SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Goose Creek High
Berkeley
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,710**
Principal: Jimmy W. Huskey
Superintendent: Dr. J. Chester Floyd
Board Chair: Douglas Cooper

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	22	2	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 (%)	67.6%	80.9%	76.3%	79.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.4%	10.7%	13.3%	11.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.0%	8.4%	10.6%	9.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	92.7%	93.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

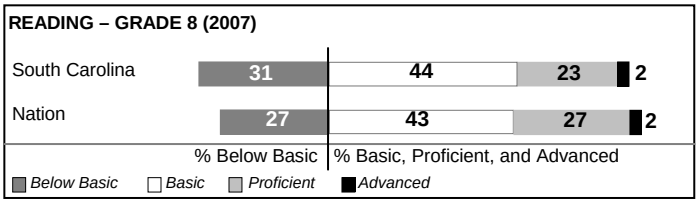
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	491	212
Number of Diplomas	354	156
Rate (%)	72.1%	73.8%

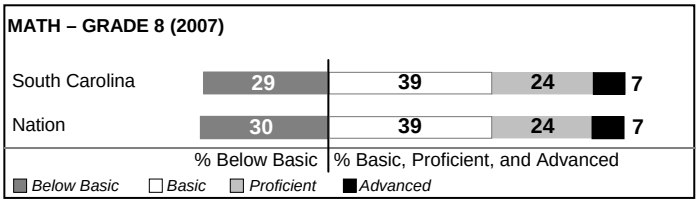
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

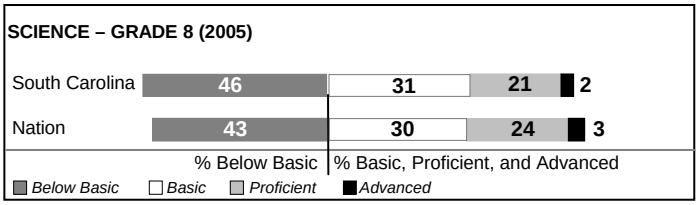
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.8%	72.0%
English 1	62.1%	57.9%
Physical Science	66.3%	49.5%
All Tests	66.7%	59.8%

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=1,710)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 3.9%	6.3%	6.1%
Attendance rate	92.3%	Down from 95.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	15.0%	Up from 14.2%	13.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.0%	Up from 3.0%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.3%	Down from 10.6%	8.9%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	44.7%	N/A	56.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	37.9%	Up from 29.6%	31.2%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	6.8%	Down from 7.7%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.0%	Down from 6.2%	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1037	Up from 1023	487	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.8%	Up from 73.8%	77.9%	79.6%
Teachers (n=106)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.5%	Up from 54.5%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.6%	Down from 79.2%	75.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.4%	Up from 6.6%	7.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Up from 87.0%	86.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.6%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	$45,618	Up 4.6%	$45,960	$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	3.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 14.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.5 to 1	Down from 29.4 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.1%	Down from 89.9%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$10,714	Up 48.8%	$7,348	$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	38.1%	Down from 56.9%	54.1%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	41.5%	Down from 61.3%	59.4%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		93.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	112	320	159
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.6%	69.7%	79.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.5%	69.1%	59.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	59.1%	76.7%	70.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-08 school year has been a year where we have undergone change in our school. Since 1970, Goose Creek High School has been a community school where parents, students, and staff could rally behind their school. This year our community has a renewed spirit in our school culture. We started a new PTSA organization to increase our commitment to our stakeholders. This is the first PTSA organization in twenty years at Goose Creek High School. We introduced our phone calling system to improve communication with our parents and students. This system gave updates on important events at our school and also showcased the many awards won by our students. We also started a summer reading program for our community by purchasing books for the students and parents. Parents may check books out in the office over the summer. We think it is important for parents, students, and teachers to have common reading over the summer months. We had one of the authors visit our school this year to talk about his book.

We have made progress in all aspects of our school life as we continue to grow, to expand, and to work toward our goal of the finest education for every student in our school. We are a recipient of a smaller learning communities federal grant that has the goal of making the school a place where students can learn at a high level in a caring environment where everyone is working toward the good of the student. We are also in our first year of the High Schools That Work initiative. This effort is based on the conviction that students can master rigorous academic and career studies when school leaders and teachers create an environment that motivates students to be successful. We can only accomplish this goal with help from our students, parents, and staff. Our ninth grade academy continues to make wonderful strides in student achievement.

The Arts program excelled this year at our school. Our band program was awarded the Outstanding Performance award for Comprehensive Programs by the SCBAA. Our band played at the City of Goose Creek “Symphony Under The Stars.” Five students were All-State band members. Our Drama Club presented three plays to our community. We also participated in the TDA & SC Thespians’ Drama Festival, with one of our students winning an award. Our JROTC was named an Honor Unit with Distinction for the 27th consecutive year. We won seven out of the top ten positions at JROTC Summer Camp. Our JROTC program also had seven JROTC Scholarships. Our school also participated with the Berkeley County Library in the reading of One Book Berkeley. Our English department also produced our Literary Arts magazine.

Athletics continue to be very successful. All but one team sport made the state playoffs. We had two coaches named Region Coaches of the Year. We had a record twelve student athletes sign scholarships with local colleges.

The Class of 2008 won over four million dollars in scholarships and awards. We are excited about our renewed spirit at Goose Creek High School and look forward to a wonderful year for our students, parents, and staff.

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