

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

FORT DORCHESTER HIGH

Dorchester 2

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 2,337

Principal: Elena Furnari

Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye

Board Chair: Frances Townsend

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	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	15	5	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 (%)	80.8%	83.8%	81.9%	82.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.8%	9.3%	10.5%	10.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.3%	7.0%	8.3%	7.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.0%	92.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

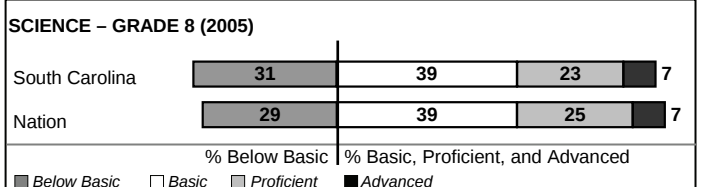
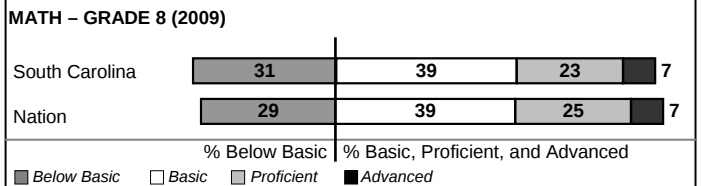
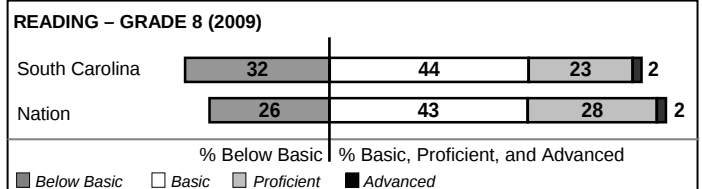
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	668	429
Number of Diplomas	472	322
Rate (%)	70.7%	74.0%

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	70.9	78.7
English 1	67.2	75.3
Physical Science	64.5	67.0
US History and the Constitution	53.4	54.3
All Tests	63.6	68.1

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=2,337)				
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 6.5%	3.5%	3.7%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.9%	95.9%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	2.9%	Up from 2.4%	16.0%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 7.9%	9.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.1%	Down from 9.5%	7.7%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	7.8%	Down from 8.4%	0.7%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.4%	Up from 28.1%	20.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	50.2%	Down from 64.3%	59.1%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.9%	Up from 30.7%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	4.6%	Up from 3.6%	2.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.9%	Down from 2.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1033	Down from 1273	807	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	73.5%	Down from 76.9%	81.1%	78.7%
Teachers (n=116)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.2%	Down from 58.0%	60.6%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.3%	Up from 69.5%	78.3%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.3%	Down from 8.5%	5.1%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.8%	Up from 80.9%	87.4%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 94.9%	95.8%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,371	Down 4.7%	\$48,040	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	Down from 1.3%	1.7%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Up from 8.3 days	9.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.4 to 1	Up from 30.2 to 1	28.7 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 89.8%	90.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,641	Down 0.0%	\$6,931	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.2%	Down from 57.6%	58.3%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 62.1%	61.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	81.6%	Down from 88.2%	96.7%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%	Down from 78.9%	70.6%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	112	447	112
Percent satisfied with learning environment	46.4%	64.6%	68.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	50.9%	71.3%	65.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.6%	78.4%	70.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Since 1992, Fort Dorchester High School's continuing goal has been to establish academic excellence. We expect every student to graduate in four years. Our instructional programs such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit Classes provide students an opportunity to challenge themselves to reach their maximum potential. As a High Schools That Work site, we aim to prepare students for careers through rigorous and relevant academic courses, as well as an array of on-site and off-campus vocational programs.

This year our JROTC students won the U.S. Interscholastic Orienteering Championship. Eight of our athletic teams won Region Championships, and eight of our coaches received Region Coach of the Year awards. Our wrestling, boys track, and ice hockey teams all earned State Championships.

We continue to work on the challenge of meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our Revolution Team of students continues to work on raising school spirit and recognizing and rewarding students who excel in academics and behavior.

The future of Fort Dorchester promises to be full of challenge and success. Our response to future challenges will determine the level of prominence to which our school rises. Together the "Fort Family" will continue to improve and meet each circumstance with a positive and proactive attitude.

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Romeisha White, SIC Chair

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