South Carolina

The Palmetto State



Student NAEP Performance Rank 2010: 51

Measures the overall 2011 scores for low-income students (non-ELL and non-IEP) and their gains/losses on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) fourth- and eighthgrade reading and mathematics exams from 2003 to 2011



Education Policy Grade

ALEC Historical Grading

2010: B

Contains scores and grades for policies that allow the state's education system to make available high-quality education through accountability, high standards, public- and privateschool choice, high-quality teachers, and innovative delivery mechanisms

State Academic Standards	
2009 State Academic Standards	C-
Change in State Standards (2003-2009)	Lowered
Charter Schools	
Charter Schools Allowed	Yes
Charter School Law Grade	C
Home School Regulation Burden	-
(A=None, B=Low, C=Moderate, D=High)	c
Private School Choice Programs	
Private School Choice	_
"A" Grade or Multiple Programs	_
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Teacher Quality and Policies: Overall Grade	c-
Delivering Well Prepared Teachers	D+
Expanding the Teaching Pool	D
Identifying Effective Teachers	c
Retaining Effective Teachers	c
Exiting Ineffective Teachers	C+
Online Learning	
State Virtual School or Online-Learning Initiative	Yes
Multi-District Full-Time Online School	Yes

Spending Levels and Achievement: 4th- and 8th-Grade NAEP Reading Exams Results and Costs

	4th Grade			8th Grade		
Annual Cost Per Student	Cumulative Investment Per Student	Statewide Enrollment	Percent of Students Scoring "Proficient" or Higher	Cumulative Investment Per Student	Statewide Enrollment	Percent of Students Scoring "Proficient" or Higher
\$11,128 (Rank: 29)	\$44,512	53,996	28% (Rank: 37)	\$89,024	53,446	24% (Rank: 42)