

North Central High School

3000 Lockhart Rd.
Kershaw, SC 29067



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:	David Branham Jr.
Enrollment:	475 students	Superintendent:	Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.
School Phone:	803-432-9858	Board Chair:	Ron Blackmon
School Website:	http://nch.kcsdschools.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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

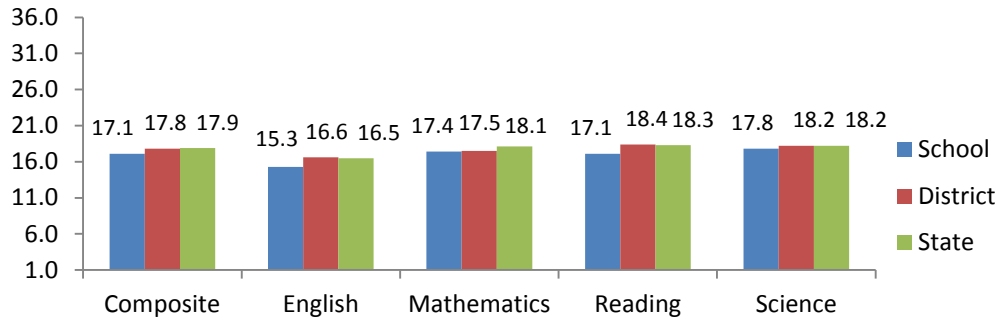
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

North Central High School (NCHS) is helping all students develop the world class skills and characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by empowering our students to become responsible, lifelong learners who will be productive citizens in a global society. We provide our students with a learning environment that promotes creativity, curiosity, and collaboration. We use High Schools That Work principles to improve student achievement and prepare our students for life after high school. These include daily silent sustained reading, weekly T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) classes, learning centers, and reading and writing across the curriculum. Our weekly T.E.A.M classes focus on soft skills such as communication, perseverance, leadership, teamwork and self-awareness. Our daily learning centers provide students with the opportunity to receive a time of enrichment and remediation for each of their classes. We offer six Advanced Placement (AP) courses and numerous dual-enrollment courses through a partnership with Central Carolina Technical College that allow our students the opportunity to obtain college credit. The 2014-15 school year had many academic successes. We received a federal report card rating of "A," meaning that NCHS substantially exceeded the state's academic performance expectations. NCHS received a state report card rating of "Excellent" in Absolute and Growth ratings, the highest score possible for both of these rating scales. Eighty-five percent of the 2014 seniors graduated on time. Our 2013-14 overall passage rate for the end-of-course tests in all areas was 80%. At NCHS, we develop our students outside of the classroom too. Our Top Knight program is a monthly recognition of students who have exhibited outstanding character, improved grades, good attendance, and positive attitudes. The Noble Knights are students who create a positive school culture through anti-bullying awareness and programs. During this past year, our student organizations raised money or gave supplies to Relay for Life, KARE, Love Serve Give, the American Red Cross, Samaritans Purse, the United Way, and Toys for Tots. Athletic highlights include region championships in volleyball and wrestling. NCHS also participated in the Academic Quiz Bowl competition for the first time in school history. All of the stakeholders at NCHS are committed to developing well-rounded students and will remain focused on preparing all of our students for success in any career or educational path they choose. David Branham Jr., Principal, Angie Bowers, SIC Chairperson

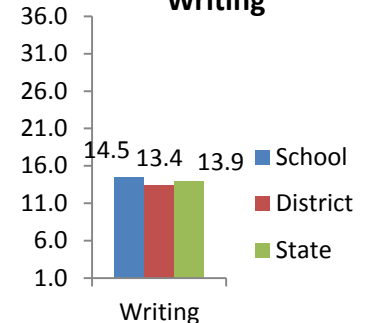
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

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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

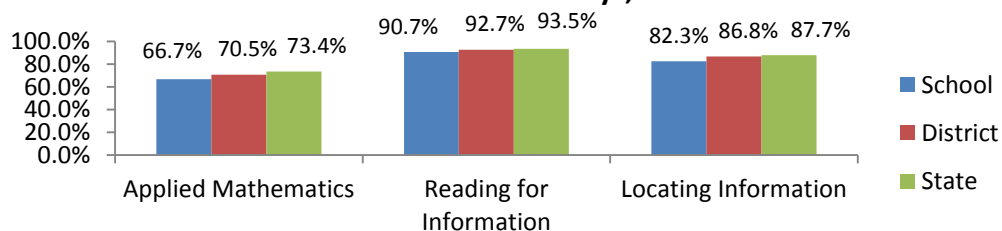


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
23.2	12.1	13.1	10.1	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.

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
42.2	479	473	473	1425

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	92.0	77.2	85.7
English 1	71.4	59.7	75.1
Biology 1	89.6	68.3	77.8
US History and the Constitution	70.6	57.8	69.1
All Subjects	81.0	66.0	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
84.5	85.1	84.3	82.6

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
87.0	84.3	85.8	83.2

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
35.9	33.8	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
55.8	72.6	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 475)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	79.8	Down from 82.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.9	Down from 98.9%	94.0
With disabilities	12.9	Up from 10.6%	13.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8	Up from 0.0%	1.3
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.9	Down from 31.3%	15.1
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.5	Down from 27.1%	9.0
Successful in AP/IB programs	34.4	Up from 27.3%	34.2
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	10.1	Down from 13.5%	8.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	464	Up from 282	643
Students participating in work-based experiences	6.3	Up from 2.8%	7.8
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	66	N/A	123
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	58.6	N/A	80.3
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	20	N/A	41
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	99.0
Annual dropout rate	2.5	Up from 1.5%	2.4
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	2.9
Percentage of students retained	4.4	Up from 4.1%	3.0
Teachers (n = 30)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	73.3	Up from 63.3%	58.7
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	70.0	Down from 73.3%	73.6
Teachers returning from previous year	83.5	Up from 81.6%	82.0
Teacher attendance rate	96.2	Up from 95.4%	95.3
Average teacher salary*	\$49,146	Up 4.1%	\$46,424
Professional development days / teacher	7.4 days	Up from 1.6 days	11.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1	Up from 0.7%	5.6
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	70	24
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6	77.1	79.1
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6	77.5	83.4
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.6	87.5	62.5

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Down from 25.3 to 1	25.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9	Down from 93.2%	87.2
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	5.0	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	Up from 99.4%	99.8
Character development program	Poor	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	12.0	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	13.3	N/A	25.1
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.8	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	1.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,131	Down 0.7%	\$9,442
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.8	Up from 49.5%	55.6
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	50.6	Up from 50.0%	57.0

* 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	Good	Average

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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