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## **CCSD shows significant gains in Algebra EOCs**

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*District ahead of the state in all End-of-Course examinations*

**Charleston, SC** - Charleston County School District (CCSD) students earning "C or better" continue to stay ahead of the state in the Algebra, Biology, English 2, and U.S. History and the Constitution exams. In addition, district students improved system-wide in Algebra, Biology, and English 2 according to the 2023-2024 End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) data released by the South Carolina Department of Education today.

Students enrolled in these courses take an EOCEP assessment at the end of the course term. The results are important for federal accountability requirements and the South Carolina school report card. Importantly, CCSD believes student success on these tests reflects how the system prepares students for their next steps after graduation.

"I am incredibly impressed by the accomplishments of our students, teachers, building leaders, and district support staff," said Anita Huggins, CCSD's Superintendent of Schools. "These EOCEP results are examples of what happens when you put children first and focus on student outcomes."

### **ALGEBRA**

Close to 62 percent (61.7) of the district's students scored a "C" or better on the Algebra test, approximately 11 points higher (50.7) than the state average and an increase of 5.4 points compared to the previous school year. CCSD has now improved by 15 percent on this EOC exam since 2021.

In addition, the following CCSD student groups outperformed their corresponding state averages:

- Black – 34.5 (up 6.9 from last year) vs. 34.1
- White – 80.9 (up 4.0 from last year) vs. 62.8
- Exceptional Children – 19.5 (up 4.2 from last year) vs. 17.4
- Pupils in Poverty – 43.9 (up 8.5 from last year) vs. 39.9

## **BIOLOGY**

CCSD made gains (51.9 to 55.2) in students scoring a “C” or above from the previous school year and outperformed the state average by eight (8) percentage points.

The following five student groups in the district did better than they did in each of the previous two years (Spring 2023 and Spring 2024):

- Black - 20.6 to 23.3 (2.7 percent increase from last year, 3.8 increase in two years)
- Hispanic - 30.5 to 36.6 (6.1 percent increase from last year, 7.3 increase in two years)
- White - 75.7 to 81.2 (5.5 percent increase from last year, 6.1 increase in two years)
- Exceptional Children - 11.1 to 13.0 (1.9 percent increase from last year, 3.3 increase in two years)
- Multilingual Learners - 12.7 to 18.6 (5.9 percent increase from last year, 6.2 increase in two years)

## **ENGLISH 2**

CCSD students improved on this EOC exam by 2.4 percent compared to last year (73.5 from 71.1) and exceeded the state in students scoring a “C” or better compared to the state average of 69.6 (+3.9).

CCSD increases in various student groups from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 in English 2 are as follows:

- Black - 47 to 51.2 (4.2 percent increase)
- White - 89.9 to 93.3 (3.4 percent increase)
- Exceptional Children - 21.4 to 30.7 (9.3 percent increase)
- Pupils in Poverty - 55.1 to 58.6 (3.5 percent increase)

## **U.S. HISTORY AND THE CONSTITUTION**

CCSD dropped by 2.3 percentage points from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 on the U.S. History and the Constitution exam when it comes to students earning a “C” or better. However, the district’s 51.0 percent is more than seven (7.2) percentage points better than the state average (43.8).

CCSD students participated in more than 14,900 EOCEP tests during the 2023-2024 school year, close to 400 more than last year.

“We are sustaining growth and proficiency in our high school level courses,” explained CCSD’s Chief Academic Officer Michelle Simmons. “We want to move in the right direction in U.S. History as well. We believe we have the systems in place

to make that happen, and we look forward to seeing positive results at this time next year."

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.