



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Battery Creek High
Beaufort County
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,386**
Principal: Edmond Burnes
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Excellent	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	8	16	4	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	66.5%	69.7%	73.9%	75.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.1%	15.7%	15.1%	12.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	16.5%	14.6%	11.7%	11.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	88.8%	92.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	317	184
Number of Diplomas	208	139
Rate (%)	65.6%	76.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	47.0%	66.0%
English 1	49.3%	56.0%
Physical Science	29.3%	42.5%
All Tests	42.1%	54.3%

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,386)				
Retention rate	12.5%	Up from 6.5%	6.4%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.6%	94.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.0%	Down from 13.5%	8.4%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.3%	Up from 11.9%	14.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	No Change	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.1%	Up from 18.0%	9.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	37.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.7%	Up from 30.2%	29.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	No Change	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.8%	Down from 3.7%	6.6%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	996	Up from 960	502	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	67.7%	Down from 74.9%	80.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=88)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Up from 47.1%	56.0%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	58.0%	Down from 63.2%	69.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.9%	Up from 12.5%	11.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.1%	Down from 80.4%	85.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.3%	95.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$47,082	Up 5.3%	\$46,149	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.6%	Down from 14.6%	5.9%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.6 to 1	Up from 27.5 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 89.3%	88.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,566	Up 0.4%	\$7,459	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	60.2%	Down from 61.5%	56.1%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.8%	Down from 64.6%	61.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Good	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	Good	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%		88.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Battery Creek High School (BCHS), one of the four public high schools in Beaufort County, is located in a rural area that is north and west of the city of Beaufort. Demographically, we are 65% Black, 28% White, 5% Hispanic, and 2% Other. Combined with pockets of 4x4 classes, we continue to operate predominately on an AB block schedule. In line with the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA), a greater emphasis has been placed on selecting career majors.

Prior to the opening of the 2007-2008 school year, the BCHS staff was honored to host a district-wide back-to-school rally. This exciting rally was promulgated by our new Superintendent's desire to bring all Beaufort County School District (BCSD) employees together to express her appreciation for what they have done to positively impact the lives of students, to communicate an inspiring year-opening message, and to offer her relentless support. Student groups throughout Beaufort County were invited to share their talents with those in attendance at this remarkable event.

Driven by the pursuit of providing an optimal learning environment that will promote the greatest opportunities for success, our Leadership Team and all staff members bought into the High Schools That Work (HSTW) comprehensive school reform model. Focus teams were established, and bi-monthly enrichment days were implemented. Character development and academic acceleration were the major foci of the enrichment days. It was our desire to build on the successes of the previous two years of progress in student achievement, especially in the area of performance on the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exit Exam. Meeting 16 out of 19 possible Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) objectives became a catalyst of stakeholder motivation. Among the stakeholders were students, parents, staff, and community members. To enhance the likelihood of continual success, we continued to employ our quarterly celebrations of student achievement, established a teacher incentive plan, and offered extra help after school hours via our 21st Century Learning Center Grant. We also continued the execution of our Drop Everything and Do Math and Drop Everything and Read initiatives.

Extracurricular opportunities are highly valued at BCHS. The excitement surrounding our student activity programs is second to none. Our Up Club hosted several Challenge Days and Brown Bag lunches, and our SADD Club continued to demonstrate community service leadership throughout our district. Our MCJROTC program maintained its recognition as a flagship cadet-training organization for our State, and our Interact Club maintained its determination to spearhead many blood drives. Our FBLA members continued to shine in State business leadership competitions. In the field of athletics, our wrestling program maintained its top ten State status, and several of our teams qualified for the State playoffs for the first time in several years. We also were fortunate to have a student athlete crowned as a State Champion in the 400 meter run. We, the BCHS Dolphins, continue to value student and staff achievements, as well as school pride.

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EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	203	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	56.7%	44.3%	58.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	39.7%	42.3%	48.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	29.2%	63.1%	70.0%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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