



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Chester County Career Center**  
**Grades: 9-12** **Enrollment: 938**  
**Director: Lee C. Green**  
**Board Chair: Denise Lawson**  
**Superintendent: Mr. Larry Heath**

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Excellent       | Excellent     | TBD                        | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Good            | Good          | N/A                        | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2006 | Good            | Below Average | N/A                        | Met        | N/A                     |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 34        | 2    | 1       | 0             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/18/2009. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

## TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

| Our Center | State Center Average (%) |
|------------|--------------------------|
| n          | %                        |
| 778        | 78.3%                    |
|            | 85.2%                    |

## GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

| Our Center | State Center Average (%) |
|------------|--------------------------|
| n          | %                        |
| 163        | 96.9%                    |
|            | 94.4%                    |

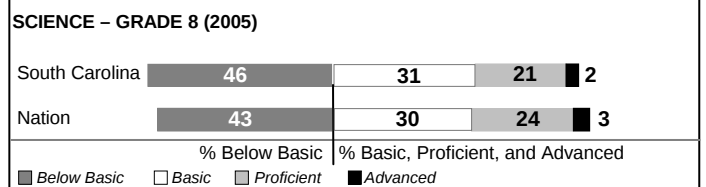
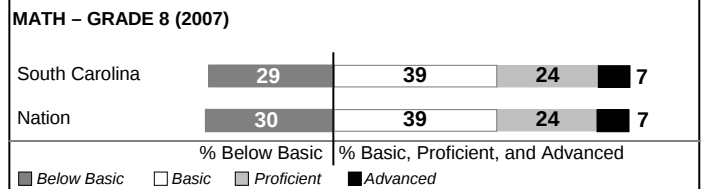
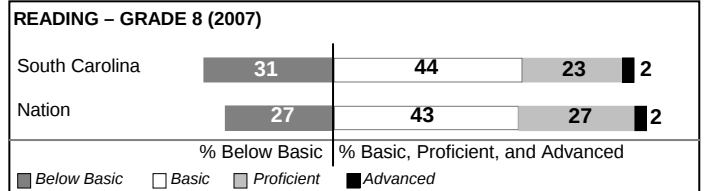
## PLACEMENT RATE

The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

| Our Center | State Center Average (%) |
|------------|--------------------------|
| n          | %                        |
| 230        | 93.0%                    |
|            | 97.4%                    |

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC'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.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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# Chester County Career Center [Chester]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

|                                                           | Our Center | Change from Last Year | Median Career Center |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Students (n=938)</b>                                   |            |                       |                      |
| With disabilities other than speech                       | 7.1%       | Up from 1.5%          | 9.3%                 |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations | 11.2%      | Down from 14.0%       | 20.7%                |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses                   | 938        | Up from 856           | 675                  |
| Students participating in work-based experiences          | 20.6%      | Up from 14.3%         | 20.6%                |
| <b>Teachers (n=20)</b>                                    |            |                       |                      |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                            | 30.0%      | Up from 26.3%         | 27.2%                |
| Continuing contract teachers                              | 80.0%      | Up from 73.7%         | 71.9%                |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates       | 16.7%      | Down from 22.2%       | 19.5%                |
| Teachers returning from previous year                     | 88.3%      | Up from 83.1%         | 92.5%                |
| Teacher attendance rate                                   | 94.0%      | Up from 93.2%         | 95.6%                |
| Average teacher salary                                    | \$45,431   | Up 2.0%               | \$46,693             |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers           | N/A        | N/A                   | N/A                  |
| <b>Center</b>                                             |            |                       |                      |
| Director's years at Center                                | 2.0        | Up from 1.0           | 4.0                  |
| Dollars spent per pupil*                                  | \$2,001    | Up 15.3%              | \$3,234              |
| Prime instructional time                                  | N/R        | N/R                   | N/A                  |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*             | 61.0%      | Down from 62.5%       | 55.1%                |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction*                  | 72.9%      | Down from 73.9%       | 63.7%                |

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 18       | 116       | 19       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 77.8%    | 92.2%     | 88.9%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 83.3%    | 93.9%     | 68.4%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 50.0%    | 93.0%     | 52.6%    |

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Chester County Career Center enjoyed another successful year, serving over 900 students in our 15 program areas. We received an "all clear" status from the State Department of Education and met three of the six Perkins standards. We did not meet standard in 2006-07 for placement or nontraditional participation, but improvement was noted in nontraditional retention.

Our dedication to providing an exceptional educational experience for our students is constant, yet we always strive for improvement. In 2007-08 we earned a Palmetto Silver award to use toward improvement. From other funding sources, we added a computer lab and purchased software and equipment for our new Mechatronics program. Mechatronics is an exciting initiative to prepare students for high-tech careers in industrial maintenance. Several grants have been secured through AdvanceSC and SDE Reserves that have helped get the program started. We also received a grant from the Springs Close Foundation for two Promethean Boards, with a district match of two boards. This brings the total number of Promethean Boards to five. We will continue to look for funding sources to bring this interactive technology into our remaining classrooms.

Many of our program areas sent students to compete in SkillsUSA, DECA, HOSA and FFA. We had students place in the state top five in marketing, masonry, cosmetology, graphic communications, drafting and machine technology. A masonry student took first place in the state competition and went on to compete at the national level. We are extremely proud of all our participants and the way in which they represented our school.

We have articulation agreements with York Technical College and Spartanburg Technical College. CTE students have the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school through the EXCELS program. Twenty-nine students took advantage of that program and received dual credit.

We offer a number of certifications for our students, such as NCCER certification in carpentry, electricity, masonry and welding; ServSafe; OSHA; Cosmetology Licensing; First Aid; CPR; AED; and First Responder. Many of our students also take the WorkKeys assessment. The opportunity to have these certifications will help students as they leave high school and enter the workforce.

We are blessed with active community support in both Work-Based Learning and Craft Advisory Committees. We also have virtual shadowing opportunities available so students have access to careers outside the local area.

We maintain our commitment to prepare students for a global society. Your input is welcome and necessary as we work together toward accomplishing this goal.

Lee C. Green, Director Mike Wessinger, SIC Chair

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