



The EOC is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected leaders. Created in 1998, the committee reports facts, measures change, and promotes progress within South Carolina's K-12 education system. Dedicated to continuous improvement, the EOC developed the 2020 Vision to monitor and inspire success for all children.

THE 2020 VISION

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.

“We’ve seen progress toward the vision but the path forward will demand transformation and innovation of the system.”

- Neil Robinson, EOC Chairman

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2013 REPORT ON EDUCATION IN SC
FULFILLING THE 2020 VISION



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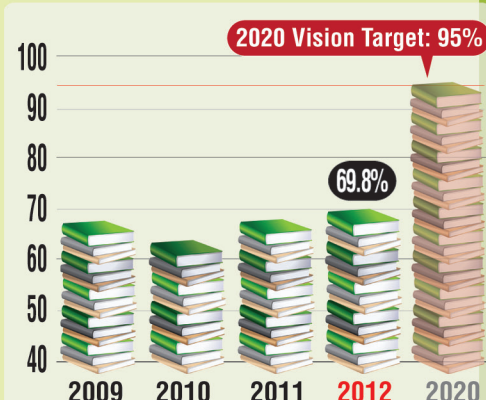
2020 VISION PROGRESS: Are we educating students for success in the global economy?

1 READING PROFICIENCY

South Carolina's progress in reading proficiency is flat.

Students on grade level or above, Grade 3

Students on grade level or above, Grade 8



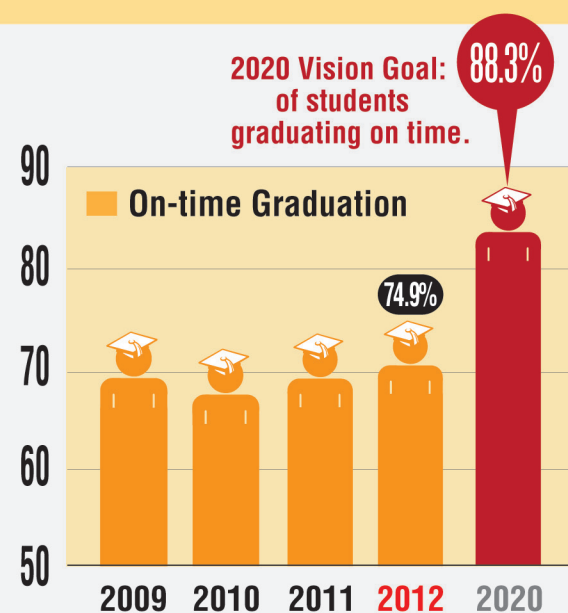
SC ranks **39th** nationally in reading proficiency.
Based on NAEP

DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITY: Students on grade level or above, by ethnicity.

55.1% African American **64.0%** Hispanic **79.5%** White
Based on PASS

2 ON-TIME GRADUATES

More than one quarter of South Carolina high school students do not graduate on time.



3 WORKFORCE READINESS

34%

of high school graduates in SC are **NOT** enrolling in two- or four-year colleges or technical schools.

THE DEMAND for high-skilled labor nationally is growing faster than the supply, while demand for low-skilled labor is weakening.



AMERICA'S SKILLS GAP

10 MILLION

new skilled workers will be needed by 2020.

U.S. companies report the most difficult jobs to fill are:

Technicians
Production Operators
Skilled Trades Workers
Laborers

4 SCHOOLS RATED AT RISK

South Carolina still has **61** schools rated At Risk based on poor student achievement.



THE 2020 VISION goal is **0** schools rated At Risk.

OUR PATH FORWARD

- ✓ **We must** recognize that we can achieve the goals of the 2020 Vision by building on successes and positive momentum.
- ✓ Quality education for our children **must** become everyone's job—educators, business leaders, elected officials, concerned citizens, parents, and students.
- ✓ **We must** increase family and community commitment and involvement in our schools.
- ✓ **We must** train highly effective teachers and support innovation, especially in reading and literacy, and excellence in the classroom.
- ✓ **We need** to have a better definition and assessment of college and career readiness.
- ✓ Working with the business community, **we must** increase understanding of what the global high-tech jobs of the future will be, so we can prepare students to meet growing demands.
- ✓ **We must** engage our policy makers and encourage them to make a long-term commitment to quality public schools.



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