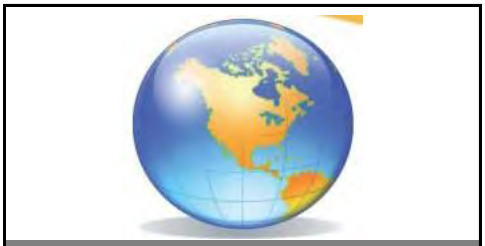
Marion High School
1205 South Main Street
Marion, SC 29571



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:**	Dr. Nathaniel Nelson
Enrollment:	704 students	**Superintendent:**	Dan Strickland
School Phone:	843-423-2571	**Board Chair:**	Cynthia H. Legette
School Website:	http://mahs.marion.k12.sc.us/		



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

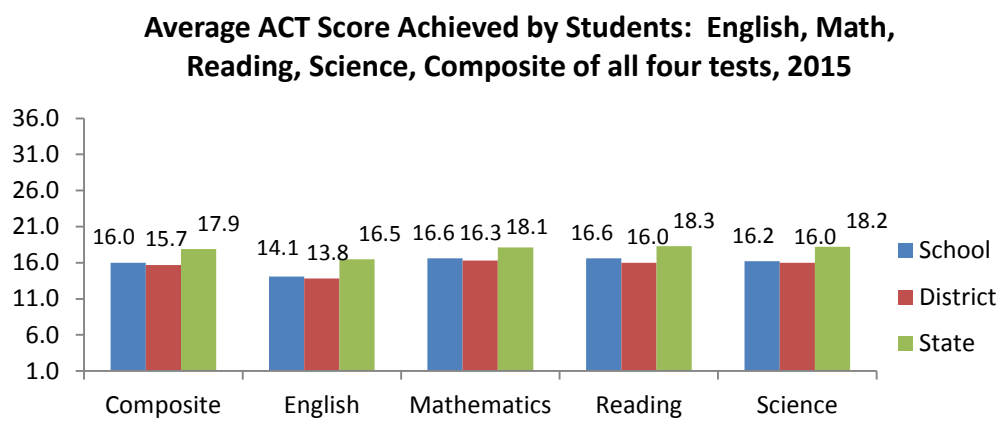
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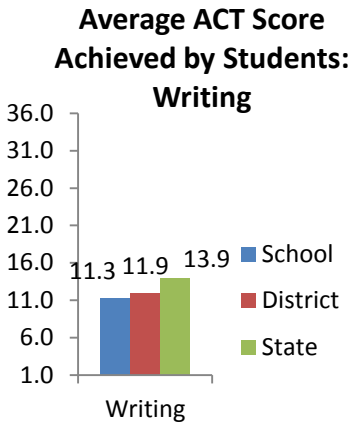
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL With the continuity of a returning administrative team, Marion High School continues its tradition of academic excellence. We provide a structured, safe, and nurturing environment where students can excel in academics, athletics, and the arts. With a highly qualified staff, we provide numerous curricular and extracurricular activities to meet the needs of our diverse student population. In addition to college preparatory classes, we offer Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit courses. To ease the transition into high school, we provide double-blocked English and math classes for ninth graders. For all students, academic assistance programs are provided through a homework center, tutoring services, credit and content recovery, and summer school/extended year. Non diploma students are served in our Occupational Program and Trainable Mentally Disabled class. Our exceptional Fine Arts program includes Drama, Art, and Concert and Marching Band. With great pride, we highlight some of the many accomplishments of our students and staff: 3 Palmetto Fellow Scholarship Recipients 1 SC Academic Honors Achievement Award 40 seniors received Marion High School Diplomas of Excellence (29 Units, B average, no final average lower than C) 70 seniors plan to attend a four- year college; 52 will attend a two-year college; all are eligible for the Life Scholarship 11 seniors 18 total students with1100, 1200, or 1300 on the SAT/ACT/PSAT $3,694,524 in merit Scholarships and Grants received by seniors JROTC rated an Honor Unit of Distinction for 20 consecutive years 2 Students accepted to Governor's School for Science and Math DAR Marion County Scholarship Essay Winner SC High School League North South Team Assistant Basketball Coach Regional Wrestling Champion 1A/2A National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and Finalist New JAG program State Champion in Skills USA Collision Repair Technology Marching Band Competition Winners 2 Wendy's Heisman Award Winners Best in Show at Marion County Art Show and Firsts in all categories We continuously strive to improve our standardized test scores including: End of Course tests, ACT, WorkKeys, attendance rate, graduation rate, and to reduce discipline referrals and drop-out rates by offering various interventions and character development. We recognize that education is the responsibility of the entire community and appreciate your continued support and partnership to reinforce our efforts. Dr. Nathaniel Nelson, Principal Mrs. Sandra Honaker, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE

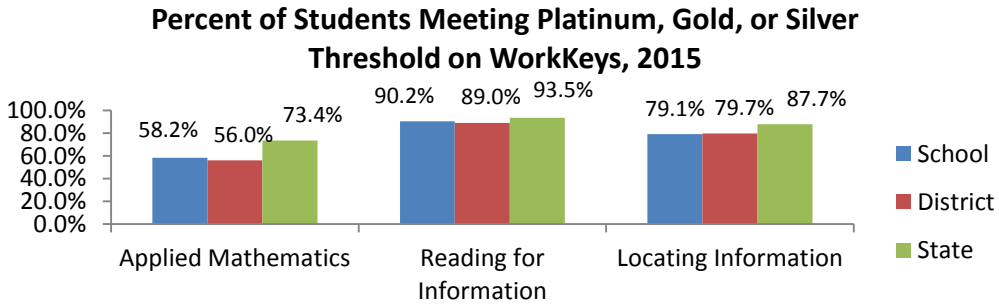




The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
21.4	10.4	14.9	5.2	3.2

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.



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
19.6	492	498	489	1480

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	81.6	70.9	85.7
English 1	70.8	54.4	75.1
Biology 1	65.8	62.7	77.8
US History and the Constitution	55.0	48.6	69.1
All Subjects	67.1	59.1	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**
83.5	83.1	64.4	N/A

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**
82.1	64.0	76.9	69.7

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	**District**	**State**
44.0	**31.5**	**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**
52.9	**77.2**	**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 = 704)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	88.8	Down from 92.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.4	Up from 93.2%	93.4
With disabilities	15.7	Up from 15.5%	14.4
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	1.1
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	14.8	Up from 12.4%	9.1
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.9	Down from 16.0%	6.9
Successful in AP/IB programs	21.4	Up from 15.1%	14.0
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	6.5	N/A	3.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	741	N/A	451
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.2	N/A	7.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	94	N/A	76
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	72.3
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	16	N/A	36
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	91.3
Annual dropout rate	3.0	Up from 2.8%	1.9
Dropout recovery rate	4.8	N/A	6.0
Percentage of students retained	4.5	Down from 4.6%	4.1
Teachers (n = 41)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	63.4	Up from 62.8%	60.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	80.5	Up from 74.4%	68.4
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0	Down from 88.8%	79.8
Teacher attendance rate	97.6	Down from 99.1%	95.8
Average teacher salary*	$46,546	Up 2.3%	$46,307
Professional development days / teacher	13.1 days	Up from 12.6 days	10.9 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.0	Down from 6.1%	8.8
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	1.3

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	147	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.2	66.0	80.4
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.2	62.3	78.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.3	80.5	68.7

* 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	3.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.1 to 1	Down from 24.8 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5	Down from 91.1%	87.4
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	3.0	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 97.2%	99.9
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	26.0	N/A	15.4
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	36.5	N/A	28.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	2.0
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	0.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,821	Down 0.5%	$10,217
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.7	Up from 55.2%	55.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	57.0	Up from 56.7%	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	Below Average
2012	Average	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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