

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Required by federal and state law, South Carolina schools have received School Report Cards since 2001. The School Report Cards provide the public with key data about how students and schools are doing (conditions, successes, and challenges) so that schools, districts, communities, and the State can work together to focus on common goals that ensure all students achieve at high levels.

SC School Report Cards were released on October 10, 2023, and multiple schools from Charleston County School District (CCSD) made significant improvements. For example, 35 CCSD schools were rated “Excellent” in 2023 compared to 22 last year. In addition, there are only three schools receiving an “Unsatisfactory” rating in 2023 versus 11 in 2022. Fifty-three CCSD schools are rated “Excellent” or “Good”(a 14% increase from 2022) and 74 schools are rated “Average or better (including “Good” and “Excellent” in 2023 (a 6% increase from 2022). Five schools improved by two rating levels and 28 schools improved by one rating level.

“We are so proud of our teachers, support staff, and school administrators who have worked tirelessly to create learning environments that are productive and nurturing for our students,” said CCSD’s Acting Superintendent, Anita Huggins. “While we acknowledge that our students are much more than test scores, to see this many schools receive quality ratings or make a significant improvement on their report card rating is quite an accomplishment!”

South Carolina schools receive ratings for each indicator as well as an Overall School Rating. Five rating levels are used, with the highest performance level rating being “Excellent” and the lowest level of performance being “Unsatisfactory.” *See *SC School Report Card Rating Scale*.

The following indicators are considered in ratings for **elementary and middle schools**: Academic Achievement (performance on SC Ready ELA and Math), Student Progress (growth on SC Ready ELA and Math), Preparing for Success (performance on SC Ready Science), English Language Learners’ Progress (non-English speaking student progress in learning English) and School Climate (teacher and student State Climate Survey results).

The following indicators are considered in ratings for **high schools**: Academic Achievement (performance on English 2 and Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessments), Preparing for Success (performance on Biology 1 and United States History and Constitution End-of-Course Assessments), Graduation Rate, English Language Learners’ Progress (non-English speaking student progress in learning English) and School Climate (teacher and student State Climate Survey results).

Additional measures are also included for reporting, such as parent survey results, classroom environment, student safety, and financial information.

SC School Report Card Rating Scale	
Excellent	School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
Good	School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
Average	School performance meets the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
Below Average	School performance is in jeopardy of not meeting the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
Unsatisfactory	School performance fails to meet the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
Source: https://expectmoresc.com/sc-report-card/	

For more information on the SC School Report Card, visit <https://expectmoresc.com/sc-report-card/>.

Edith L. Frierson Montessori received an Overall School Rating of Unsatisfactory on the 2023 South Carolina School Report Card.

To view your school’s full report card, visit <https://screportcards.com/>.