Garrett Academy Of Technology
2731 Gordon Street
North Charleston, SC 29405



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	**Principal:**	Charity Summers
Enrollment:	694 students	**Superintendent:**	Mr. Michael L. Bobby, Acting Superinte
School Phone:	843-745-7126	**Board Chair:**	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats
School Website:	http://garrett.ccsdschools.com/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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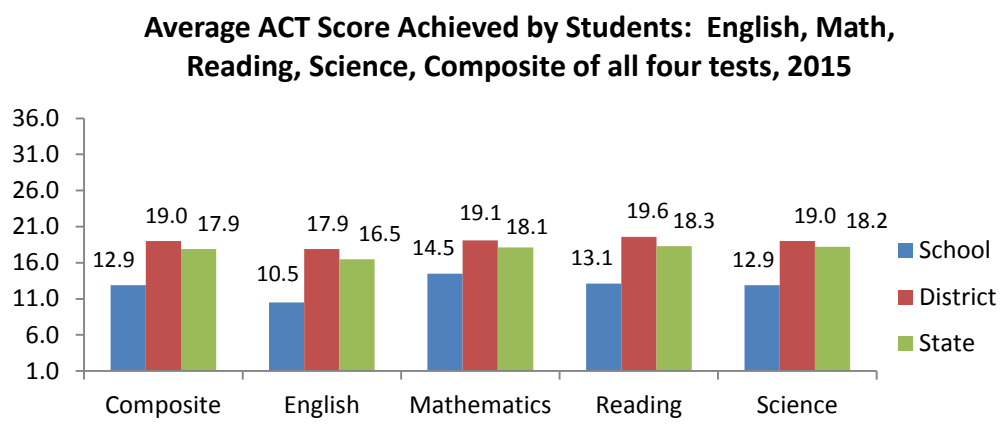
Garrett Academy of Technology is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the SC Graduate through rigorous and relevant instruction in both academic and career and technology education courses of study. Our students have opportunities to select Applied, College Prep, Honors, or AP classes, as well as choosing one of 14 Career and Technology majors. Individual Graduation Plans are developed for all students in alignment to their career pathways. Typically, over 70 percent of students go on to two-or four-year colleges.

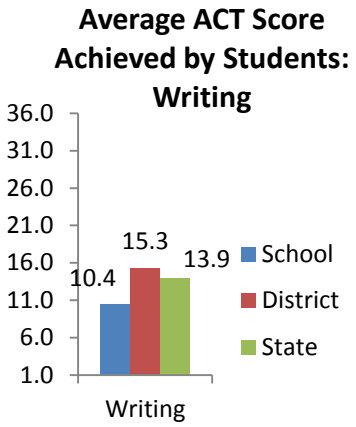
Garrett provides many relevant work experiences for all students through participation in School-to-Career shadowing and co-op placements, providing hands-on work-based learning experiences in their chosen fields. Students participate in student organizations such as Student Council, Student Activities Board, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Mayor's Youth Leadership Commission, and Youth Court. Many compete at the regional, state, and national level through membership in SkillsUSA, DECA, HOSA, FCCLA, and ProStart.

On school report cards, Garrett generally outperforms "high schools with students like ours" and our performance for 2014 earned us an improved ESEA grade. With our eyes on the 2015-2016school year, we are facing new challenges. We continue to lose students from the other constituent districts as similar CATE opportunities are provided by home schools. The transition to new standards for learning and the ending of the HSAP test are challenges our teachers are prepared to meet. We will be faced with significant funding reductions in many areas next year, as we project a lower enrollment. We must continue to reevaluate the relevancy of the overall program offerings at Garrett Academy and how we can best serve the students in the future and encourage the best young minds in Charleston County to spend their high school years with us at Garrett Academy. We strive toward our focus and purpose for every student to graduate from Garrett Academy of Technology with the critical skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and in the 21st Century global workforce.As we strive to equip our students to enter the work force ready to perform at the highest quality levels, we invite all of our stakeholders—parents, alumni, business people, and thoughtful community members—to join in our efforts to help our students attain the skills necessary to succeed in the 21st century.

Charity Summers, Principal
Lucia Boinest, SIC Chair

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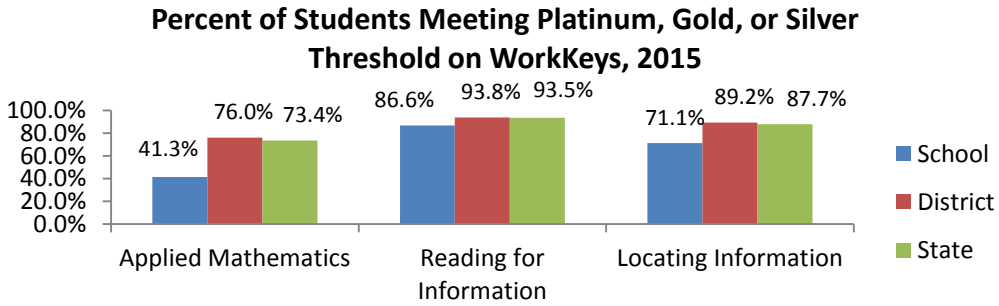




The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	**Math** Benchmark Score: 22	**Reading** Benchmark Score: 22	**Science** Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
2.8	1.4	2.8	0.7	0

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
44.8	384	388	367	1139

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.8	67.6	85.7
English 1	45.6	54.5	75.1
Biology 1	67.5	60.3	77.8
US History and the Constitution	50.3	47.1	69.1
All Subjects	60.7	57.5	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
86.3	82.9	91.6	92.6

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
85.7	94.1	93.8	93.9

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
28.9	38.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
34.3	78.4	70.3

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For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 694)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	91.9	Down from 95.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	92.2	Down from 93.5%	93.0
With disabilities	7.5	Down from 8.9%	15.4
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.9	Up from 3.9%	1.1
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	8.6	Up from 6.2%	11.4
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.1	Down from 12.4%	7.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	13.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	9.1	Down from 15.7%	0.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	695	Up from 612	352
Students participating in work-based experiences	94.2	Up from 55.4%	7.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	93	N/A	66
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	75.6	N/A	73.7
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	23
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	91.4
Annual dropout rate	1.3	Up from 0.3%	2.1
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	6.4
Percentage of students retained	6.7	Down from 7.9%	4.3
Teachers (n = 70)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	54.3	Down from 63.3%	60.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	64.3	Down from 70.0%	61.1
Teachers returning from previous year	82.1	Down from 84.4%	79.2
Teacher attendance rate	95.8	Down from 96.1%	95.8
Average teacher salary*	$48,028	Down 0.2%	$45,858
Professional development days / teacher	11.1 days	Up from 9.4 days	8.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	36.6	Up from 16.3%	10.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	4.0	N/A	1.8

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	115	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.5	66.1	66.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.1	67.3	61.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.3	77.0	44.7

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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School			
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.2 to 1	Down from 28.7 to 1	21.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.0	Down from 88.8%	87.5
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Good	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	N/A	N/A	6.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4	Up from 98.8%	99.9
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	12.0	N/A	15.6
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	12.7	N/A	32.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.7	N/C	2.1
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.6	N/C	0.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,907	Down 21.6%	$11,056
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.7	Up from 60.3%	55.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	61.0	No change	56.9

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	At-Risk
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards
2014-15 Accountability Manual
Report Card Data Files
ESEA Data Files

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