

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PALMETTO HIGH
Anderson 1
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 938**
Principal: Dr. Mason Gary
Superintendent: Dr. R. Wayne Fowler
Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

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		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	15	13	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	84.1%	83.1%	77.9%	81.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.7%	9.3%	12.0%	10.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.1%	7.6%	10.2%	8.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.2%	91.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	215	327
Number of Diplomas	188	239
Rate (%)	87.4%	74.3%

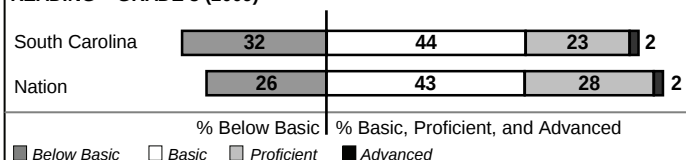
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	82.1	75.9
English 1	69.4	70.4
Physical Science	58.7	61.4
US History and the Constitution	41.1	47.7
All Tests	64.0	63.5

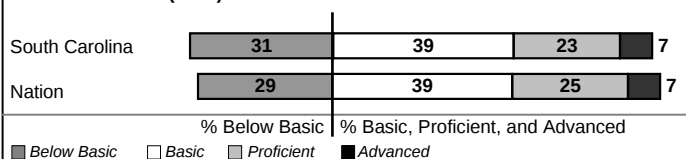
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

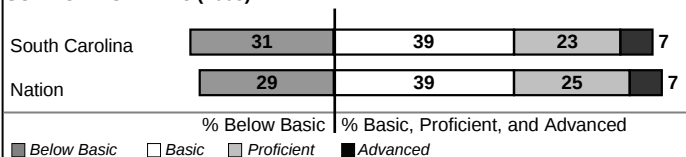
READING - GRADE 8 (2009)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2009)



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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=938)				
Retention rate	1.5%	Down from 2.6%	3.0%	3.7%
Attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 93.8%	95.4%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	31.5%	Down from 33.4%	16.3%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Down from 12.5%	12.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.3%	Down from 5.3%	7.8%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.7%	Up from 10.6%	18.4%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.7%	Up from 40.0%	57.3%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.5%	Up from 26.5%	31.6%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 3.7%	3.5%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	208	Up from 4	544	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.7%	Up from 0.5%	80.8%	78.7%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 66.0%	63.9%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	80.4%	Down from 82.0%	80.2%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.2%	Down from 4.3%	5.0%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Up from 87.4%	87.6%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.4%	96.2%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,719	Down 0.9%	\$48,572	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	0.3%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	7.0 days	Up from 5.6 days	10.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.2 to 1	Up from 28.0 to 1	28.5 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 87.8%	91.2%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,713	Down 2.6%	\$7,511	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.7%	Up from 49.0%	54.8%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.1%	Down from 59.4%	60.2%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 93.8%	93.6%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	No Change	69.2%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	61	163	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.9%	79.1%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0%	83.3%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.6%	85.9%	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

Palmetto High School has experienced another outstanding year academically and in our extracurricular pursuits. We appreciate the support of all of our stakeholders and we believe that teamwork is crucial for sustaining our success. It is learning that is goal number one, and we believe for students to become well-rounded we must all be like-minded and unified in our efforts so they can reach their best individual potential.

The mission of palmetto High School is to create a family-friendly learning environment where we care about each other, build character, learn curriculum, and develop citizenship. To that end, we strive to be educable, ethical, responsible, and accountable. For us, success is defined as giving our best each day in an attempt to become all we are capable of.

We envision our school as a place where: the student is the focus; students have an innovative, progressive, and student-focused experience; ethics, values, respect, and hard work are modeled; high standards are established and attained in a nurturing environment; care is the focus, curriculum is mastered, and diversity is embraced; the faculty will do whatever it takes within ethical limits to help our students; challenges are embraced and change is inevitable; the faculty never gives up on a student; students are prepared for a globally competitive, ever-changing, information-minded world; students are embraced where they are, and inspired towards self-improvement; and students feel welcomed and nourished academically, emotionally, and culturally.

We believe the following: our students are positive, productive members of the community; all stakeholders are accountable for individual and group goals; relationships are critical for our success; learning is more important than teaching; reflective teaching is employed; "success and nothing less" is expected and modeled; anything is possible through hard work and self-motivation; innovation is critical and yearly we need to challenge our beliefs and purpose; students may take varied paths to meet their educational needs and goals; extracurricular experiences are vital for a well-rounded student; and we love each other, help each other, and look out for each other.

We have many changes occurring this summer with a new wing of 6 classrooms, a cafeteria expansion, and a weight room being added. We have new tile being installed in our restrooms, carpet in the band room, the student parking lot is being resurfaced, and a new entrance for the school also being added.

We have much to be thankful for and to be proud of as a Mustang and let's have another great year.

Mason Gary, Ph.D. Principal
Suzanne Black, SIC Chair