# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Darlington High**
**Darlington**
**Grades: 9-12** **Enrollment: 1,239**
**Principal: Pearl Jeffords**
**Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight**
**Board Chair: Dr. Allem McCutcheon**

## PERFORMANCE

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

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 2 |

** 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 (%) | 58.3% | 71.6% | 68.5% | 70.5% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%) | 21.6% | 14.4% | 17.5% | 15.7% |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 20.1% | 14.0% | 14.0% | 13.8% |

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

| Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---|---|
| 95.4% | 91.8% |

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

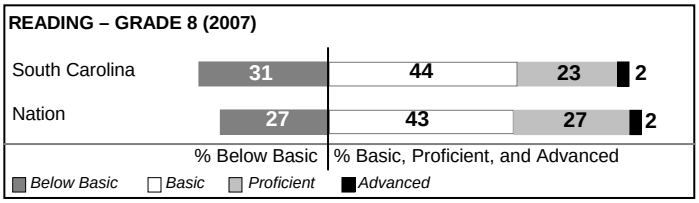
| | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---|---|---|
| Number of students | 219 | 166 |
| Number of Diplomas | 183 | 120 |
| Rate (%) | 83.6% | 74.3% |

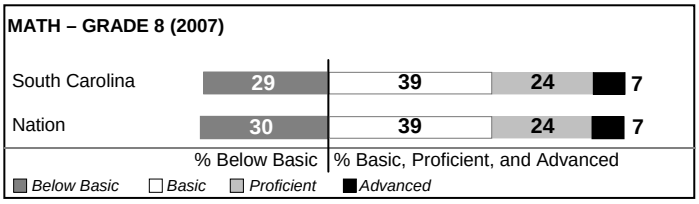
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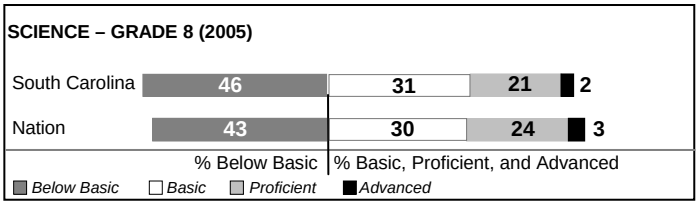
| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---|---|---|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 50.8% | 63.9% |
| English 1 | 51.3% | 50.8% |
| Physical Science | 34.0% | 37.2% |
| All Tests | 45.1% | 49.2% |

## 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=1,239)** | | | | |
| Retention rate | 10.5% | Down from 11.9% | 6.7% | 6.1% |
| Attendance rate | 92.9% | Up from 92.4% | 94.1% | 95.0% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 5.6% | Up from 3.9% | 7.2% | 8.3% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 21.7% | Down from 21.8% | 14.5% | 13.0% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 1.2% | Up from 0.5% | 1.2% | 1.5% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 7.2% | Up from 6.2% | 5.5% | 11.4% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | N/A | N/A | 27.7% | 54.3% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 21.2% | Down from 31.4% | 25.8% | 30.5% |
| Annual dropout rate | 2.1% | Up from 0.1% | 4.5% | 3.5% |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations | 0.0% | Down from 2.2% | 5.3% | 3.1% |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses | 700 | Up from 479 | 500 | 559 |
| Career/technology students attaining technical skills | 62.3% | Down from 73.9% | 74.4% | 79.6% |
| **Teachers (n=82)** | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 41.5% | Up from 39.8% | 50.0% | 57.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 63.4% | Up from 62.7% | 63.3% | 69.6% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 26.0% | Up from 23.4% | 12.1% | 8.7% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 72.2% | Down from 75.1% | 80.4% | 85.0% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 96.7% | Up from 95.2% | 95.8% | 95.4% |
| Average teacher salary | $44,716 | Up 8.3% | $45,626 | $46,061 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 9.8% | Up from 6.6% | 7.2% | 4.3% |
| **School** | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 3.0 | Up from 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 26.7 to 1 | Up from 22.7 to 1 | 24.0 to 1 | 25.4 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 87.7% | Up from 83.1% | 89.0% | 89.1% |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | $6,848 | Down 10.3% | $7,744 | $7,279 |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 59.0% | Down from 60.1% | 52.9% | 55.3% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 60.8% | Down from 62.4% | 59.6% | 60.8% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Average | Down from Good | Good | Good |
| Modern Language Program Assessment | N/A | N/A | Below Average | Good |
| Classical Language Program Assessment | N/A | N/A | N/A | Average |
| % of AYP objectives met | 90.5% | | 85.2% | 90.5% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of surveys returned | 71 | 159 | 97 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 85.9% | 66.0% | 75.0% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 85.7% | 74.7% | 61.5% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 49.3% | 83.4% | 74.7% |

*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 2007-2008 school year was extremely successful for Darlington High School. We were the proud recipients of the Palmetto Silver Award for our improvement on state level testing and graduation rate. Academics were again in the forefront this year for students at Darlington High School. Graduates received over $600,000.00 in scholarships and nine students received incentive rewards for their scores on the SAT exam.

The Honors College Magnet Program had a successful induction year with 16 students graduating with college level credits and 10 underclassmen beginning the program this year.

We initiated the Leadership class which focused on building leadership skills through real life experiences. Students from the class worked in the community by volunteering in programs such as the local food banks, medical clinic, and women's shelter. They also did community service work at the school level.

Student Council had a busy school year. This organization performed community service by collecting money for the Pennies for Patients Program, blood drives, and Habitat for Humanity. One member of the council was also selected to represent the district at the state level.

The JROTC joined in the community service programs by placing flags on veteran graves on Memorial Day and sponsoring a Veterans Day Program.

The teachers at Darlington High focused on Literacy as their staff development initiative. The library promoted this program with Short Story and Poetry competitions.

The Social Studies department sponsored a visit to the school by one of the leading presidential candidates. The social studies students organized a school-wide assembly program in which the candidate answered student generated questions and outlined his campaign platform.

Outside the classroom, students were also successful in extracurricular areas. The Darlington High School Band Drumline won numerous state level competitions. The boys and girls basketball teams went to regional playoffs with the girls team winning in the region. The boys track team had one student winning at the state level and our girls softball team won the state championship. With the addition of our new state of the art track and stadium, we look forward to winning numerous championships in the future.

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