Good
30	ANDERSON 5	3.18	67.83	Good
31	CHARLESTON	3.18	63.02	Good
32	OCONEE	3.18	69.80	Good
33	SPARTANBURG 3	3.18	72.40	Good
34	PICKENS	3.17	62.22	Average
35	SALUDA	3.17	78.90	Average
36	BARNWELL 29	3.16	82.99	Average
37	YORK 1	3.15	70.88	Average
38	FLORENCE 2	3.14	79.15	Average
39	MARION 7	3.12	98.41	Average
40	BERKELEY	3.11	70.64	Average
41	KERSHAW	3.10	67.66	Average
42	FLORENCE 1	3.08	71.58	Average
43	GREENWOOD 50	3.06	73.23	Average

	DISTRICT	ABSOLUTE INDEX 2011	Poverty INDEX	Accountability Rating
44	DILLON 3	3.04	79.32	Average
45	AIKEN	3.02	69.72	Average
46	LANCASTER	3.02	66.28	Average
47	BAMBERG 1	3.01	74.08	Average
48	SUMTER 17	3.01	77.95	Average
49	EDGEFIELD	3.00	70.71	Average
50	ANDERSON 3	2.95	77.05	Average
51	DORCHESTER 4	2.94	88.55	Average
52	BARNWELL 19	2.93	94.26	Average
53	CLARENDON 2	2.93	89.73	Average
54	CHESTERFIELD	2.92	79.11	Average
55	GREENWOOD 51	2.91	80.28	Average
56	BEAUFORT	2.90	66.09	Average
57	NEWBERRY	2.89	74.93	Average
58	UNION	2.89	79.44	Average
59	CHESTER	2.87	79.82	Average
60	DILLON 1	2.85	86.74	Average
61	BARNWELL 45	2.82	79.13	Average
62	COLLETON	2.75	88.50	Average
63	MCCORMICK	2.74	92.28	Average
64	ORANGEBURG 4	2.74	83.06	Average
65	HAMPTON 1	2.70	82.01	Average
66	FLORENCE 4	2.69	93.97	Average
67	ORANGEBURG 5	2.69	92.71	Average
68	ORANGEBURG 3	2.65	95.14	Average
69	FAIRFIELD	2.60	93.11	Below Average
70	WILLIAMSBURG	2.59	96.81	Below Average
71	LAURENS 56	2.57	81.42	Below Average
72	LEXINGTON 2	2.55	75.24	Below Average
73	SPARTANBURG 7	2.54	76.77	Below Average
74	LAURENS 55	2.51	79.72	Below Average
75	LEXINGTON 4	2.47	85.93	Below Average
76	RICHLAND 01	2.47	80.50	Below Average
77	BAMBERG 2	2.41	97.74	Below Average
78	LEE	2.30	97.28	At Risk
79	MARION 1	2.28	90.94	At Risk
80	JASPER	2.24	91.26	At Risk
81	HAMPTON 2	2.22	96.48	At Risk
82	DILLON 2	2.11	94.30	At Risk
83	SC PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	2.09	66.83	At Risk
84	ALLENDALE	1.94	97.74	At Risk
85	MARLBORO	1.91	92.45	At Risk
86	MARION 2	1.83	94.72	At Risk