



Dillon County Technology Center

1630 East Main Street,
Dillon, SC 29536

Grades	10-12 Career Center	
Enrollment	427 Students	
Director	Jerry R. Strickland	843-774-5143
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2008	Excellent	Excellent
2007	Excellent	Good
2006	Good	Good
2005	Good	At-Risk
2004	Excellent	Good

DEFINITIONS OF DISTRICT RATING TERMS

- Excellent – District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good – District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average – District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average – District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- At-Risk – District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

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 fastest improving systems in the country.

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
34	2	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by September 30.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=427)			
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Up from 5.0%	9.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	23.0%	Up from 10.3%	20.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	427	Down from 464	675
Students participating in work-based experiences	78.9%	Down from 84.5%	20.6%
Teachers (n=11)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	18.2%	Up from 0.0%	27.2%
Continuing contract teachers	72.7%	Up from 50.0%	71.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	30.0%	Up from 18.2%	19.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Down from 94.4%	92.5%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.6%
Average teacher salary	\$41,381	Up 2.9%	\$46,693
Professional development days/teacher	2.0 days	Down from 22.8 days	13.4 days
School			
Director's years at Center	9.0	Up from 7.0	4.0
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$3,646	Down 4.9%	\$3,234
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	44.5%	Down from 45.9%	55.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.8%	Up from 54.9%	63.7%
Parents attending conferences	37.0%	Down from 60.6%	84.2%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes

* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	68	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.1%	83.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.7%	89.2%	78.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	92.6%	75.5%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

Performance By Student Groups

	Technical Skill Attainment			Graduation Rate			Placement Rate		
	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %
	n	%		n	%		n	%	
All Students									
	446	85.7%	85.2%	102	94.1%	94.4%	260	95.8%	97.4%
Students with Disabilities on Diploma Track									
	31	71.0%	73.6%	6	50.0%	73.4%	0	N/A	97.6%
Gender									
Male	218	78.9%	82.4%	42	97.6%	93.2%	130	99.2%	98.2%
Female	228	92.1%	88.3%	60	91.7%	95.6%	130	92.3%	96.5%
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	145	89.0%	88.5%	24	100.0%	96.4%	83	97.6%	97.9%
African American	285	83.9%	79.9%	77	92.2%	91.6%	168	94.6%	96.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	N/A	91.5%	0	N/A	94.3%	2	I/S	100.0%
Hispanic	8	75.0%	85.9%	0	N/A	92.2%	1	I/S	97.7%
American Indian/Alaskan	8	100.0%	82.4%	1	I/S	78.6%	6	100.0%	96.7%
Migrant Status									
Migrant	0	N/A	91.7%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	6	66.7%	85.1%	21	95.2%	91.9%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	349	85.1%	80.7%	81	93.8%	91.7%	132	97.7%	95.8%

* n = number of students on which percentage is calculated.

Definitions of Performance Rating Terms

- * Technical Skill Attainment --- The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at the center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.
- * Graduation Rate --- The percentage of 12th grade career and technology students who graduate in the spring.
- * Placement Rate --- The percentage of career and technology completers available for placement over a 3-year period who are actually placed in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment.

Report of Director and School Improvement Council

The Dillon County Technology Center enjoyed a very productive 2007-2008 school year. The center began the year with two new instructors, Mrs. LeGrand as the Cosmetology Instructor and Mrs. Shelley as the Health Science Technology Instructor. The center also began the year with the Industrial Mfg. Technology/Welding Program in its first year as a nationally certified program.

Some additional accomplishments are as follows:

The center met and surpassed five of the six the Federal Carl Perkins Standards for Career and Technical Education. The center received the Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding improvement in student achievement and student retention. The center received an Absolute Rating of Excellent and an Improvement Rating of Good on the center's 2007 School Report Card.

The Cosmetology Department had a 100% passing rate for the students State Board Exam. The center's Masonry Department placed third in the Masonry Contest. The Automotive Technology Department placed first in the Ford AAA written Exam.

Five Culinary Arts students were awarded \$1500.00 scholarships and one student was awarded a full scholarship to UTI in Charlotte, NC. Six students were inducted in the National Technical Honor Society. The center had 462 students to participate in 63 different service-learning projects, 67 were involved in Job Shadowing activities and 4 students participated in the center's internship program.

The Building Construction Department worked with the Dillon Humane Society to provide shelter for abused and homeless dogs. All eleven departments at the center participated in the DSS "Helping Others Have a Merry Christmas" program and helped provide a Merry Christmas for 9 families.

The Health Science Department students participated in the Autism Walk at Lowe's Motor Speedy in Charlotte, NC, March of Dimes March for babies, Leukemia Pennies for Patients and raised money for the needy children at Christmas.

The Center Director, Jerry R. Strickland, has worked closely with Mr. George E. Hayes the Center's School Improvement Chairman in the preparation of the center's Local Plan for Education and the report for the center's report card.

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress	YES
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* Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the state rating for career and technology centers must be Excellent, Good, Above Average, Average, or Below Average.