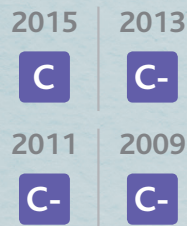


## Summary of South Carolina Teacher Policies:



- ★ Best Practice
- Meets Goal
- ◐ Nearly Meets Goal
- ◑ Partly Meets Goal
- ◒ Meets a Small Part of Goal
- Does Not Meet Goal

### Progress on Goals Since 2015

- ▲ Progress Increased: 1
- ▼ Progress Decreased: 0

*A state's progress on policy was tracked solely for goals that remained constant between 2015 and 2017.*

<b>AREA 1: General Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>C+</b>
Program Entry	◐
Teacher Shortages and Surpluses	◑
Program Performance Measures	◑
Program Reporting Requirements	◑
Student Teaching/Clinical Practice	◑
<b>AREA 2: Elementary Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>C+</b>
Content Knowledge	◑
Teaching Mathematics	●
Teaching Reading	◑
Licensure Deficiencies	◑
<b>AREA 3: Secondary Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>C+</b>
Middle School Content Knowledge	●
Middle School Licensure Deficiencies	●
Adolescent Literacy	◑
Secondary Content Knowledge	●
Secondary Licensure Deficiencies	○
<b>AREA 4: Special Education Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>F</b>
Content Knowledge	○
Teaching Reading	○
Licensure Deficiencies	○
<b>AREA 5: Alternate Route Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>C-</b>
Program Entry	◑
Preparation for the Classroom	◑

<b>AREA 6: Hiring</b>	<b>B</b>
Requirements for Out-of-State Teachers	◑
Provisional and Emergency Licensure	★▲
<b>AREA 7: Teacher and Principal Evaluation</b>	<b>B</b>
Measures of Student Growth	◑
Measures of Professional Practice	●
Frequency of Evaluation and Observation	◑
Linking Evaluation to Professional Growth	●
Data Systems Needed for Evaluation	◑
Distributing Teacher Talent Equitably	◑
Principal Effectiveness	●
Principal Evaluation and Observation	◑
<b>AREA 8: Teacher Compensation</b>	<b>D+</b>
Performance	◑
High-Need Schools and Subjects	◑
Prior Work	○
<b>AREA 9: Retaining Effective Teachers</b>	<b>D-</b>
Licensure Advancement	◑
Tenure	◑
Leadership Opportunities	○
Dismissal	○
Layoffs	○

# Teacher Policy Strengths and Areas for Growth South Carolina

POLICY AREA	SOUTH CAROLINA'S STRENGTHS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH
<b>AREA 1: GENERAL TEACHER PREPARATION</b>		
Program Entry	The state is implementing a program designed to increase the diversity of its teacher candidates.	
Teacher Shortages and Surpluses		The state should explicitly connect teacher production data to district hiring needs, and provide guidance regarding program acceptance numbers.
Program Performance Measures		The state should collect objective, meaningful data on program performance in addition to the data it already collects on student growth.
Program Reporting Requirements		The state should hold teacher preparation programs accountable for teacher quality by outlining consequences for programs that do not meet standards, including loss of program approval.
Student Teaching/ Clinical Practice		The state should require that cooperating teachers are selected based on evidence of effectiveness and that the clinical practice experience for candidates for licenses with broad grade spans takes place in at least two developmental grade levels.
<b>AREA 2: ELEMENTARY TEACHER PREPARATION</b>		
Content Knowledge	The state requires elementary teacher candidates to pass a content test with individually scored subtests in each of the core content areas.	
Teaching Mathematics	The state's elementary content test includes an independently scored math subtest.	
Teaching Reading		The state should require elementary teacher candidates to pass a science of reading test to ensure knowledge of effective reading instruction.
Licensure Deficiencies		The state should require early childhood education teachers who are eligible to teach elementary grades to pass an elementary content test with individually scored subtests in each of the core content areas and pass a science of reading test.
<b>AREA 3: SECONDARY TEACHER PREPARATION</b>		
Middle School Content Knowledge	The state requires middle school teachers to pass a rigorous single-subject content test.	
Middle School Licensure Deficiencies	The state does not allow middle school teachers to teach on a K-8 generalist license.	
Adolescent Literacy	The state requires that middle school and secondary candidates are fully prepared to incorporate literacy skills into all content areas.	
Secondary Content Knowledge	The state requires all secondary teachers to pass a single-subject content test as a condition of initial licensure and to add an endorsement to an existing license.	
Secondary Licensure Deficiencies		The state should require secondary general science teachers and secondary social studies teachers to pass a single-subject content test for each discipline they are licensed to teach.
<b>AREA 4: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PREPARATION</b>		
Content Knowledge		The state should require elementary special education teachers to pass the same content test as general elementary education teachers and that secondary special education teachers demonstrate content knowledge in core subjects at the secondary level.
Teaching Reading		The state should require that elementary special education candidates pass a rigorous assessment in the science of reading instruction and are fully prepared to meet the instructional shifts associated with college- and career-readiness standards.

Licensure Deficiencies		The state should require elementary or secondary special education certification.
<b>AREA 5: ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER PREPARATION</b>		
Program Entry		The state should increase alternate route admissions requirements by requiring a rigorous test or a GPA of 3.0 or higher and requiring all candidates to pass a subject-matter test.
Preparation for the Classroom		The state should require that all alternate route programs prepare new teachers for the classroom through manageable and relevant coursework, intensive mentoring and induction, and a supervised practice teaching experience.
<b>AREA 6: HIRING</b>		
Requirements for Out-of-State Teachers		The state should require evidence of effective teaching during previous employment for licensure reciprocity, and ensure out-of-state teachers meet the state's testing requirements.
Provisional and Emergency Licensure	The state requires that only teachers who have met all state requirements (including content tests) teach in core academic areas.	
<b>AREA 7: TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION</b>		
Measures of Student Growth		The state should ensure objective evidence of student growth is the determinative factor in teacher evaluations.
Measures of Professional Practice	The state requires that all teacher evaluations include observations conducted by multiple observers, and be conducted by trained and certified teacher evaluators; student survey data are explicitly allowed.	
Frequency of Evaluation and Observation		The state should require that all teachers are evaluated annually and observed multiple times.
Linking Evaluation to Professional Growth	The state requires that teachers are supported with adequate evaluation feedback, aligned professional development, and improvement plans (for ineffective teachers), under a system with four rating categories.	
Data Systems Needed for Evaluation	The state adequately defines teacher of record, has a process in place for teacher roster verification, and has the capacity to link student-level data and teacher performance.	
Distributing Teacher Talent Equitably		The state should report school-level data about teacher performance to help support the equitable distribution of teacher talent.
Principal Effectiveness	The state requires that principal effectiveness is determined, in part, by objective measures of student growth and teacher effectiveness/instructional leadership, and that ineffective principals participate in improvement planning; survey data are explicitly allowed.	
Principal Evaluation and Observation	The state requires all principals to be annually evaluated, and requires all principals to be observed/visited on-site.	
<b>AREA 8: TEACHER COMPENSATION</b>		
Performance		The state should give districts the flexibility to determine pay structures, and discourage districts from tying compensation to advanced degrees or experience.
High-Need Schools and Subjects		The state should support additional pay for working in high-need schools and teaching in shortage subject areas.
Prior Work		The state should encourage additional compensation for new teachers with relevant prior work experience.
<b>AREA 9: RETAINING EFFECTIVE TEACHERS</b>		
Licensure Advancement		The state should base licensure advancement and renewal on teacher effectiveness.
Tenure	The state requires tenure decisions to be connected to evidence of teacher effectiveness.	
Leadership Opportunities		The state should support teacher leadership opportunities.
Dismissal		The state should enable ineffective classroom performance to be a basis for dismissal, and not allow multiple appeals for teachers who are dismissed.
Layoffs		The state should require districts to consider evidence of effectiveness when determining which teachers to lay off during reductions in force.



## State Grades

### State Grades 2009 – 2017

	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017
ALABAMA	C-	C-	C-	D+	C
ALASKA	D	D	D	D-	D-
ARIZONA	D+	D+	C-	C-	D
ARKANSAS	C-	C	B-	B-	C+
CALIFORNIA	D+	D+	D+	D	D+
COLORADO	D+	C	C+	C	D+
CONNECTICUT	D+	C-	B-	B-	C+
DELAWARE	D	C	C+	B-	B-
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	D-	D	D+	D+	D+
FLORIDA	C	B	B+	B+	B+
GEORGIA	C-	C	B-	B-	B-
HAWAII	D-	D-	D+	D+	D+
IDAHO	D-	D+	D+	C-	C
ILLINOIS	D+	C	C+	C+	C+
INDIANA	D	C+	B-	B	B-
IOWA	D	D	D	D	D+
KANSAS	D-	D	D	D+	D+
KENTUCKY	D+	D+	C	C	C-
LOUISIANA	C-	C-	B	B	B+
MAINE	F	D-	C-	C-	D+
MARYLAND	D	D+	D+	D+	D+
MASSACHUSETTS	D+	C	B-	B-	B-
MICHIGAN	D-	C+	B-	C+	C
MINNESOTA	D-	C-	C-	C-	C-
MISSISSIPPI	D+	D+	C	C	C
MISSOURI	D	D	C-	C-	C
MONTANA	F	F	F	F	F
NEBRASKA	D-	D-	D-	D	D
NEVADA	D-	C-	C-	C-	C-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	D-	D-	D	D	D+
NEW JERSEY	D+	D+	B-	C+	B
NEW MEXICO	D+	D+	D+	C	C
NEW YORK	D+	C	B-	B	B
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	D+	C	C-	C+
NORTH DAKOTA	D-	D	D	D	D
OHIO	D+	C+	B-	B-	B-
OKLAHOMA	D+	B-	B-	B-	D+
OREGON	D-	D-	D	D	D-
PENNSYLVANIA	D	D+	C-	C-	C
RHODE ISLAND	D	B-	B	B-	B
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	C-	C-	C-	C	C+
SOUTH DAKOTA	D	D	D-	D-	F
TENNESSEE	C-	B-	B	B	B
TEXAS	C-	C-	C-	C-	B-
UTAH	D	C-	C	C+	C
VERMONT	F	D-	D-	D-	D
VIRGINIA	D+	D+	C+	C+	C+
WASHINGTON	D+	C-	C-	C-	C-
WEST VIRGINIA	D+	D+	C-	C-	C+
WISCONSIN	D	D	D+	D	D+
WYOMING	D-	D	D	D	D

## Best Practices

### AREA 1: General Teacher Preparation

Program Entry - *None*

Teacher Shortages and Surpluses - *None*

Program Performance Measures - *Alabama, Florida*

Program Reporting Requirements - *Delaware, Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas*

Student Teaching/Clinical Practice - *Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Tennessee*

### AREA 2: Elementary Teacher Preparation

Content Knowledge - *None*

Teaching Mathematics - *Massachusetts*

Teaching Reading - *Arkansas, California*

Licensure Deficiencies - *None*

### AREA 3: Secondary Teacher Preparation

Middle School Content Knowledge - *Arkansas, Georgia, Ohio*

Middle School Licensure Deficiencies - *None*

Adolescent Literacy - *Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana*

Secondary Content Knowledge - *Indiana, Minnesota*

Secondary Licensure Deficiencies - *Minnesota*

### AREA 4: Special Education Teacher Preparation

Content Knowledge - *None*

Teaching Reading - *California*

Licensure Deficiencies - *None*

### AREA 5: Alternate Route Teacher Preparation

Program Entry - *Illinois, Michigan*

Preparation for the Classroom - *Delaware, New Jersey*

### AREA 6: Hiring

Requirements for Out-of-State Teachers - *None*

Provisional and Emergency Licensure - *Mississippi, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Carolina*

### AREA 7: Teacher and Principal Evaluation

Measures of Student Growth - *Indiana*

Measures of Professional Practice - *Iowa*

Frequency of Evaluation and Observation - *Idaho, New Jersey, Washington*

Linking Evaluation to Professional Growth - *Louisiana, New York, North Carolina*

Data Systems Needed for Evaluation - *Georgia*

Distributing Teacher Talent Equitably - *None*

Principal Effectiveness - *Connecticut, Florida, South Dakota*

Principal Evaluation and Observation - *New York*

### AREA 8: Teacher Compensation

Performance - *None*

High-Need Schools and Subjects - *Florida, New Mexico, Utah*

Prior Work - *Louisiana, North Carolina*

### AREA 9: Retaining Effective Teachers

Licensure Advancement - *Louisiana*

Tenure - *Hawaii, Indiana, Nevada, New York*

Leadership Opportunities - *Ohio, Utah*

Dismissal - *Nevada, New York*

Layoffs - *Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana*