

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Florence High
Florence 1
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,631**
Principal: Neal Vincent
Superintendent: Larry Jackson
Board Chair: Porter Stewart

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Excellent	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	9	25	2	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.2%	67.4%	79.7%	75.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.5%	17.0%	10.9%	13.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.4%	15.6%	9.4%	11.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.2%	93.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

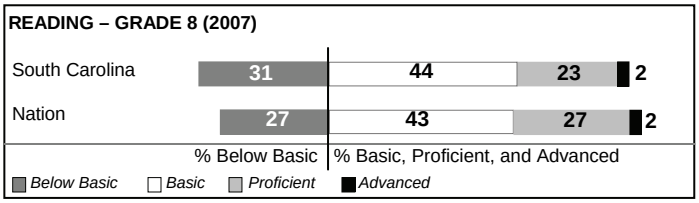
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	407	248
Number of Diplomas	320	182
Rate (%)	78.6%	75.1%

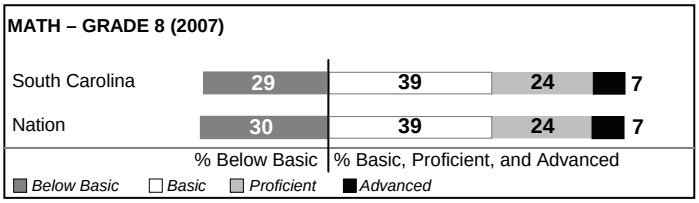
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

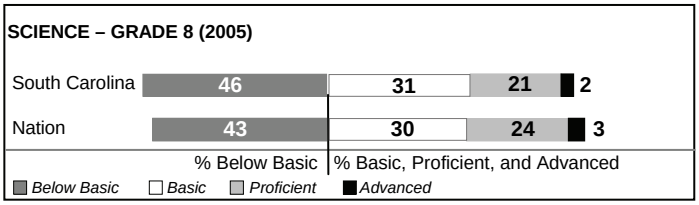
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	73.1%	73.5%
English 1	69.2%	62.3%
Physical Science	61.8%	50.6%
US History and the Constitution	39.1%	36.6%
All Tests	60.0%	54.5%

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 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,631)				
Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 3.8%	4.6%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.0%	95.3%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 11.2%	11.7%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	15.8%	Down from 17.8%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	11.6%	Up from 11.5%	8.8%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.7%	No Change	1.0%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.5%	Down from 8.0%	13.2%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	32.9%	Down from 56.1%	44.4%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.4%	Up from 25.9%	30.5%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.9%	Down from 4.1%	4.3%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.1%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	815	Up from 809	480	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.1%	Up from 82.6%	78.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=92)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Down from 62.9%	58.9%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Down from 89.9%	77.4%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.5%	Up from 2.5%	6.0%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 89.4%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$47,205	Up 2.7%	$48,173	$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.3%	Down from 9.6%	2.7%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	13.7 days	Up from 11.0 days	12.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.0 to 1	Down from 25.7 to 1	27.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 89.4%	89.5%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,630	Up 8.0%	$7,860	$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Down from 59.2%	54.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.6%	Down from 63.4%	59.6%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Up from 94.8%	96.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%	Down from 71.4%	66.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	84	241	6
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.3%	73.6%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.5%	78.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.1%	82.2%	I/S

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year at South Florence High School was filled with success as the school, students, and faculty members received numerous awards and participated in a host of educational and extra-curricular events and activities. Although our school report card rating was Average/Below Average, our level of achievement has been consistent for the past three years.

SFHS's class of 2009 earned over $4,069,309 in scholarship offers to include 98 Life Scholars, 11 Palmetto Fellows recipients, and 6 SC Board of Education Academic Achievement Honorees. 2009 graduates also earned scholarships from the following organizations: Navy ROTC, Clemson Coca-Cola, Erskine College Voice and Violin, Florence Regional Arts Alliance Betty Ann Darby, and the Gary Lowder, Jr., Memorial. Of the 2009 graduating class, 53% worked diligently throughout their high school careers to obtain single cord (109), double cord (35), and Board of Trustee (29) honors. All of our 2009 graduates worked hard to obtain their diplomas, and we are proud to have shared in helping them to succeed.

Student recognition for the 2008-2009 school year included our first graduate to be accepted to the University of Notre Dame; 2008 YMCA Youth In Government (YIG) Premier Delegation; 2008 YIG Conference Outstanding Attorney; 2009 NJROTC Air Rifle Team SC/NC Champions; FSD1 Female Athlete of the Year; Florence West Rotary Club Outstanding Seniors; and Technology Champion from the Education Business Summit. Students participated in junior varsity and varsity sports to include volleyball, football, cross country, swimming, tennis, basketball, cheerleading, golf, track, soccer, softball, and baseball.

We continue to further define our culture as we examine our work through the frame of HSTW and Small Learning Communities. Professional learning communities based upon improving teacher efficacy and student achievement were implemented as our faculty assisted students to achieve more at a higher level. Over 280 credits were recovered in our online learning lab, and our students participated in a variety of instructional environments to include blended learning, virtual school, Advanced Placement, and dual-enrollment. We continue to strive for excellence at SFHS as we look forward to next year's success. Go Bruins!

Neal Vincent, Principal
Anthony Pigatt, School Improvement Council Chair

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