



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:	Paul Browning
Enrollment:	1,609 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Rick Maxey
School Phone:	843-293-2513	Board Chair:	Joe DeFeo
School Website:	http://sh.horrycountyschools.net/		



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

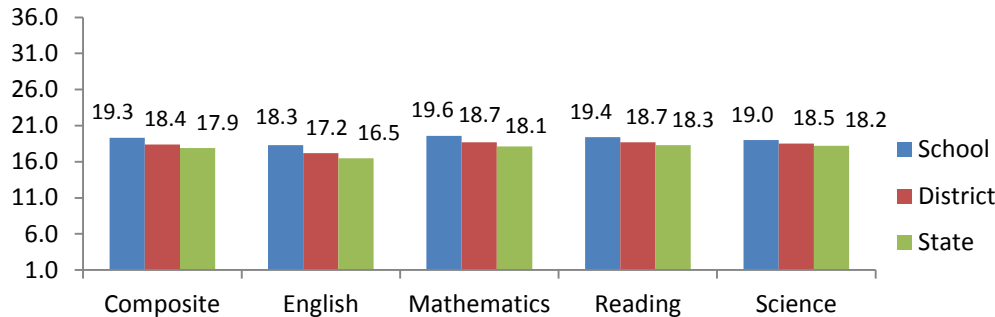
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Socastee High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by excelling in academics, the arts, athletics, service projects, and extra-curricular activities. Senior SAT scores were back up and ACT scores were the highest in Horry County at 21.7. EOC scores for SHS were above schools like us". SHS was named to a Silver Award by U. S. News and World Report and finished 5th best public high school in South Carolina. All of our IB Diploma candidates received their IB Diplomas. Our AFJROTC unit was named a Distinguished Unit for the 13th straight year. We set a record for scholarship monies offered to Seniors at \$16.2 M. Our mentoring program for at-risk students had a successful year. Congratulations to Sarah Ray who was named a semi-finalist for Horry County Teacher of the Year! SHS enjoyed great success in extra-curricular activities as well. Our Drama and Music Department put on Hairspray the Musical to an audience of over 4,000, including morning matinees for 1,000 elementary students. Our Mock Trial Team advanced to the State Finals. Athletics enjoyed another stellar year, moving up in classification from 3-A to 4-A winning nine of nineteen Region Championship teams. Four teams competed for Lower State Championships and Justin Knipper won an individual state championship in wrestling. The Art Department won numerous honors including a Congressional Art Award through Tom Rice. The Marching band advanced to the state Finals for the 3rd straight year in 22 years. The Jazz Band was ranked as the best jazz band in South Carolina for the fourth straight year. DECA won a top twenty spot in the International Competition in Atlanta. SHS continued to "Pay it forward" in 2014-2015 in their focus on community service. We hosted the county Special Olympics for the 17th straight year and led the District in Polar Plunge fund raising. SHS sponsored three Red Cross Bloodmobiles through its Leadership Class. The SHS FFA, JROTC, and Music Program sponsored its annual Senior Citizen's and Veteran's Program luncheon and concert to over 250 Senior citizens. SHS athletes served as Reading Buddies at Socastee Elementary School and IB students sponsored holiday parties for Special Needs students. Band and Chorus continued Elder Care visits and concerts. Student Council also coordinated food drives and assistance for families in crisis. Socastee High School continued its focus on Success, Honor, and Service in 2014-2015. Marilyn Burch, SIC Chairperson Paul K. Browning, Ed. D., Principal

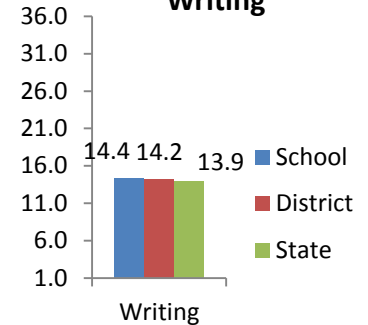
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

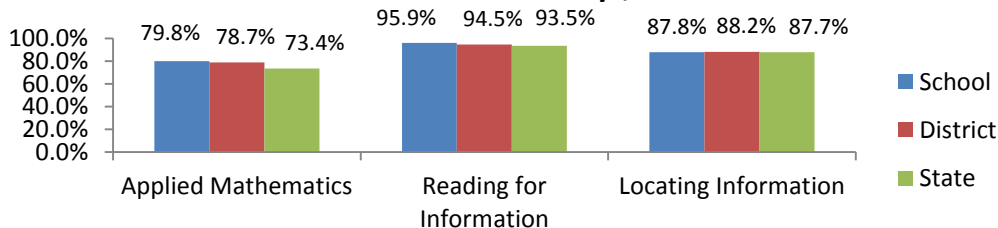


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
48.9	32.9	34.6	21.9	17.2

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
58.1	511	526	489	1525

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	85.0	83.3	85.7
English 1	74.7	74.6	75.1
Biology 1	93.1	81.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	71.7	72.5	69.1
All Subjects	81.3	78.4	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
83.3	83.0	80.7	84.0

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
83.8	81.6	85.9	77.2

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
48.6	43.8	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
68.5	67.7	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 = 1,609)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	53.6	Down from 61.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.9	Down from 96.9%	94.7
With disabilities	10.5	Down from 10.7%	10.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.8	Up from 2.5%	1.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	36.5	Down from 38.6%	25.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.2	Down from 22.4%	21.6
Successful in AP/IB programs	67.4	Up from 63.0%	60.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	21.1	Down from 37.1%	1.8
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1489	Up from 779	1489
Students participating in work-based experiences	1.3	Down from 8.2%	8.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	236	N/A	354
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	73.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	51	N/A	64
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	84.0	N/A	82.7
Annual dropout rate	1.2	Down from 2.0%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	3.8
Percentage of students retained	2.7	Up from 2.0%	2.1
Teachers (n = 89)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	70.8	Up from 65.2%	64.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	78.7	Down from 79.8%	81.0
Teachers returning from previous year	95.4	Up from 95.3%	87.0
Teacher attendance rate	95.4	Down from 96.3%	95.3
Average teacher salary*	\$56,346	Down 0.0%	\$49,484
Professional development days / teacher	14.4 days	Up from 9.8 days	11.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3	Down from 0.8%	1.1
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	76	266	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.4	79.3	84.4
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.4	74.4	91.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.0	86.5	64.4

* 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	17.0	Up from 16.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.2 to 1	Up from 10.3 to 1	28.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3	Down from 91.6%	88.6
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	15.0	N/A	12.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.4	Down from 96.8%	99.1
Character development program	Poor	Down from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	15.0	N/A	13.4
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	9.7	N/A	19.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	50-100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.1	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.4	N/C	1.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,000	Up 0.4%	\$7,435
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.0	Up from 56.8%	60.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	57.5	Down from 57.7%	61.9

* 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	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent

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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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