



# South Carolina Public Education Positive News Update



- **SC saw growth in all three major areas of AP participation and performance**
- Outpaced the national average on **nine** out of the top **ten** subjects
- Number of students taking exams increased **6.5%** to **28,487**
- Number of exams increased **6.6%** to **45,093**
- Students scoring three or higher increased **6.8%** to **25,841** exams.
- The number of minority students participating increased **15%** and minority students receiving scores of three or more increased **7.3%**
- **6,587** students were named AP Scholars, meaning they scored three or higher on three or more AP exams.



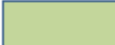
- Youth Apprenticeship provides South Carolina high school students the unique opportunity to earn while they learn. By combining high school and/or technical college curriculum with critical on the job training at a local business, students can pull in a pay check while earning a national credential at the same time as their high school diploma.
- **842** apprenticeship programs across SC – **145** youth specific (**24** times greater than in 2007)
- **17,734** apprentices. Averaging more than 120 new apprentices per month!
- SCDE currently operates a youth bus shop apprenticeship program in four bus shops located around the state.



- Among **14** states to show significant increases on the NAEP Science Assessment
- 4th-grade students score **(155)** was **six** points higher than average in 2009 **(149)** and was **two** points higher than the 2015 national average **(153)**
- Rank **22<sup>nd</sup>** among all states
- 8th grade students gained **8** scale score points, **143** to **151**, on par with national average
- 4th-grade English language learners (ELL) performed **26** points higher than the national average **(147 to 121)**. 8<sup>th</sup>-grade ELLs also scored **26** points higher than the national average **(136 to 110)**

Grade	Year	Jurisdiction	Overall
4	2015	Nation	153
		South Carolina	155
	2009	Nation	149*
		South Carolina	149*
8	2015	Nation	153
		South Carolina	151
	2009	Nation	149*
		South Carolina	143*

\* Value is significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from the value for the same jurisdiction in 2015.

 Indicates statistically significant improvement since 2009



- **19,327** public schools students within the class of 2016 took the SAT assessment
- Growth on all three areas of the SAT as well as the overall composite score

Mean Scores 2015			Mean Scores 2016			Mean Composite Score**		
Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	2015	2016	Difference
483	483	462	490	490	466	1428	1446	18

