

Spartanburg School District Four #1 in SC on Federal Accountability Rating

Federal accountability results have been published by the SC Department of Education. The most recent ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) ratings are based on student performance on standardized tests taken during the 2013-2014 school year. All public schools and districts in South Carolina are issued ratings under this system.

Spartanburg School District Four received an A rating for the 2013-14 school year. The district's index score of 93.3 is the highest rating for a school district in South Carolina. In addition to leading South Carolina as the #1 ranked school district, each school in District 4 received an "A-rating." Moreover, District 4's rating improved by .6 point over the 2012-13 rating when District 4 was second in the state. Spartanburg Four has achieved an "A" each of the three years in which the ESEA ratings have been published.

Karen Neal, Assistant Superintendent for Spartanburg School District Four, commented on the rating. "This rating is a result of a group effort. Our administrators, teachers, and community hold high expectations for all our students with regard to academic performance and discipline. Instructional materials and methods are strongly aligned to curriculum standards. Supplemental instruction is provided both during and after the school day for students who need additional support in reaching their academic goals. We are especially proud that we are able to provide this high quality instruction while managing our costs to be among the twelve lowest districts with regard to expenditures per pupil." Dr. Rallie Liston, Superintendent of Spartanburg District Four, summed up the feelings of the district in commenting, "I am proud, humbled, and extremely thankful."