
2009 Annual Report

Anderson School District One

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Message from Superintendent



It is a pleasure to serve as your Anderson District One superintendent. I am honored to serve with an outstanding Board of Trustees and excellent employees. We have the finest administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and students anywhere.

Tough economic times have created challenges never imagined in the field of education. Our board and our district administration have attempted to make the best instructional and personnel decisions possible for the district.

Our district continues to live up to our motto: *A Tradition of Excellence*. Academics remain the center of our focus, and our students continue to outperform others in the state. We are proud to provide opportunities for students in the fine arts, technology and athletics. We are preparing them to be successful in the future.

Sincerely, Wayne Fowler, Superintendent

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Mission Statement

Anderson School District One is committed to providing an academically challenging, community-driven, and diverse educational experience based on the individual needs of each student.



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Construction and New Additions

On March 18, 2008, Anderson School District One approved \$85,750,000 referendum to improve school facilities for our students. The following is a building program for each school.

Palmetto High - Field House, 6 Classrooms, Weight Room, Cafeteria Expansion, Upgrade Security Systems, Weight Room, Athletic Bleacher – Softball/Baseball

Wren High - Field House/Multipurpose Facility and Public Restrooms, Replace Track, Restroom Renovations in Original Building, Pave Additional Parking Areas, Upgrade Security

Wren Middle - 10 Classrooms, Upgrade Security, Restroom Upgrades, Painting

Powersville Middle – 8 Classrooms, Upgrade Security, new football/soccer practice field

Palmetto Middle - 10 Classrooms, Upgrade Security Systems, Restroom Upgrades and Painting

Concrete Primary - 10 Classrooms, Book Room, Storage Room, Office, Kitchen, Cafeteria Expansion, Upgrade Security System, Upgrade HVAC, front lobby upgrade, Extend car lane

Spearman Elementary - 8 Classrooms, New Cafeteria & Kitchen, New Restrooms for 3rd - 5th Grade Wing, Upgrade Security, Extend Car Lane and classroom renovations.

Palmetto Elementary - 8 Classrooms, Book Room, Work Room, Administration Offices, Cafeteria Expansion, Upgrade Security, Front Lobby Upgrade, Extend Car Lane

Powersville High – Build a New High School for 950 students on 45 acres

Wren Elementary – 10 Classrooms, Book Room, Storage Room, Assistant Principal's Office, Cafeteria Expansion, Upgrade Security, Front Lobby Upgrade, Extend Car Lane, New Bus Circle

Cedar Grove Elementary – 10 Classrooms, Book Room, Storage Room, Cafeteria Expansion, Upgrade Security, Front Lobby Upgrade and Extend car lane.

Hunt Meadows Elementary, Powersville Elementary, West Pelzer Elementary – Upgrade Safety and Security Systems.

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Construction and New Additions

Spearman Elementary's new cafeteria



New field house at Wren High.



Concrete Primary's new wing



Palmetto Middle School's new wing.



Palmetto High's new field house



New classroom additions at Wren Middle.

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Elementary Schools



- **Concrete Primary** ~ Mrs. Sherry Padgett, Principal
535 Powdersville Main ~ Easley, SC 29642 ~ 864-269-4571
Enrollment: 548
- **Cedar Grove Elementary** ~ Dr. Eunice Williams, Principal
107 Melvin Lane ~ Williamston, SC 29697 ~ 864-847-3500
Enrollment: 626
- **Hunt Meadows Elementary** ~ Mrs. Torie Tourtellot, Principal
420 Hunt Road ~ Easley, SC 29642 ~ 864-850-3987
Enrollment: 503
- **Palmetto Elementary** ~ Mrs. Amy Cothran, Principal
1 Roberts Drive ~ Williamston, SC 29697 ~ 864-847-5442
Enrollment: 670
- **Powdersville Elementary** ~ Mrs. Debbie Gill, Principal
139 Hood Road ~ Greenville, SC 29611 ~ 864-269-4431
Enrollment: 554
- **Spearman Elementary** ~ Mr. Jason Lesley, Principal
2001 Easley Highway, Piedmont, SC 29673 ~ 864-947-9787
Enrollment: 537
- **West Pelzer Elementary** ~ Dr. Stacy Hashe, Principal
10 W. Stewart Street ~ West Pelzer, SC 29669 ~ 864-947-6424
Enrollment: 417
- **Wren Elementary** ~ Ms. Rhonda Rhodes, Principal
226 Roper Road, Piedmont, SC 29673 ~ 864-850-5950
Enrollment: 605

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Middle & High Schools

- **Palmetto Middle** ~ Mr. Barry Knight, Principal
803 N. Hamilton Street, Williamston, SC 29697 ~ 864-847-4333
Enrollment: 781
- **Powersville Middle** ~ Mr. Monty Oxendine, Principal
135 Hood Road, Greenville, SC 29611 ~ 864-269-1821
Enrollment: 515
- **Wren Middle** ~ Ms. Robin Fulbright, Principal
1010 Wren School Road, Piedmont, SC 29673 ~ 864-850-5930
Enrollment: 763

- **Palmetto High** ~ Dr. Mason Gary, Principal
804 N. Hamilton Street, Williamston, SC 29697 ~ 864-847-7311
Enrollment: 908
- **Wren High** ~ Mr. Robbie Binnicker, Principal
905 Wren School Road, Piedmont, SC 29673 ~ 864-850-5900
Enrollment: 1762



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Accomplishments



Closing the Gap: The Education Oversight Committee (EOC) recognized the following schools for their special efforts to close the achievement gap among students of differing economic, racial and ethnic groups.

- Palmetto Elementary
- Cedar Grove Elementary
- Pelzer Elementary
- Wren Middle
- West Pelzer Elementary
- Spearman Elementary
- Wren Elementary
- Hunt Meadows Elementary
- Powdersville Middle

GOLD/SILVER Awards are earned for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement.

GOLD Awards

- *Wren High
- *West Pelzer Elementary
- *Wren Elementary

SILVER AWARDS

- *Palmetto High
- *Palmetto Elementary
- *Powdersville Middle
- *Powdersville Elementary

Hunt Meadows Elementary Makes Top Five Finalists for annual state School Improvement Council award. The award recognizes schools for their efforts to foster parent and civic engagement

Hunt Meadows and Wren Elementary were selected to receive the South Carolina Healthy Schools awards for their efforts to promote wellness among students and staff.

Wren High School Named as Finalist for 2009-2010 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Awards. Awarded for student achievement, faculty training, program goals and teaching quality, office practices and community involvement.

Wren High School earned a bronze medal category award for high student performance given by US News & World Report.

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2009 Interim Goal Evaluation Results

Baseline data established for first year of new Palmetto Assessment of State Standards ---PASS Test. Goal will be of annual percentage improvements in the four core areas--- **ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.**

All areas ranked Anderson One among the highest achieving districts in the state. Determined goals 1-4 **MET**

5. There will be an increase in the average math score on the SAT and ACT from the 2007- 2008 tests to the 2008- 2009 tests for the district. **MET**

6. There will be an increase in the average verbal score on the SAT and ACT from the 2007- 2008 tests to the 2008- 2009 tests for the district. **MET**

7. There will be a percentage increase from the 2008 High Schools Assessment Program (HSAP) to the 2009 HSAP for the district in grades 9-12. **MET**

8. Each school will report improved attendance and improved student discipline and responsibility. **PROGRESS MADE**

9. Each school will report improved student self-esteem and respect for themselves, others, and their surroundings. **PROGRESS MADE**

10. Each school will report increased numbers of voluntary participants in activities which promote individual and cultural diversity and team building. **PROGRESS MADE**

11. Students will participate in additional activities designed to better facilitate transition between levels. **MET**

12. There will be an increase in the percentage of students participating in work exploration activities. **MET**

SUMMARY:

9 = MET

3 = PROGRESS MADE

0 = NOT MET

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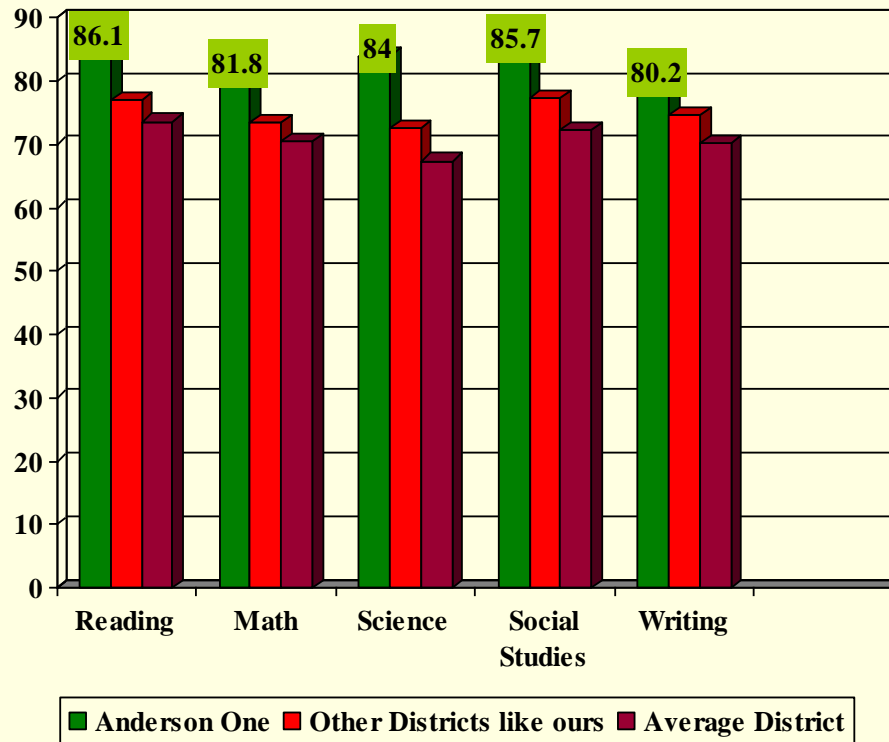
PASS

PASS is a state standardized test given to all students in grades 3-8. PASS measures students' performance in English Language Arts, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Anderson District One Students ranked among the best in the state.



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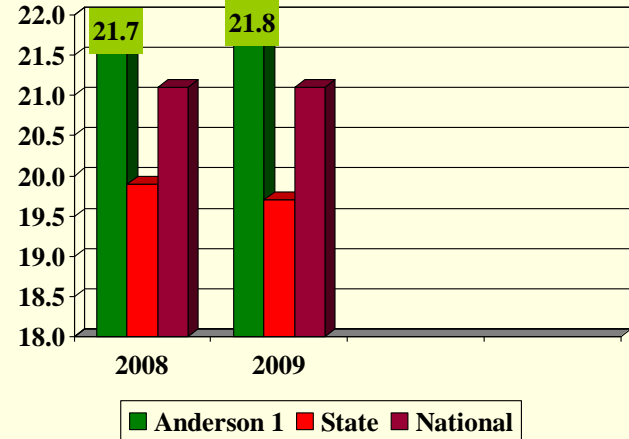
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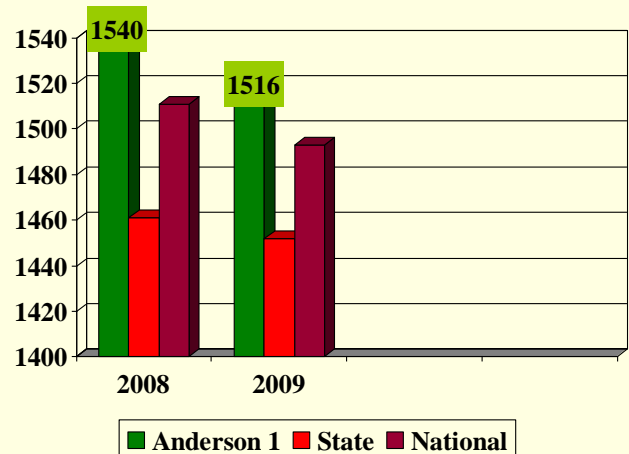
ACT/SAT



The **ACT** Assessment is a national college admission exam that consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. The average Anderson School District One ACT score for the 2009 year was a composite 21.8, 0.7 above the national average and 2.1 points above the state average.



The **SAT** is another college entrance exam. It consists of three sections: critical reading, mathematics and writing. SAT averages in the district remained above state and national averages. The average composite for Anderson One was 1,516. Statewide, the average composite was 1,452 and nationwide it was 1,493.



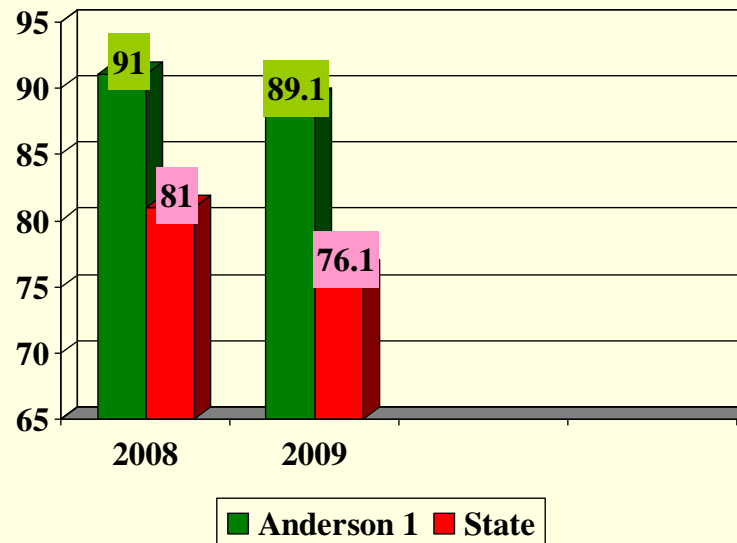
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High School Assessment Program (HSAP)

HSAP is the state's high school exit exam. It consists of tests in English language arts and mathematics. This year our students performed at a level that places them in the top 3% of the state.



Percentage that met standard on both English and math.



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Finance

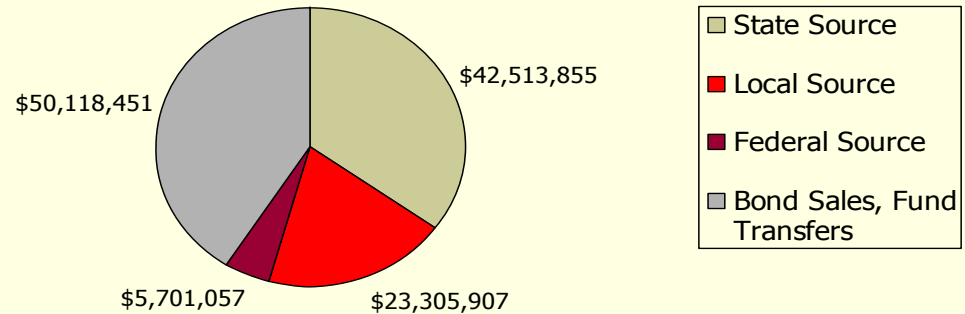


In 2009, the district absorbed a total of \$4.5 million in cuts from the State of South Carolina. Thanks to good planning by our school board, we were able to absorb the cuts using General Fund balance.

As a result, our district did **not** have to:

- Require furloughs
- Cut academic programs
- Cut extracurricular programs

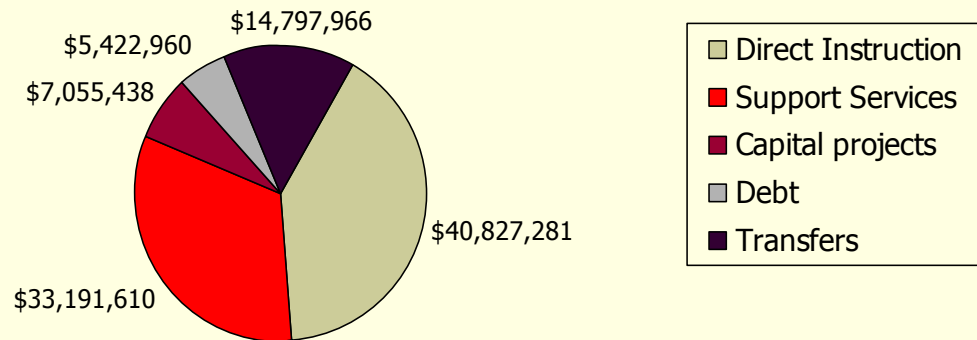
Revenues Totaled \$123,639,270



How it's Spent

Daily cost to educate one child:

Classroom Instruction:	\$24.74
Support & Operations:	\$12.11
Student Supplies:	\$ 3.02
Total:	\$39.87



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Food Service

1,290,437 meals served annually

	Paid	Free	Reduced	Total
Breakfast:	90,083 27%	227,905 63%	35,536 10%	362,524
Lunch:	469,496 50.5%	376,134 40.5%	82,283 9%	927,913



Transportation

- 44 buses in operation
- 3645 miles driven per day
- 48% of students utilize transportation



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A Tradition of Excellence

Board of Trustees

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Mr. Tom Merritt, Secretary
Mr. Joe Pack

Dr. Doug Atkins
Mr. David Merritt
Mrs. Wendy Tucker

District Administrators

Dr. Wayne Fowler, Superintendent
Mr. David Havird, Associate Superintendent

Elementary Education, Mrs. Jane Harrison
Special Services, Dr. Brian Keith
Student Nutrition Services, Ms. Debbie Joye
Technology, Mrs. Andria Hancock
Finance, Mr. Steve Uldrick

Secondary Education, Dr. John Pruitt
Personnel, Mrs. Becky Brady
Maintenance, Mr. Brian Barnard
Transportation, Mr. Benny Bridges



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