

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH

Fairfield

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 914

Principal: Vacant

Superintendent: Dr. Patrice Robinson

Board Chair: Ms. Annie McDaniel

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	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	5	17	5	11

* 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 (%)	66.5%	71.9%	62.2%	64.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.1%	13.6%	18.4%	18.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	17.4%	14.5%	19.4%	17.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	87.9%	85.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

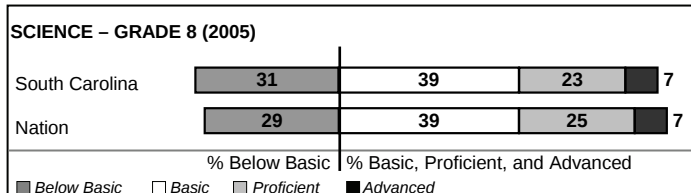
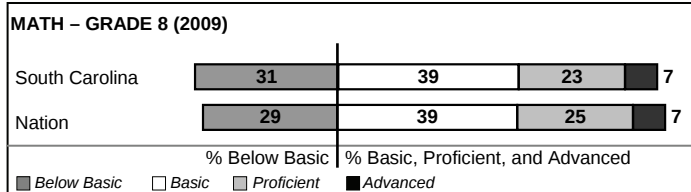
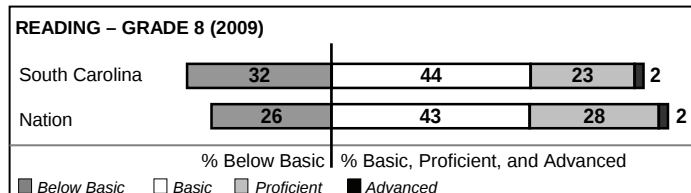
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	268	152
Number of Diplomas	166	106
Rate (%)	61.9%	71.5%

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	66.5	62.4
English 1	53.1	53.7
Physical Science	32.1	38.4
US History and the Constitution	14.8	26.1
All Tests	40.9	44.3

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=914)				
Retention rate	2.8%	Up from 2.6%	5.2%	3.7%
Attendance rate	93.5%	No Change	94.6%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	4.6%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	16.5%	Down from 18.2%	13.3%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.5%	Down from 6.7%	13.3%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.5%	Down from 2.6%	1.2%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.9%	Down from 16.6%	8.0%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	24.3%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 28.6%	26.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 3.1%	2.4%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.7%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	302	Down from 402	261	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.0%	Down from 79.0%	73.9%	78.7%
Teachers (n=68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Up from 57.1%	56.3%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	57.4%	Down from 58.6%	65.1%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	27.4%	Up from 23.0%	14.3%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.0%	Up from 76.4%	81.1%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 99.4%	95.6%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,976	Down 0.5%	\$45,850	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.8%	Up from 10.6%	6.1%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.1 days	Up from 10.6 days	10.6 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.1 to 1	Down from 27.3 to 1	22.7 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 91.8%	88.3%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,470	Up 4.9%	\$9,658	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.8%	Up from 53.5%	52.8%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.9%	Down from 61.1%	59.0%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.0%	Up from 80.8%	98.0%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Up from 52.9%	59.4%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	83	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.7%	55.4%	56.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	77.8%	67.1%	53.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	38.9%	67.1%	66.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fairfield Central High School serves all areas of Fairfield County as a 9 – 12 grade high school. The school is comprised of approximately 962 students. We have a student body that is diverse in culture, with 93 percent of the student body being African-American, 4 percent white, and 3 percent of Hispanic heritage. The faculty is made up of dedicated educators who strive to provide all students with the opportunity to learn each day without regard to prior academic achievement. We are committed to the belief that every child can learn.

Proper preparation for higher education and careers is a goal of the school. The school encourages all students to prepare for post secondary education. We also help prepare students for vocational careers by providing instruction by partnership with the Fairfield County Career and Technology Center. We have experienced a significant increase in the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) scores in both language arts/reading and mathematics. We also were named a Bronze Award Winner for “Best High Schools across America” in US News and Government Report.

Fairfield Central High School is a Learning Focused Project School, whereby instruction each day incorporates “best practices” research. All teachers are trained to use the Learning Focused strategies as they teach. All students participate in the Academic Enrichment block each day designed to address individual weaknesses our students may have that hinder their academic potential. Our students also use the Reading Counts Program extensively at our school to improve overall literacy proficiency among our students. We hope to increase our reading and math skills and test performance through these innovative programs. We plan to use additional funds in the upcoming years to make our school completely standards-based through extensive faculty staff development and training in content areas, as well as teaching strategies.

In addition to academic performance, students at Fairfield Central High School excel in extracurricular areas as well. Our varsity football, track, and boys/girls basketball teams competed in the state playoffs. Our award-winning Griffin Band was chosen the top performing group at the 2007 state sponsored Carolina Carillon parade

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