

CHEROKEE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

3206 Cherokee Avenue
Gaffney, SC 29340

Grades	10-12 Career Center	
Enrollment	542 Students	
Director	Harold G. Talley	864-206-2576
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Superintendent	Dr. Edgar C. Taylor	864-902-3542

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Good	At-Risk
2009	Excellent	Good
2008	Excellent	Excellent
2007	Good	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
17	14	3	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/18/2011.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=542)			
With disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Up from 9.8%	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.1%	Down from 15.0%	21.6%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	542	Down from 594	608
Students participating in work-based experiences	73.8%	Up from 67.0%	16.2%
Teachers (n=27)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.6%	Up from 55.2%	23.8%
Continuing contract teachers	92.6%	Down from 100.0%	76.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Down from 96.7%	90.8%
Teacher attendance rate	92.3%	Up from 92.2%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,656	Down 4.5%	\$46,840
Professional development days/teacher	3.6 days	Down from 8.4 days	10.9 days
School			
Director's years at Center	4.5	Up from 3.5	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$4,769	Up 16.6%	\$3,211
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.5%	Up from 65.6%	58.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.4%	Up from 72.1%	66.9%
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 94.9%	79.8%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	123	69
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	86.2%	92.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	86.9%	79.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.0%	87.0%	81.2%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

Performance By Student Groups

	Technical Skill Attainment			Graduation Rate			Placement Rate		
	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %
	n	%		n	%		n	%	
All Students	460	94.4%	87.6%	140	97.1%	94.7%	200	95.0%	96.3%
Students with Disabilities on Diploma Track	56	94.6%	75.9%	10	100.0%	70.3%	83	97.6%	95.6%
Gender									
Male	303	92.1%	84.8%	88	97.7%	93.6%	126	96.0%	96.5%
Female	157	98.7%	90.9%	52	96.2%	95.9%	74	93.2%	96.2%
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	380	100.0%	100.0%	113	100.0%	100.0%	175	94.3%	96.8%
African American	80	100.0%	100.0%	23	100.0%	100.0%	21	100.0%	95.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	N/A	100.0%	0	N/A	100.0%	0	N/A	97.5%
Hispanic	23	100.0%	100.0%	4	I/S	100.0%	4	I/S	96.1%
American Indian/Alaskan	0	N/A	100.0%	0	N/A	93.1%	0	N/A	88.0%
Migrant Status									
Migrant	0	N/A	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	21	90.5%	85.1%	0	N/A	93.7%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	460	94.4%	87.6%	140	97.1%	94.8%	97	94.9%	95.0%

* n = number of students on which percentage is calculated.

Definitions of Performance Rating Terms

- * Technical Skill Attainment --- The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at the center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.
- * Graduation Rate --- The percentage of 12th grade career and technology students who graduate in the spring.
- * Placement Rate --- The percentage of career and technology completers available for placement over a 3-year period who are actually placed in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment.

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Report of Director and School Improvement Council

Cherokee Technology Center affords learners from Blacksburg and Gaffney High Schools the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills through Career and Technology Education. Being fully SACS accredited, Cherokee Technology Center is an institution dedicated to success. Our school's success is indicative of the outstanding effort and performance demonstrated by the students, parents, teachers, and advisory councils at Cherokee Technology Center. We believe that our joint dedication to excellence and our collaborative efforts continually assist us in surpassing our goals.

Our highly qualified faculty is always dedicated to success and ready to tackle any project. With 100% of our faculty classified as highly qualified, our instructors are continually seeking to better themselves to benefit the school and namely the students. Our instructors are always eager to attend additional training and workshops while preparing themselves to pass on pertinent knowledge to other stakeholders in our school. With three OSHA certified instructors, we have been able to certify 37 CATE students during the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, CTC in conjunction with the Gaffney City Fire Department and was able to certify 12 students in the 1152 Fire Safety course. CTC also partnered with Hamrick Mills, Inc to offer an intensive cooperative education program to CTC students. CTC was able to send 14 students to Hamrick Mills while another 9 students participated in cooperative education opportunities at other local business and industry. Dedicated to community efforts as well, our faculty of 35 members was able to make sizeable donations to the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes.

In 2011-2012, Cherokee Technology Center will continue to provide a diverse educational experience that will benefit all stakeholders. Cherokee Technology Center will continue to partner with Blacksburg and Gaffney High Schools to implement the Education and Economic Development Act. Cherokee Technology Center will continue to partner with Gaffney High School and Blacksburg High School to implement High Schools that Work. Curriculum improvements will ensure that our students are afforded the most current and relevant curriculum available.

Harold G. Talley, Director
Terry Hall, SIC President

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress

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