

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ASHLEY RIDGE HIGH
Dorchester 2
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,584**
Principal: Karen Radcliffe
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		
2011	Excellent	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	1	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	88.5%	91.2%	84.2%	86.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	6.6%	4.7%	9.2%	8.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	4.9%	4.1%	7.3%	5.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.5%	95.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	335	363
Number of Diplomas	286	289
Rate (%)	85.4%	80.7%

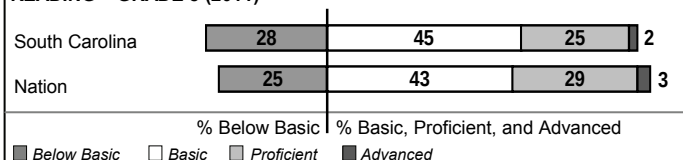
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	91.5	83.4
English 1	80.2	78.5
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	90.5	80.3
Physical Science	86.7	68.8
US History and the Constitution	70.1	61.0
All Tests	83.9	73.9

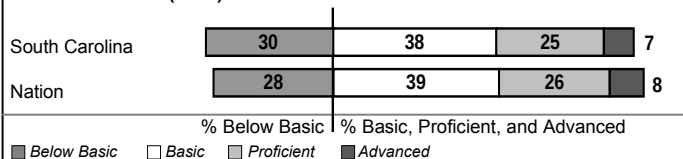
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

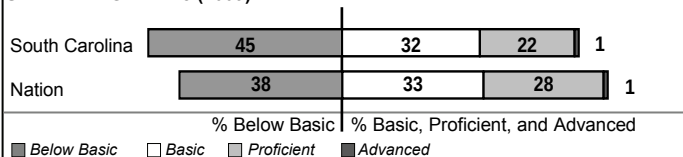
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



SC PERFORMANCE 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=1,584)				
Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 0.5%	2.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 96.7%	95.3%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.5%	Up from 12.9%	16.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.1%	Down from 12.6%	7.6%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	5.5%	Down from 6.1%	5.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	7.1%	Down from 8.4%	2.0%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.7%	Down from 31.2%	28.8%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	61.4%	Down from 64.7%	62.6%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	42.4%	N/R	33.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Down from 2.3%	2.6%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.5%	Down from 1.9%	4.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	774	Up from 577	642	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.5%	Down from 85.6%	84.9%	83.0%
Teachers (n=77)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.5%	Down from 57.1%	65.0%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	80.5%	Up from 77.8%	81.6%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	88.4%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 93.9%	95.1%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,949	Down 3.7%	\$48,808	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.0%	0.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Up from 8.1 days	10.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	33.7 to 1	Up from 30.7 to 1	29.4 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 89.6%	89.3%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,723	Down 15.3%	\$7,229	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.8%	Down from 52.6%	59.6%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.5%	Down from 54.1%	63.7%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Down from 100.0%	97.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%	Up from 70.6%	76.4%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	90	344	105
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.4%	87.4%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	93.3%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.6%	93.6%	83.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ashley Ridge High continued to grow and prosper in its third year of existence. We had our first graduating class, the Class of 2011, and what a legacy they have left. Our seniors earned over 10.6 million dollars in scholarship money. We had 126 students qualify for the LIFE scholarship, 16 Palmetto Fellows and 7 South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Award recipients. Our first group of seniors graduated and moved on, taking with them all of the lessons and memories they have gained from being at AR, but leaving behind all of the lives they have touched. They leave behind the legacy of what it means to be a Swamp Fox, a legacy the underclassmen are already eagerly embracing and keeping alive.

Ashley Ridge continues to celebrate our many honors and successes. We had our first student earn the distinction of being a National Merit Finalist. Our guidance program has earned the distinction of being a nationally recognized RAMP program. The AFJROTC program was named a Distinguished Unit for the third straight year. Our winter percussion ensemble earned its second straight state championship. The band program earned their second SCBDA "Outstanding Performance Award," based upon their accomplishments during the marching season, the concert festival, as well as their region participation. This year athletically, Ashley Ridge moved from AA to AAAA classification. We fielded nineteen varsity athletic teams at Ashley Ridge. Fourteen out of the sixteen teams competed in the post season. The Swamp Foxes earned two region titles: softball and boys swimming.

At Ashley Ridge we continue to stress the importance of being good citizens and being productive members of our community. Our clubs, leadership classes, and student government contributed hundreds of hours and donated thousands of dollars to local and national organizations. Swamp Fest continues to be a corner stone of our school wide community service project. We continue to support the Red Cross, the Low Country Food Bank, Trident United Way, Courageous Kids, the SPCA, Children in Crisis, Water Missions International, the Fox Food Pantry, and the Ronald McDonald House.

The attendance lines within our district have been redrawn. We will receive over 300 students from neighboring high schools. A challenge that we will face in the upcoming year is making sure that our 300 additional students feel like part of our Swamp Fox family. We will continue to stress the importance of our graduation rate, but we will also stress the importance of students having a road map for how to achieve their future educational goals and career goals. We are committed to providing educational opportunities in a safe, supportive environment that fosters pride, inspires excellence, promotes respect, and builds strong relationships.

Karen Radcliffe, Principal Lynn Gerken, SIC
Chairperson

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