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## State Report Cards Released

***Columbia, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Education and State Superintendent Molly Spearman are pleased to release the 2015-2016 state report cards for SC schools and districts.***

“Our high school graduation rate continues to climb to an unprecedented 82.6%,” said State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman.

“This is over a 2 point increase from last year and a true testament to the collaborative effort of students, parents, and educators to ensure that all graduates are prepared for success and meeting the **Profile of the SC Graduate**” concluded Spearman.

The layouts for this year’s report cards have received an extensive overhaul from last year in order to provide the public a modern and streamlined dashboard of information.

Report cards are designed to provide a progress report on how schools and districts are performing on the World Class Knowledge, Skills and Characteristics outlined in the **Profile of the South Carolina Graduate**. The knowledge and skills are reported through test score measures that indicate readiness for college using the ACT, SAT, End of Course Tests, and readiness for careers using WorkKeys. The SC READY tests in grades 3-8 are also designed to show student readiness for the college entrance tests they will ultimately take in high school.

The new report cards also highlight a multitude of opportunities provided to students at each grade level. Among these opportunities are Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Credit participation. Report cards also provide vital information to the business community by showing the number of students enrolled in Career and Technical courses, number of students who have earned an industry certification, and students who participated in an apprenticeship or work based learning opportunity.

Pursuant to **Act 200**, report card ratings for both districts and schools are suspended for two years, in 2015 and 2016. Districts and schools will once again receive report cards under a new accountability system for the 2016-17 school year, which will be released in the fall of 2017.

View the [2016 Report Cards here](#).

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All students graduate prepared for success in college, careers, and citizenship.  
Supporting students and schools to meet the [Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#).

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