SC Annual School Report Card Summary

West Florence High
Florence 1
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,753**
Principal: Pamela D. Quick
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	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	10	17	0	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 (%)	80.0%	74.0%	85.1%	79.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.4%	14.2%	8.3%	11.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.6%	11.7%	6.6%	9.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.4%	95.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

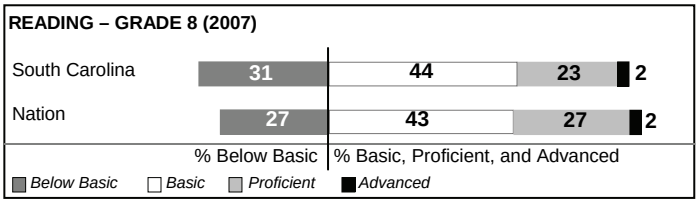
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	506	430
Number of Diplomas	356	323
Rate (%)	70.4%	75.5%

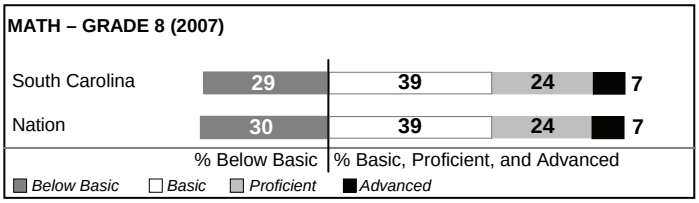
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

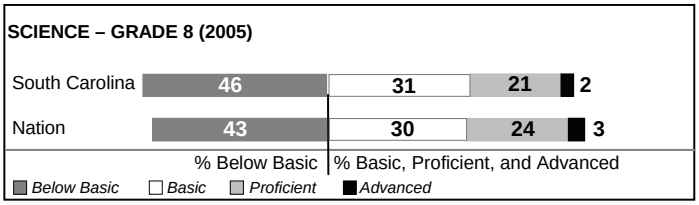
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	74.0%	73.6%
English 1	73.8%	65.8%
Physical Science	48.6%	60.8%
US History and the Constitution	49.0%	50.3%
All Tests	60.6%	61.9%

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=1,753)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Down from 4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	95.4%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.3%	Up from 10.8%	11.7%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.2%	Up from 11.2%	11.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	8.7%	Up from 7.7%	6.6%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.7%	Up from 5.1%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.6%	Down from 17.9%	15.5%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	47.7%	Down from 50.0%	66.3%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.2%	Down from 39.5%	32.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	1.2%	Down from 3.3%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.7%	Down from 1.4%	2.5%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1079	Up from 1038	889	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.7%	Down from 76.5%	78.5%	79.3%
Teachers (n=100)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.0%	Down from 60.8%	62.3%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	76.0%	Down from 81.4%	74.9%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.2%	Up from 3.5%	5.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 87.9%	86.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.1%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$47,701	Up 2.3%	$47,870	$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	Down from 8.4%	2.4%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.1 days	Down from 7.7 days	11.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.5 to 1	Down from 30.3 to 1	28.7 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 89.6%	89.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,315	Up 8.1%	$6,563	$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.8%	Down from 65.0%	55.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.2%	Down from 67.0%	61.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 82.6%	97.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Down from 71.4%	71.4%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	258	16
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.5%	76.7%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.5%	73.8%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.0%	82.3%	68.8%

*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

West Florence High School serves approximately 1,750 students in grades 9-12. We are committed to enabling our students to become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners.

In an effort to improve student performance, we are continuing with the implementation of the best practices from the High Schools That Work (HSTW) program. With an emphasis on the literacy aspect of the program, we added a writing lab, a literacy club, and a summer reading program for all rising eleventh graders. Our technical assistance visit from the HSTW program provided us with more information that will enable us to continue to improve upon all aspects of our school. We are extremely proud that we received our filth Palmetto Gold/Silver Award from the State Department of Education.

We continue to see positive results from all of our smaller learning communities. 45% of our student body ended the year with a GPA of 3.0 or better. 68% of the senior class graduated with honors and will receive 6.1 million dollars in scholarships. 23 seniors were named Palmetto Fellows, and 123 seniors received the LIFE scholarship. This senior class had 3 Byrd Scholars, 1 National Merit Semifinalist, 1 National Merit Finalist, 1 SC State Fair Scholarship, 1 Presidential Scholar, and 11 SC Board of Education Academic Achievement Awards. Our salutatorian scored a perfect score on the SAT.

West Florence student-athletes won 4 region titles, in girls' tennis, soccer, and track, and in boys' tennis. 16 of our teams participated in the State Playoffs, and we had individual state champions in girls' and boys' track. 6 of our athletes were named All-State and 2 played in the Shrine Bowl. One of our football players played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and was named the District Athlete of the Year. Boys' tennis also had a player to be named All-American. Six of our athletes played in North/South All-Star games. The S.C. High School League recognized 38 of our players as Scholar Athletes. Our baseball and boys' soccer coaches were chosen as head coach for the North/South All-Star games.

West Florence High School is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and nationally accredited by the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation. Our staff and students are to be commended for all of their hard work and dedication. We will continue to work diligently to improve the teaching/learning process so that our students will have the necessary skills for a successful future.

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