SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Spartanburg Senior High
Spartanburg 7
Grades: 10-12 **Enrollment: 1,548**
Principal: Jeff Stevens
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Good	At-Risk	Gold	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 (%)	75.5%	75.6%	77.0%	79.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.4%	12.7%	13.0%	11.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.2%	11.7%	10.2%	9.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	90.9%	93.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

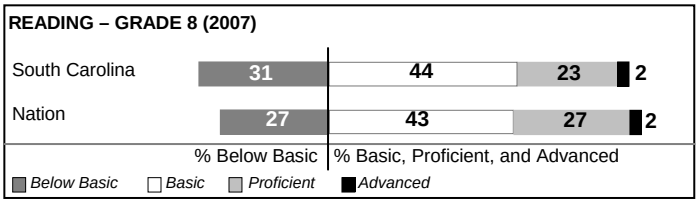
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	535	212
Number of Diplomas	380	156
Rate (%)	71.0%	73.8%

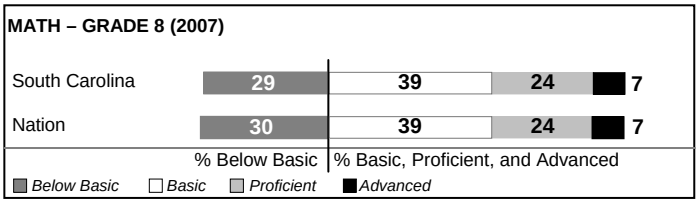
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

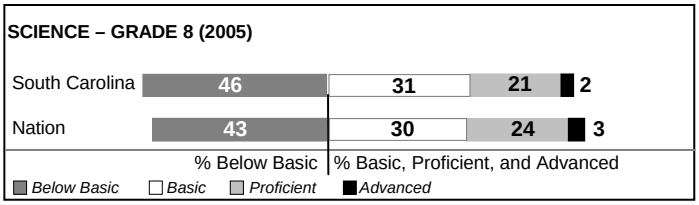
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	56.1%	72.0%
English 1	0%	57.9%
Physical Science	15.5%	49.5%
All Tests	39.1%	59.8%

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=1,548)				
Retention rate	9.2%	Up from 6.3%	6.3%	6.1%
Attendance rate	92.1%	Down from 92.4%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.6%	Down from 25.6%	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.9%	Up from 12.3%	13.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.9%	Up from 1.9%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	24.9%	Up from 20.4%	8.9%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	76.6%	N/A	56.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	34.6%	Up from 33.9%	31.2%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	7.9%	Up from 4.4%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	981	Up from 731	487	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.3%	Down from 83.4%	77.9%	79.6%
Teachers (n=103)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.8%	Up from 72.4%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	78.6%	Up from 77.1%	75.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.3%	Down from 8.4%	7.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.9%	Up from 85.7%	86.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.4%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	$49,542	Up 4.3%	$45,960	$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Down from 1.5%	3.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Up from 22.2 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.5%	Up from 85.0%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$7,729	Down 18.6%	$7,348	$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.7%	Up from 48.8%	54.1%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.0%	Up from 55.6%	59.4%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	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	71.4%		93.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	109	427	160
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.9%	69.9%	80.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	73.8%	73.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.1%	82.1%	78.6%

*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 filled with many successes at Spartanburg High School. Our students and staff earned local, state, national, and international recognition in academics, fine arts, performing arts, athletics, and community service. Our students, staff, parents, School Improvement Council and community are committed to providing world-class educational opportunities for all students.

We would like to share a few of our accomplishments: we were recognized by Newsweek magazine as one of the top high schools in the country based on our Advanced Placement program. Our AP passage rate on 528 tests increased to 82%, highest in the county and seventh highest in the state. Our SAT scores increased, and we were one of seven districts in the state above the national average. We were one of eight schools in the state to receive a Palmetto's Finest visit. We had 10 students named as National Merit or Achievement Finalists. Twenty-four of our students earned the S.C. Academic Honors Award. We had 139 seniors receive the Life scholarship and 36 received the Palmetto's Fellows Scholarship.

SHS was one of four schools in the country to be invited to participate in the International Educational Summit in Beijing, China. Our Summer Reading program was featured in a national article by Kathleen Parker and in Principal Leadership, a national educational journal. We were a featured school with Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence for the third year in a row. A new tutoring program with Converse College was begun. Several students and a guidance counselor traveled to South Africa as part of our international exchange program.

Our girls track team won the AAAA state championship for the third year in a row, and our Boys Basketball team won the upper-state championship. The S.C. High School League recognized forty-six of our students as Scholar-Athletes. Our Chorus had thirteen members earn All-State honors. Our JROTC program was named Honor Unit of Distinction for the 14th year in a row. Spartanburg High School's Class of 2008 earned merit based scholarships totaling over 8.9 million dollars over a four year period.

Spartanburg High School is synonymous with excellence. We seek to be ever-changing and ever-improving in order to meet the needs of all of our students. It is our philosophy that every child deserves a quality education and the opportunity to achieve success.

Rodney Graves, Principal
Martha Whitney, SIC Chairperson

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