

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Camden High
Kershaw County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,052
Principal: Reggie Dean
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	25	1	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 (%)	83.5%	73.2%	79.5%	75.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.8%	15.5%	11.0%	13.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.7%	11.3%	9.5%	11.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.2%	93.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

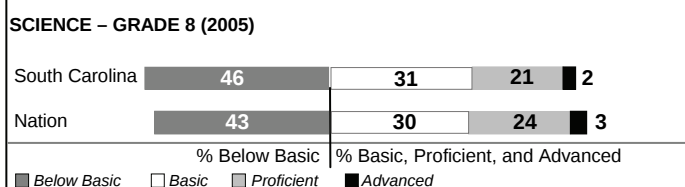
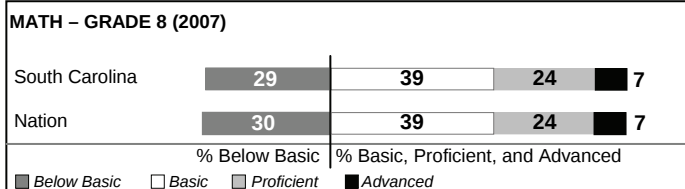
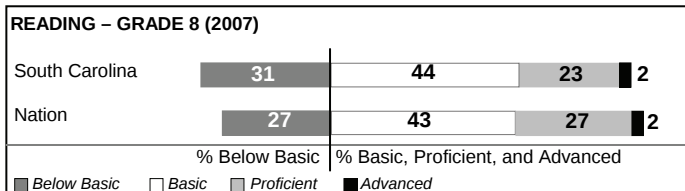
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	289	286
Number of Diplomas	211	207
Rate (%)	73.0%	73.9%

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	62.8%	72.7%
English 1	61.8%	62.2%
Physical Science	58.4%	55.9%
US History and the Constitution	37.1%	40.0%
All Tests	54.6%	56.9%

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=1,052)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Down from 7.4%	4.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.1%	95.0%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	25.7%	Down from 26.0%	12.4%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.4%	Down from 12.5%	13.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.7%	Down from 10.1%	8.4%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	6.4%	Up from 3.6%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.7%	Up from 19.6%	14.3%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	51.0%	No Change	53.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.1%	Down from 36.2%	31.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	2.6%	Up from 1.5%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.4%	Up from 1.6%	3.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	443	Down from 584	679	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	68.1%	Down from 72.2%	78.8%	79.3%
Teachers (n=76)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.1%	Up from 62.5%	60.9%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	77.6%	Up from 69.4%	76.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.2%	Down from 9.0%	5.6%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 88.0%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.8%	Up from 95.4%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,173	Up 4.7%	\$48,173	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.7%	Up from 2.5%	3.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Down from 8.8 days	11.3 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 14.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.2 to 1	Up from 26.3 to 1	27.1 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.5%	Up from 90.3%	89.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,776	Up 1.3%	\$7,472	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.1%	Up from 50.9%	54.6%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.4%	Up from 55.3%	60.3%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.9%	Down from 95.5%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	64.7%	Down from 94.1%	66.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	204	141
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.6%	84.2%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.0%	87.1%	82.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.9%	88.1%	74.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been another exciting year for Camden High School. In August of 2007, construction began at Camden High School as Phase I of the Kershaw County School Districts Equalization Plan. These new facilities will allow CHS to become the hub of the community as stakeholders take advantage of the many cultural and recreational opportunities available through the new buildings. This school year, construction of the new Performing Arts Center, Cafeteria, and Wellness Center were completed. Phase II construction on the Spring Sports Complex has now begun. In addition to the honor of being a Red Carpet School, Camden High School was named a Palmetto's Finest Finalist and a Palmetto Silver Award winner this year. Academics remain the top priority for Camden High School. Technology within the classroom stays on the cutting edge. The i-CAN initiative is in its sixth year of implementation. The teachers make sure to utilize technology during classroom instruction and to inform parents and students through eChalk, by maintaining a Web site that posts their lessons, homework, and upcoming events and projects. All teachers have Promethean boards and are trained to use them in the classroom. Camden High School is proud of its many outstanding seniors who are recognized for their academic accomplishments. Eleven students were named Palmetto Fellows Scholars, 23 students were members of the SAT Silver Honor Court, 11 students were members of the Gold Honor Court, and 4 students were members of the Platinum Honor Court. Three students received the Academic Achievement Honors Award. Extracurricular activities play a huge role at Camden High School. Athletically, this year was one of our finest at Camden High School. Sixty of our students were named All-Region players. Of those sixty, six were named All-Region Player of the Year. We won six Region Championships: volleyball, baseball, boys' basketball, boys' golf, boys' tennis, and girls' soccer. We were the State Champions in boys' basketball and Lower State Champions in baseball. We had two state champion wrestlers in the 130 and 140 weight classes. This year we utilized the new Performing Arts Center as the drama class put on Camden High School's first play, a production of Our Town. The JROTC Program continues to rank in the top 10% in the nation as an Honor Unit with Distinction. The Camden High School Band boasted two students who were named to the Region 3 Honor Band, and one student was named the SC All-Star Band Alternate. Camden High School students continue to participate in an array of community service, including adopting families for Christmas and getting involved in Habitat for Humanity. This year the students worked together to raise over \$15,000 for Relay for Life and the Invisible Children Project. Camden High School is supported by the School Improvement Council, the Academic Booster Club, Camband Club, and the Bulldog Club. These groups enrich the culture of Camden High School by offering academic and extracurricular support. In fact, the Academic Booster Club was "one of only four civic organizations recognized by the State Department of Education for exceptional volunteer service." Reggie Dean, Principal; Priscilla Ansley, School Improvement Council Chairman

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