

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH
Calhoun
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 457**
Principal: Cynthia Johnson
Superintendent: Dr. Steve Wilson
Board Chair: Thomas Arant

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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	13	6	13

* 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 (%)	69.9%	73.6%	56.8%	61.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.4%	16.5%	20.9%	19.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.6%	9.9%	24.6%	22.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.9%	83.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

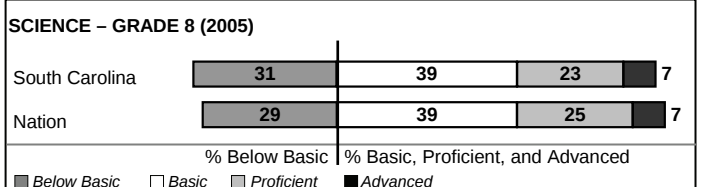
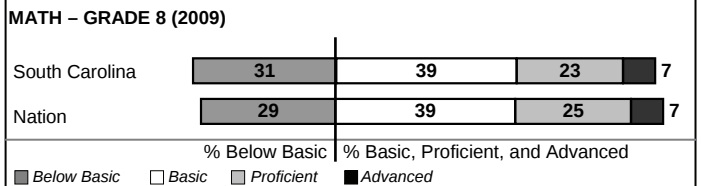
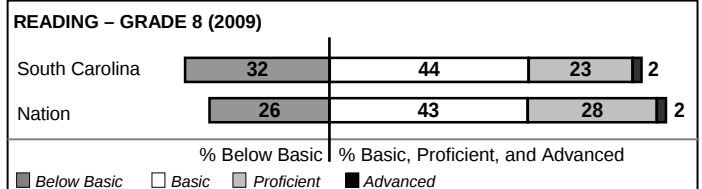
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	124	140
Number of Diplomas	100	91
Rate (%)	80.6%	63.4%

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	85.3	58.1
English 1	71.1	49.8
Physical Science	38.6	34.4
US History and the Constitution	33.3	25.0
All Tests	53.9	40.8

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=457)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Down from 3.8%	5.6%	3.7%
Attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.8%	94.1%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 8.8%	3.5%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Down from 10.6%	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	10.7%	Up from 8.4%	14.7%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	28.4%	Up from 0.8%	2.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	7.5%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	25.2%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	23.3%	Down from 28.9%	26.0%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	1.0%	Down from 1.6%	2.5%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.6%	Up from 2.1%	3.4%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	261	Down from 342	271	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.8%	Up from 72.2%	75.4%	78.7%
Teachers (n=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 63.3%	54.5%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	72.7%	Down from 83.3%	61.8%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.7%	Down from 10.7%	17.9%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.0%	Up from 76.9%	78.2%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	92.5%	Down from 94.7%	95.6%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,638	Down 0.7%	\$44,664	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 11.3%	8.8%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Down from 8.7 days	10.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Down from 28.4 to 1	22.4 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8%	Down from 89.9%	89.1%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,302	Up 5.2%	\$10,282	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.8%	Down from 55.2%	52.6%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Up from 59.1%	59.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	75.4%	Down from 82.1%	97.6%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 46.2%	54.2%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	54	17
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.7%	64.8%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4%	59.3%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	83.0%	81.3%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Calhoun County High School—"Offering The Total Package."

Calhoun County High School is a small, rural school serving approximately 450 students in grades 9-12. The school has an 80.2% graduation rate with over 85% of the student population receiving free or reduced lunch. While continuing to be "Ready, Responsible, and Respectful," our school community also focused on "Offering The Total Package Through Effective Teaching" during the 2009-2010 school year. Calhoun County High School received several accolades this school year because of teamwork and collaboration with parents and the community. We are proud to say that Calhoun County High School was named "One of America's Best High Schools" by US News & World Report for a third year. The school also received the Palmetto Gold Award from the South Carolina State Department of Education for excellent results in closing the achievement gap. The dedication of the teachers, hard work of the students, and support of the community continues to bring pride and positive recognition to Calhoun County High School.

The faculty and staff worked harmoniously together with the belief that everyone on the campus is responsible for student achievement. The passion for teaching and learning at Calhoun County High School has fostered a climate of high academic expectations within our learning community. Our teachers operate on the premise that "Failure Is Not An Option." Our ongoing, effective staff development has insured high-quality, rigorous, and appropriate instruction for all students. Initiatives that contributed to our progress in the 2009-2010 school year include: PLATO, APEX Learning, US Test Prep, Achieve 300, writing across the curriculum, grade-level parent nights, SAT/ACT preparation sessions, data-driven curricula, service-learning projects, SMARTBoard technology, continuation of the seven-period traditional schedule, credit recovery, HSAP/EOC tutorial sessions, common departmental planning periods, an award-winning ROTC program, an active School Improvement Council, PTA, and Band Booster Club, and afterschool homework program.

Validating the fact that Calhoun County High School offers the total package, our boys' varsity football team earned the title of Class A Region Champs for the fifth consecutive year. The volleyball, baseball, softball, girls' basketball, and boys' varsity basketball teams made appearances in the region playoff tournaments. We will continue to invite parents, community members, and business/educational partners to be involved in the future success of our school.

Aleen Floyd, School Improvement Council Chair
Cynthia T. Johnson, Principal

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