

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Washington Center
 Greenville
 Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 135
 Principal: Wanda Brownlee
 Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
 Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	1	2	6	8

*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 (%)	N/A	N/A	58.7%	56.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	N/A	16.7%	20.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	N/A	25.5%	26.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	N/A	82.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	8	97
Number of Diplomas	N/A	61
Rate (%)	N/A	54.8%

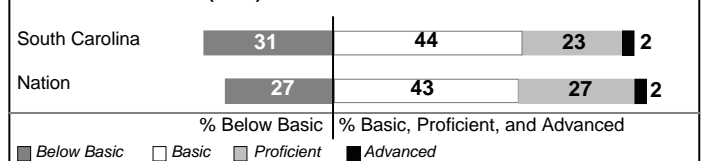
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	N/A	44.9%
English 1	N/A	37.4%
Physical Science	N/A	29.5%
US History and the Constitution	N/A	19.3%
All Tests	N/A	33.3%

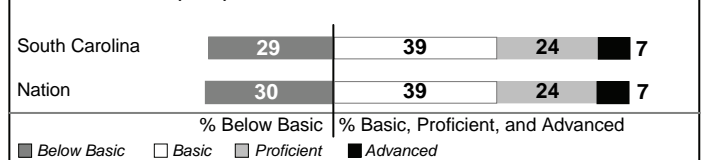
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

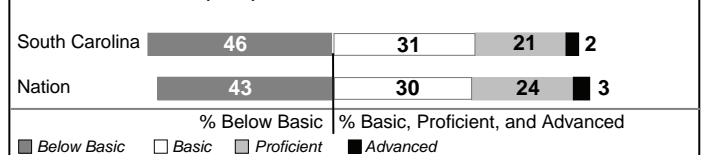
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



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=135)				
Retention rate	14.9%	Down from 17.4%	6.5%	4.8%
Attendance rate	93.8%	Up from 93.1%	94.6%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	2.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	36.0%	Down from 39.4%	14.3%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	18.1%	Down from 18.3%	15.3%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 1.5%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	5.1%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	29.6%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	0.0%	No Change	27.4%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	N/A	1.8%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.8%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	135	N/A	218	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	74.6%	79.3%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	No Change	54.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 79.2%	55.8%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	23.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Up from 89.8%	74.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.6%	96.0%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,104	Up 2.7%	\$44,401	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	10.6%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.5 days	Up from 11.4 days	12.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	5.9 to 1	Up from 5.7 to 1	19.5 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Up from 86.1%	88.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$28,100	Up 11.9%	\$10,696	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.9%	Down from 71.4%	51.8%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.7%	Down from 73.4%	60.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	93.0%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	88.9%	Up from 55.6%	53.8%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Washington Center, located in Greenville, South Carolina, is a separate public school serving students with severe mental disabilities. Most of the students have concurrent disabilities, such as autism, blindness, deafness, speech deficits, motor impairments, and physical disabilities. Significant cognitive disabilities and compounding health issues are factors impacting student progress and attendance. Students are served throughout the district with special transportation provided. Staffing committees comprised of parents, administrators, classroom teachers, therapists, psychologists, and agency representatives develop individualized educational programs for these students. Following federal Due Process procedures, recommendations for placement at Washington Center are made.

Students in grades K through 12, ages 5 to 21, attend Washington Center. During the 2008-2009 school year, Washington Center served 136 students with 18 classroom teachers, one homebound teacher, and 45 paraprofessionals. Support staff includes a Horticulture specialist and a Daily Living instructor, as well as Art, Music, and Adapted Physical Education teachers. Staff members also incorporate three administrators, an office secretary and clerk, a Media Specialist, Therapists (physical, occupational and speech), custodial and cafeteria personnel, two registered nurses, three licensed practitioner nurses, and an orderly. Vision, orientation/mobility, and hearing services are available on an itinerant basis for qualifying students. Washington Center occupied a new campus in the fall of 2005 as a prototype, state-of-the-art facility for special needs instruction. The school includes 18 specialized classrooms, a multi-sensory suite, multi-purpose gym, a media center, art and music classrooms, a horticulture center with greenhouse, a daily living classroom, instructional kitchens, and a speech lab. Students have access to the state curriculum through standards-based instruction with evaluation via the South Carolina Alternate Assessment. The school offers many specialized programs such as the Mobility Opportunities via Education (M.O.V.E.), a comprehensive augmentative communication and assistive technology program, a horticulture, and daily living program. Technology is integrated through the use of adapted computers with touch screens, along with the use of Smart and Promethean Boards. Assistive technology and augmentative communication is utilized to provide learning access. Students participate in Special Olympics. A certified Dog Therapy team, SC Dogs, provides monthly interactive sessions with trained pets. Sensory integration opportunities are curriculum-based. A state of the art handicapped accessible playground has been completed. Integrated inclusion activities are shared with neighboring regular education schools. Volunteerism from area schools and community is encouraged along with numerous business partnerships. The annual "Walk and Roll" PTA sponsored event inspires community involvement. All programs are tailored to meet individual needs. As our motto states, "Those You Think Cannot...Can!" The mission of the school is to provide opportunities for students to explore and develop the potential for independent functioning and community involvement by addressing students' individual needs and creating a partnership with home, school, and community.

Dr. Wanda Brownlee, Principal
Sarah Jane Tollison, School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	0	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	N/A	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	N/A	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.2%	N/A	100.0%

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

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