



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BRANCHVILLE HIGH
Orangeburg 4
Grades: 7-12 **Enrollment: 309**
Principal: David B. Hess
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Sparks
Board Chair: Mr. Aaron Rudd

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	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	11	23	1	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 (%)	75.6%	71.7%	74.1%	77.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.2%	15.2%	13.7%	11.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.2%	13.0%	12.2%	11.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	98.0%	89.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

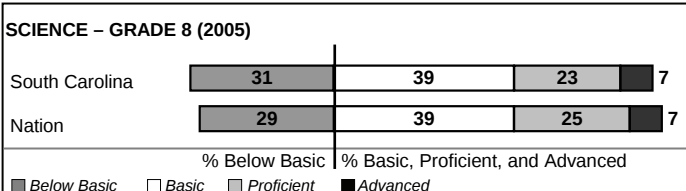
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	66	281
Number of Diplomas	46	198
Rate (%)	69.7%	71.2%

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	65.9	75.3
English 1	70.6	67.2
Physical Science	40.4	55.9
US History and the Constitution	30.0	42.5
All Tests	52.3	59.9

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=309)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 2.4%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 97.1%	95.3%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.4%	Down from 18.6%	12.2%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Up from 4.1%	13.1%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.1%	Up from 4.5%	9.3%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.2%	Down from 14.2%	13.1%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	47.1%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.2%	Up from 28.6%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	4.3%	Up from 4.1%	3.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	15.0%	Down from 18.3%	1.2%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	136	Down from 161	421	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.9%	Down from 84.2%	77.2%	78.7%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.9%	Down from 62.5%	59.5%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	71.4%	Up from 70.8%	79.9%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.8%	Up from 4.3%	6.3%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6%	Up from 89.6%	87.6%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.0%	95.5%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,625	Up 0.6%	\$47,232	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 10.1%	1.6%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	20.3 days	Up from 17.7 days	10.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.3	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Up from 20.3 to 1	27.1 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Up from 92.5%	89.2%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,457	Up 5.6%	\$7,672	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.9%	Up from 45.2%	54.3%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.2%	Up from 54.9%	59.3%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Down from 99.9%	95.3%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	66.7%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	22	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	100.0%	90.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	85.7%	88.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.2%	81.0%	80.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Branchville High School Students, Parents, Teachers, concerned Citizens, and School Board Members,

Branchville High School serves the Branchville area of Orangeburg County as a 7-12 middle/high school. The approximately 312 student body represents a diverse population. The faculty of Branchville High School is made up of dedicated educators who strive to provide all students with the opportunity to grow and learn each day and encourages all students to reach their full potential. We are committed to providing the students of Branchville High School with a safe and positive learning environment that has high academic expectations, and we believe that all students can learn.

Academically, BHS continues to exceed state averages in the High School Assessment Plan (HSAP) and End-Of-Course (EOC) testing. Students at BHS who took the HSAP for the first time passed at a rate of 76% in 2009, which exceeded the state's average of 74%. Furthermore, the overall passage rate of BHS students on the HSAP was 94% in 2009. Another outstanding accomplishment for our students at BHS was the graduation rate. Branchville High School exceeds the state average in 2009 with an 81% on-time graduation rate. Furthermore, in 2009 Branchville Middle School moved up a level on the South Carolina state report card from below average to average. Branchville High School is also extremely proud to be named a national Bronze award-winning school which ranked BHS in the top 3% of high schools in the nation.

Athletically the Branchville High School Yellow Jackets have participated in playoff games in a number of sports. Many of our student athletes at BHS not only succeed in the classroom, but on the field of play as well. In the 2009-2010 school year, Branchville competed in the playoffs in volleyball, baseball, softball, and soccer. We are proud of our students and are excited to increase the size of school and sports programs.

The Branchville High School "Teacher of the Year," chosen by his colleagues at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, was Mr. Kevin Jones. Mr. Jones has been teaching at BHS for fifteen years and is involved in numerous activities in and outside of school. Mr. Jones is the advisor to the student council and has been published in national magazines for his work in botany. The Branchville High School "Staff Person of the Year" was Mrs. Marilyn Murdoch who is our school nurse. Mrs. Murdoch is an outstanding employee who cares for the children of BHS/LES and is an extremely valuable team member of the Branchville family.

The on-going motto at BHS for the 2010-2011 school year is "Only the Best at BHS." BHS must provide the students with rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. The focus for this school year at BHS is Literacy and Numeracy. We encourage each student to build positive memories while preparing to be productive citizens for the future.

Thanks for your continued Support,

David B. Hess
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Jonathan Roode
SIC chairperson

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