Battery Creek High

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Average	Good
2002	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
• Passed all 3 subtests	44.1	59.1	53.4	61.4	62.0	63.5
• Passed 2 subtests	27.0	22.3	19.4	19.3	19.2	18.4
• Passed 1 subtest	13.0	9.6	14.6	12.2	11.4	11.8
• Passed no subtests	15.9	8.9	12.7	7.0	7.5	6.4

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS*	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions*	18.4%	14.2%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	18.8%	14.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	41.4%	46.0%

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001
Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors: Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2002 N	%	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships N	%	Graduation Rate
All students	305	82.0%	239	18.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	18	55.6%	20	5.0%	
Students without disabilities	288	83.3%	219	19.6%	
Gender					
Male	134	81.3%	105	18.1%	
Female	170	82.4%	134	18.7%	
Ethnic Group					
African American	180	75.6%	137	10.2%	
Hispanic	4	I/S	2	I/S	
White	111	93.7%	96	30.2%	
Other	6	83.3%	4	I/S	
Lunch Status					
Free/reduced-price lunch	159	76.7%	97	7.2%	
Pay for lunch	146	87.0%	142	26.1%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES	N	%
Mastering core competencies	813	70.5%
Completers placed	36	100.0%

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

SCHOOL PROFILE: Battery Creek High

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	$5,720	Up 5.1%	$6,001	$6,001
• Prime instructional time	89.7%	Up from 86.0%	90.2%	90.5%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.2 to 1	Down from 25.3 to 1	24.9 to 1	25.0 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,485)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program:				
Participation Rate	32.6%	N/A	7.6%	9.3%
Exam Success Rate	27.6%	N/A	42.6%	50.3%
• Attendance rate	94.5%	No change	95.2%	95.7%
• Retention rate	12.9%	Down from 17.7%	11.2%	9.6%
TEACHERS (n=95)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	No change	7.5 Days	9.4 Days
• Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 92.6%	95.5%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.4%	Up from 46.8%	45.8%	50.0%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.9%	Down from 80.9%	77.8%	79.9%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.1%	No change	2.1%	2.5%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	79.8%	Down from 85.2%	85.3%	84.9%
• Average teacher salary	$39,805	Down 1.0%	$39,069	$39,777

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.9%	Up from 0.8%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.3%	Up from 55.6%	55.6%	57.0%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	99.0%	Up from 90.1%	91.4%	85.7%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	13.9%	Up from 12.1%	11.1%	10.4%
• Suspended or expelled	2.4%	N/A	3.3%	2.4%
• Gifted and talented	6.9%	Up from 6.1%	5.4%	5.9%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Up from 9.5%	11.4%	11.4%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.9%	No change	6.1%	3.0%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	829	Down from 901	446	378
• Students participating in work-based experiences	41.6%	Up from 4.3%	27.9%	27.9%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA
N/A - Not Applicable
N/C - Not Collected
N/R - Not Reported
I/S - Insufficient Sample

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year for Battery Creek High School. Improvement has been shown throughout the year. Our students have doubled their participation in community service projects. Community involvement is gaining importance in the eyes of the students. Accomplishments include:

* We're deemed Satisfactory on the State Report Card
* BCHS maintained low class size.
* Received the Palmetto Silver State Awards for improvement
* Added an Faculty/Student Advisory based homeroom
* Enhanced our distance learning opportunities (schoolnet/class.com/Governor's School)
* Fine-tuned/added the Fine Arts Initiative throughout the curriculum.
* Provided additional classroom support for struggling English and math students.
* Hosted the Rotary Club-sponsored State INTERACT Student Service Club Convention.
* Provided access to PLATO Software for remediation purposes.
* Successfully implemented the Project-based/Integrated Learning pilot "Team Dolphin."

It is evident that our gains have been significant. However, we continue to be plagued by our math and English nemesis and must continue our efforts to motivate and improve our students. Look for enhancement of the pilot "Team Dolphin" to two 9th grade sections and one 10th grade section. Project-based/Integrated Learning with group dynamics has sparked the interest and success of our students. Broadcast Journalism will be added with a slight twist. A partnership with the local cable companies will result in our students writing, producing, directing, filming, and starring in local planned broadcasts. Continued improvements can only occur when our curriculum is aligned, our challenges are defined and understood, and our community accepts the fact that it takes an entire "educational village" to adequately prepare our students.

School concerns include: a large number of socio-economically challenged families; students' seriousness towards their education; educational work ethic; and adequate vocational opportunities. With the Military Bases being large stakeholders, transient population and the mobility factors presents serious challenges.

Technology must continue to move forward for BCHS to grow. Computer in-service training for our students and staff is paramount. Working technology continues to be an observable challenge at BCHS.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	1	148	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	I/S	51.7%	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	I/S	57.9%	N/R
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	I/S	75.4%	N/R

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,485 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2002

Absolute Rating:
Below Average

Improvement Rating:
Unsatisfactory

Absolute Ratings of Similar Schools

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
1	3	10	18	1

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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