

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HCS Early College High School
 Horry County Schools
 Grades: 9-11 Enrollment: 280
 Principal: Joan Grimmert
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
 Board Chair: Will Garland

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	15	13	0	3

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	100.0%	100.0%	75.6%	76.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	N/A	14.5%	14.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	N/A	10.5%	11.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	N/A	90.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	N/A	262
Number of Diplomas	N/A	181
Rate (%)	N/A	73.0%

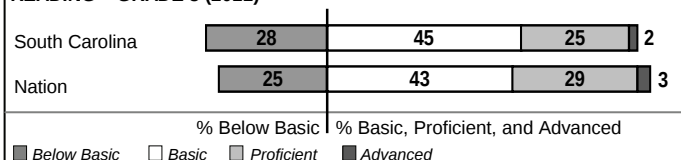
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.5	75.2
English 1	97.0	65.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	100.0	75.2
US History and the Constitution	75.0	47.2
All Tests	92.5	65.4

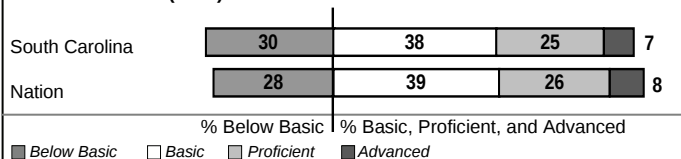
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

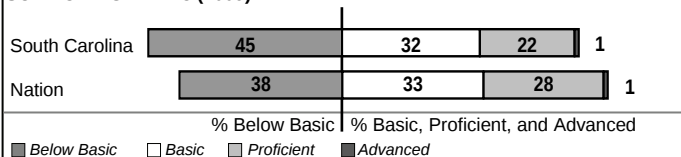
READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



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.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=280)				
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	3.2%	3.0%
Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 97.3%	95.7%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	N/R	11.1%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	43.7%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	30.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	2.6%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.1%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	69	Down from 75	441	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	100.0%	Up from 96.0%	82.0%	84.0%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.8%	Down from 73.9%	60.5%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.7%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,007	Up 1.5%	\$46,992	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.3%	Up from 3.8%	3.4%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	20.8 days	Up from 18.6 days	10.9 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 12.5 to 1	27.6 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Up from 92.2%	90.2%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$14,446	Down 50.0%	\$7,986	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.0%	Up from 65.6%	57.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.8%	Down from 75.1%	60.1%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	Up from 99.0%	98.7%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	N/A	N/A	76.8	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	71	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	94.4%	95.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.4%	95.7%	95.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.9%	95.7%	92.9%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2011-12 school year, Early College added its third class as a "stand-alone" high school. This year's junior class will be the first graduating class and began the work of establishing traditions for others to follow. Our National Honor Society was established with induction of the first members, and students planned and held the first junior-senior prom. Sitework has begun on the new Early College building. Construction is slated to begin in August 2012 with occupancy of the new two-story building in August 2013.

Early College's performance on state tests continues to outpace the district and state averages. All students earned college credits prior to the end of their junior year. The ECH Class of 2012 graduated with an average of 50 college credits with 20% earning Associate of Arts or Applied Science degrees from HGTC in May 2012. Scholarships were received by 40% of seniors to continue their college educations.

In 2011-12, HCS Early College High School was a semi-finalist for the First Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSCsm Award for Excellence which honors highly effective education initiatives in SC. Additionally, ECHS was selected by the SC Council for the Social Studies as the Social Studies Program of the Year. ECHS juniors participated in the National History Day competition with 24 students placing at regional level and advancing to state competition. Nine placed at the state level with five advancing to the national competition. A newly established Mock Trial Team participated in the regional event. During the 2011-12 school year, Ms. Samantha Lohr was named ECHS Teacher of the Year. Students gave back to the community through service projects which included Project Citizen Social Action; TogetherGreen Youth Fellowship, a partnership with CCU biology department; Special Olympics Polar Plunge; and, for the second year, the Veterans' History Project, preserving oral histories of our nation's veterans for the US Library of Congress. The Recycling Committee continued its campaign to encourage responsible citizenry in preserving our environment. Strong community partnerships support the students at ECHS. Our business partner, BE2, provided scholarships to four-year universities to eight 2012 graduates along with support of other enrichment activities. HGTC provided scholarships for another 21 graduates. We offer a special thank you to Horry Georgetown Technical College for their continued support and assistance. We would like to thank the students, parents, and community members for supporting us in reaching our goals.

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