

South Carolina must improve its schools; our state's future success depends on all of our students having the tools they need to succeed in a global economy.

 **THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (EOC)**

was created by the General Assembly to address the improvement needed in South Carolina schools. As an independent, non-partisan group of 18 educators, business leaders, and elected officials, the EOC, through ongoing review and evaluation, holds the state accountable for building the education system South Carolina needs to compete.

The EOC has established a 2020 Vision for South Carolina: By the year 2020, all students in South Carolina 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.

THIS EDUCATION REPORT, which includes 2011 figures, reveals that South Carolina has not made significant, consistent progress in most areas. Without dramatic improvement, we will not meet the goals of the 2020 Vision. Pockets of progress exist, but the state as a whole has remained static.

We need a new sense of urgency, a wake-up call, to focus on education and take action. For the sake of our children, for the sake of our state's economic future, we cannot afford to be complacent.

"To achieve the goals outlined in the 2020 Vision, dramatic and sustained improvement in public education must occur in South Carolina."

– EOC Chairman Neil Robinson



Transformational change requires all of us.

South Carolina's hardworking teachers and school administrators cannot do it alone. Education innovation requires business leaders, elected officials, concerned citizens, parents, and educators to come together for the good of South Carolina's children.

We need a new sense of urgency about our limited progress. South Carolinians must recommit to providing every one of our children with a world-class education.

Will you answer this wake-up call?

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A WAKE-UP CALL FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



PROGRESS REPORT: K-12 STUDENT PERFORMANCE



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REPORTING FACTS. MEASURING CHANGE. PROMOTING PROGRESS.

To ensure South Carolina is on track to fulfill the 2020 Vision, progress is monitored annually in four areas:

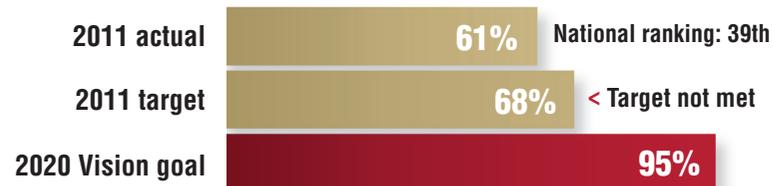
- 1 Reading proficiency
- 2 High school graduation
- 3 Workforce readiness
- 4 Eliminating At-Risk schools

1 READING PROFICIENCY

GOAL: By 2020, all students will be proficient readers.

Nationally, South Carolina students are falling short.

Reading: Students scoring basic and above (grade 4)



Reading: Students scoring basic and above (grade 8)*



* Scores are based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), a common metric for all states.

NAEP results for 2011 indicate that achievement gaps remain persistent among students of different racial/ethnic groups and economic status.

Reading achievement in South Carolina is flat with no significant or sustained improvement. The percentage of students who read on grade level decreases as students move through school.

Reading affects graduation rates: 1 in 6 children who are not reading on grade level in 3rd grade do not graduate on time.



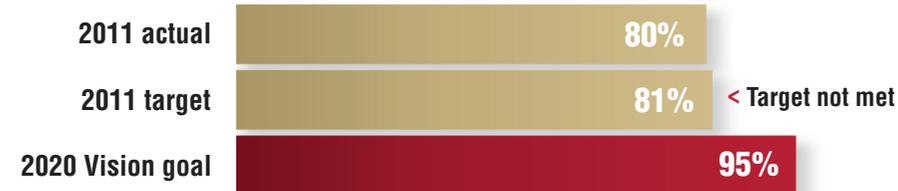
Significant disparities exist in South Carolina's graduation rates among demographic groups.

■ In 2011, only **69.7 percent** of African American students and **68.5 percent** of Hispanic students graduated on time, compared with **76.8 percent** of their white counterparts.

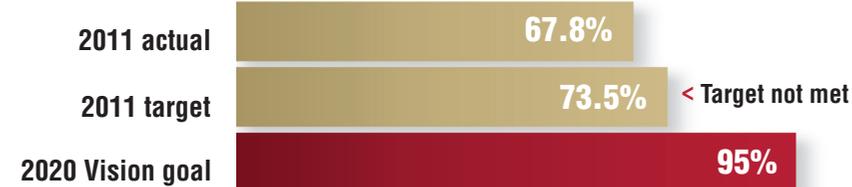
■ **38.4 percent** of students with disabilities graduated on time, compared with **77.2 percent** of those without.

Statewide, student progress is stagnant.

Reading: Students scoring on grade level (grade 3)



Reading: Students scoring on grade level (grade 8)



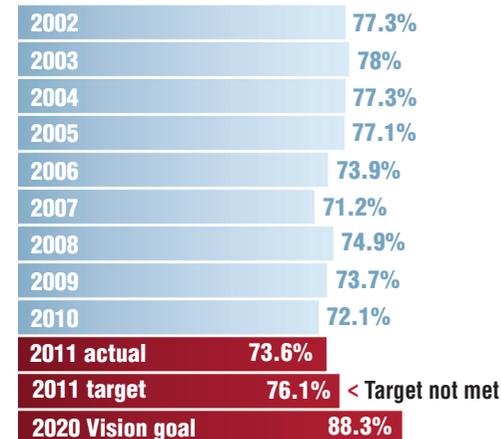
* Scores are based on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), which is given to all public and charter school students in South Carolina.

2 ON-TIME GRADUATION

GOAL: By 2020, 88.3 percent of students will graduate on time.



On-time graduation rates in S.C.



4 AT-RISK SCHOOLS

GOAL: By 2020, South Carolina will have no schools that are rated "At Risk" based on student academic achievement and graduation rates.



Number of schools rated At Risk

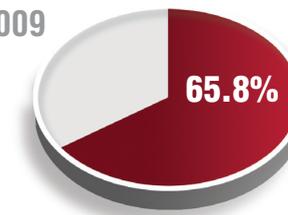


3 WORKFORCE READINESS

GOAL: By 2020, 85 percent of high school graduates will qualify for postsecondary education or employment.

Students enrolled in two- or four-year colleges.

2009



2011

