SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Travelers Rest High
Greenville
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,283**
Principal: Louis E. Lavely, Jr.
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	8	18	3	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 (%)	68.7%	71.8%	79.6%	82.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.0%	13.2%	11.7%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.3%	15.0%	8.7%	7.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
90.6%	93.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

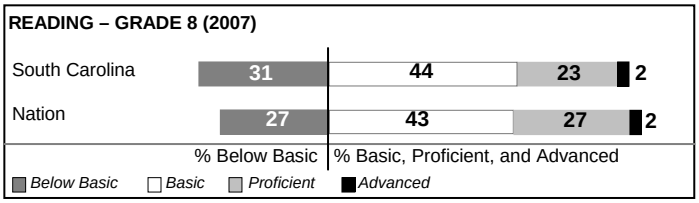
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	272	291
Number of Diplomas	168	211
Rate (%)	61.8%	73.9%

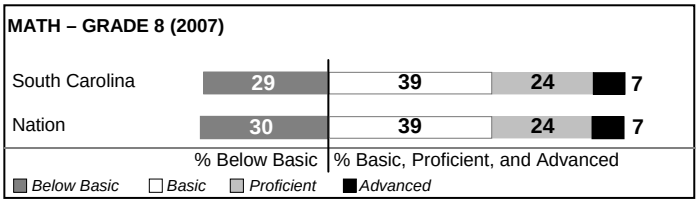
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

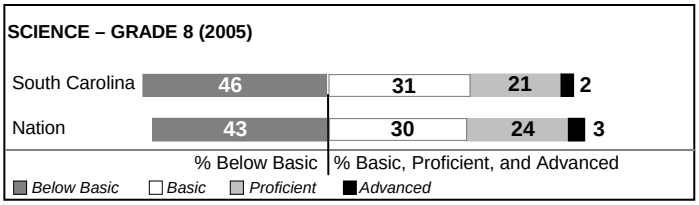
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	83.2%	77.7%
English 1	71.0%	67.8%
Physical Science	61.1%	60.4%
All Tests	69.7%	68.3%

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=1,283)				
Retention rate	10.7%	No Change	4.9%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.4%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.4%	Up from 3.3%	12.4%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	17.1%	Up from 17.0%	13.8%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 3.6%	1.6%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.6%	Up from 20.6%	16.7%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	42.9%	N/A	56.9%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.0%	Down from 28.5%	31.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	7.1%	Down from 7.4%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.3%	Down from 13.6%	1.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	621	Up from 564	641	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	69.7%	Down from 77.6%	80.5%	79.6%
Teachers (n=76)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.8%	Up from 59.5%	61.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.5%	Up from 79.7%	70.8%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.5%	Down from 4.7%	5.6%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Up from 85.9%	85.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.9%	95.6%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	$44,296	Up 0.8%	$46,904	$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.8%	Down from 17.0%	1.3%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.4 to 1	Down from 27.7 to 1	27.2 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 88.8%	89.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$6,019	Up 3.8%	$6,953	$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	56.8%	Up from 56.0%	54.3%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.6%	Down from 63.2%	59.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Excellent	Average
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%		92.8%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	213	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.4%	69.0%	77.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.2%	82.0%	79.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.8%	83.3%	79.5%

*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 2007-2008 school year was another record setting year at Travelers Rest High School. We continued to make every effort to provide the highest quality education for our students. The faculty and staff, in conjunction with the community, PTSA, and SIC, continued to strive to provide the best possible educational experience for the Travelers Rest High School student body.

Our Ninth Grade Academy continued to provide transition support for our rising ninth grade students through tutoring, behavior support, and additional help from teachers. We continued to offer programs to enrich and strengthen the knowledge and abilities of our students, such as free credit recovery and virtual classes that resulted in an increase in the number of students graduating than would have been previously possible. Our seniors were awarded over two million dollars in scholarships, and we had another National Merit Finalist in the senior class. Our third class of International Baccalaureate Diploma Program students completed their two-year journey, and we expanded our IB offerings with our first group of MYP students completing their certificates this year. Lastly, every demographic group in our school demonstrated gains in HSAP performance, and we showed a seventeen-point gain in our SAT scores (meeting the district average for the first time in several years) and a marked increase in our ACT scores.

As always, our extracurricular activities continued to enhance our school experience. Our FFA teams won local and state championships, and athletics provided excitement throughout the year. Several players won individual honors by being selected to All-State and North-South teams, and several athletes were awarded athletic scholarships. Our student body again demonstrated its character and commitment to the community, as our annual spirit week competition raised over $37,000 for charity, again exceeding their goal for the fourth consecutive year. This was in addition to the numerous smaller projects carried out during the year by our many service organizations.

Our extracurricular programs grew this year, both in number of participants and in their success. Our Student Council was named a Gold Level Honor Council, and they won numerous other awards for their school spirit projects. In addition, our Fine Arts program represented the school in fine fashion, with several region, district, and statewide honors. We presented our first school musical production in years and competed statewide in theatre.

As educators, parents, and community members, we feel that the students of Travelers Rest High School deserve the best educational and extracurricular opportunities possible. Our faculty and staff, in partnership with our community, are committed to achieve this goal. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Lou Lavely, Principal
Mackenzie Wilder, SIC Chair

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