



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:	Tracie Swilley
Enrollment:	812 students	Superintendent:	Dr. J.R. Green
School Phone:	803-635-1441	Board Chair:	Beth Reid
School Website:	http://fchs.fairfield.k12.sc.us/home.aspx		



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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

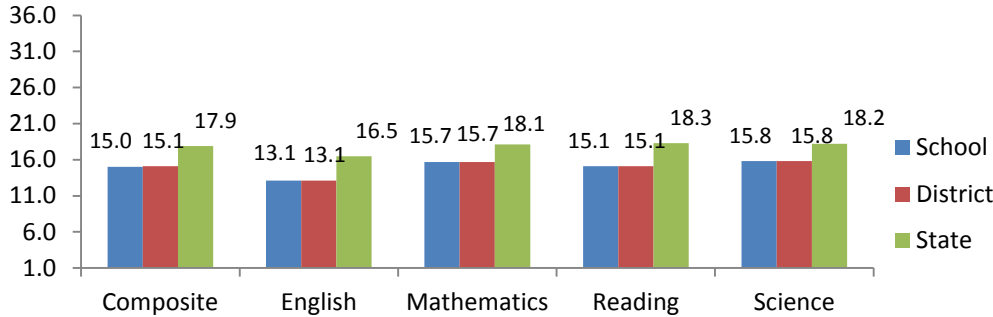
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

At Fairfield Central High School (FCHS), we pride ourselves on providing quality teaching and learning for every student every day. At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, we focused on Griffin P.R.I.D.E. which is an acronym for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. Our primary focus is to instill life and career characteristics for all students to be successful once they matriculate through FCHS and leave as Griffin Graduates. Our school is helping students develop world class knowledge and skills through partnerships with Midlands Technical College (MTC), Winthrop University, the College Board to offer Dual Enrollment Courses, Teacher Cadet, Advanced Placement Courses for collegiate credit and Latin as another World Language course offering. This year was our first class of STEM Early College Academy students at Fairfield Central High School. Students in this program will not only receive a high school diploma but also an Associate's Degree in Science from MTC. Recognized as a National Beta School of Distinction, FCHS strives to provide opportunities to develop well-rounded students with core values encompassing Achievement, Character, Service, and Leadership. We promote student engagement throughout the school in conjunction with the district's Digital Learning Initiative and High Schools That Work best practices. We held our Annual EdOp Day along with several other College and Career Fairs to make students aware of opportunities available. All seniors applied to at least one college or university with the assistance of college and university admission counselors and community business partners. We held our 1st annual Teacher Cadet Chalk Walk designed to provide scholarships to assist students who plan to pursue a career in teaching. Our graduates received over 6.4 million dollars in scholarships and aid. As members of our Griffin Robotics and Academic Challenge Teams, students had the opportunity to collaborate with students from around the state, nation, and even other countries while continuing to foster world class skills such as creativity and innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Our students continued to excel in athletics, clubs, and organizations while our Arts Department staged performances such as Shrek and excerpts from Disney movies to wow audiences of all ages. Our Football Team was Region III-2A Champions with the tennis and softball teams both earning 2nd place finishes. Tracie Swilley, Principal; LaToya Roberts, SIC Chair

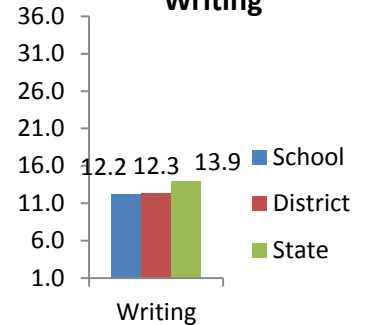
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

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Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

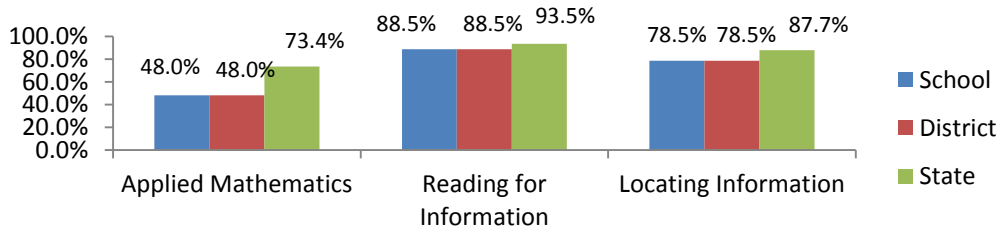


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
12.9	3.9	7.9	2.3	1.1

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.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



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.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
22.1	438	428	425	1290

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	88.8	72.3	85.7
English 1	62.6	56.0	75.1
Biology 1	60.6	64.1	77.8
US History and the Constitution	38.8	51.1	69.1
All Subjects	62.7	61.0	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
90.7	77.3	80.8	76.9

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
76.9	83.3	78.2	72.0

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
27.8	27.8	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
37.2	37.2	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 = 812)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	86.7	Down from 93.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.2	Down from 96.9%	93.7
With disabilities	16.2	Up from 15.3%	14.8
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.7	Up from 0.6%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	6.6	Down from 16.3%	10.9
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.4	Up from 12.9%	7.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	12.7	N/A	16.1
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.1	Up from 0.0%	3.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	791	Up from 326	595
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.9	Down from 13.5%	3.8
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	87	N/A	78
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	77.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	53	N/A	33
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	91.8
Annual dropout rate	0.1	Down from 2.9%	1.7
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	5.6
Percentage of students retained	1.7	Down from 4.2%	2.9
Teachers (n = 61)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	63.9	Down from 67.8%	59.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	73.8	Up from 62.7%	69.0
Teachers returning from previous year	77.9	Down from 80.2%	79.5
Teacher attendance rate	96.3	Down from 99.4%	95.6
Average teacher salary*	\$49,582	Up 2.1%	\$46,067
Professional development days / teacher	6.9 days	Down from 11.7 days	11.7 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	Down from 1.5%	7.5
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	1.0

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	53	116	74
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.9	69.9	78.4
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.7	71.3	77.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	52.8	89.5	68.0

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

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	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.9 to 1	Up from 24.8 to 1	22.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3	Down from 95.7%	87.5
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	6.0	N/A	8.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.7
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	16.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	8.9	N/A	27.2
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.7	N/C	2.0
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.3	N/C	0.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,026	Up 2.0%	\$10,021
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.6	Up from 55.1%	55.6
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	56.3	Up from 55.8%	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	Below Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Good

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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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