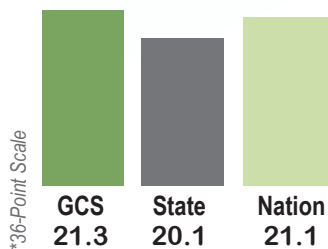




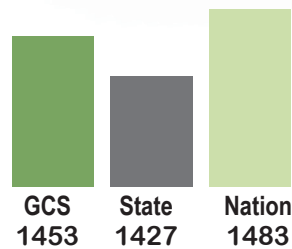
## Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student

### College Entrance Tests

**Average ACT Score - 2011**  
Outperforms the Nation!



**Average SAT Score - 2011**  
Outperforms the State!



### High School Exit Exam

82.9% of students passed the High School Exit Exam on their first attempt.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

56% of AP exams taken by GCS students earned scores of 3 or higher, qualifying them for possible college credit.



AP Exams	2010	2011	% Increase
# Students Taking AP Exams	2,873	3,051	+6.2%
# AP Exams Attempted	4,838	5,201	+7.5%
# AP Exams Scoring 3+	2,754	2,898	+5.2%

### Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

The Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) Tests are the state's accountability measurement of student achievement for grades 3-8. The scoring levels are Exemplary, Met, and Not Met. Students who received Met or Exemplary scores meet state academic standards.

- The percentage of GCS students scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS increased from 2010 to 2011 in 22 of 26 tests, including all grades in English/Language Arts and math.

#### GCS Students Scoring Met or Exemplary on PASS

Subject	GCS
Reading	77.1%
Math	76.4%
Science	72.0%
Social Studies	76.4%
Writing	75.9%

### Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

AYP requires that state standards are met for all students and for all student subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency. The school system has 37 goals based on the district-wide student population. GCS schools have up to 33 goals. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, school districts and schools must meet 100 percent of their federal "proficiency" goals each year to achieve AYP.

- GCS met 35 of 37 (95%) Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Objectives.

### School Report Cards

School and District Report Cards compare student progress against the 2010 goal of having student achievement ranked in the top half of the states nationally.

The School Report Card includes two ratings – an Absolute Rating, which indicates student achievement measured against the State target, and a Growth Rating, which shows the progress of achievement scores for the same students from one year to the next. Schools and districts receive a designation of Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, or At-Risk.

- 93% of Greenville County schools (80) received Absolute Ratings of Excellent, Good, or Average on their School Report Card.
- 87.2% of schools (75) earned a Growth rating of Excellent, Good, or Average.

### FAST FACTS

Students: 70,076 Nation's 49th and State's Largest School District	Enrollment Increase Over Ten Years: 9,543	2011 Graduates: 4,380
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Newsweek's Best High Schools: 9  
National Blue Ribbon Schools (Outstanding Academic Achievement): 13  
Palmetto's Finest Schools (State's Top Schools): 21

# 2011-12 Progress Report Greenville County Schools



## Ensure quality personnel in all positions

- With 631 teachers who have achieved National Board Certification (NBC), Greenville County Schools ranks 13th in the nation out of 14,000 school districts for the total number of NBC teachers. GCS has more NBC teachers than 25 states.

### By the Numbers

- 5,200 Teachers
- 98% of Teachers are Highly Qualified as Mandated by No Child Left Behind
- 63.1% of Teachers Have Master's Degrees or Higher



## Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources

- Our low administrative cost of 1.5 cents per dollar maximizes funding to support students.
- GCS has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 25 consecutive years, and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International for 16 consecutive years.

### General Fund Budget

The General Fund Budget, commonly referred to as the "School District Budget," pays for day-to-day expenses such as teachers' and other employees' salaries, utilities, and supplies.

State revenue funds approximately two-thirds of the General Fund Budget. Local taxes provide approximately one-third.

General Fund expenditures are in seven major areas – classroom instruction, operations and maintenance, instructional support, auxiliary support services, transfers, and school and district administration.

### Building Fund Budget

The Building Fund Budget pays for renovation and construction of schools. Most of the revenue is generated by the sale of general obligation bonds. The bonds are paid off through local property tax millage for debt service. Money from the Building Fund Budget cannot be used to fund General Fund Budget items.



## Improve public understanding and support of public schools

District information is communicated to parents and the community through the GCS website, The Schools Channel (Charter 99), Facebook and Twitter updates.

- Parents continue to rate schools high for school environment and home-school relations.
- Last year Greenville District I PTA had 33,801 members in its 88 local PTA units.

### Parent Volunteers (2010-11)

Number	19,373
Hours	674,394



## Provide a school environment supportive of learning

### School Construction

Seventy schools and centers have been completed as part of the BEST (Building Equity Sooner for Tomorrow) School Construction Program. Future needs are being addressed through the Long Range Facilities Plan/Capital Improvement Program. As part of that plan, Monarch Elementary will open in August 2012.

Other projects planned for completion within the next eight years include Roper Mountain Science Center renovation; Rudolph G. Gordon Elementary conversion to K-8; additions at J. L. Mann High Academy, Fork Shoals School, Woodmont High, and Mountain View Elementary; and construction of Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School and Fountain Inn High School.

View the complete LRFP/CIP at [www.greenville.k12.sc.us/gcsd/depts/planning/docs/cip.pdf](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/gcsd/depts/planning/docs/cip.pdf).



### 2011-12 General Fund Revenue

State	\$271,344,000	63.7%
Local	\$143,475,000	33.6%
Transfers	\$11,294,000	2.7%
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$426,113,000 *</b>	<b>100%</b>

(\*Budget Includes \$16,671,098 from Fund Balance)

### 2011-12 General Fund Expenditures

Instruction	\$262,609,128	59.3%
Operations and Maintenance	\$72,918,834	16.5%
Administration – Schools	\$32,840,483	7.4%
Instructional Support	\$30,950,177	7.0%
Auxiliary Support Services	\$26,377,792	5.9%
Other (Transfers)	\$14,913,638	3.4%
Administration - District	\$2,174,046	0.5%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$442,784,098</b>	<b>100%</b>



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