



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ACADEMY FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE (BEAUFORT-Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 432)
Director: J. Christopher Dinkins
Board Chair: Mr. Earl Campbell
Superintendents: Dr. Valerie Truesdale Beaufort County
Dr. Vashti K. Washington Jasper

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	14	3	4	1

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/18/2011. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
91	83.5%		87.6%

GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
56	91.1%		94.7%

PLACEMENT RATE

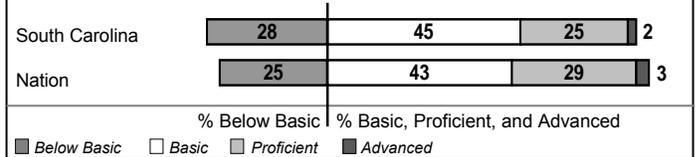
The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
204	98.0%		96.3%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

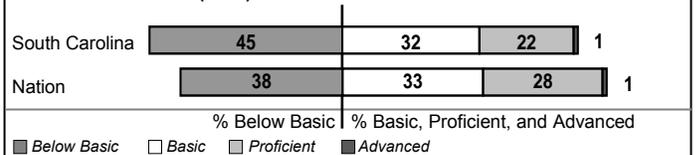
READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



SC 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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ACADEMY FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE (BEAUFORT- SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=432)			
With disabilities other than speech	1.6%	Down from 6.6%	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	17.1%	Up from 14.1%	21.6%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	432	Up from 412	608
Students participating in work-based experiences	11.1%	Down from 40.5%	16.2%
Teachers (n=30)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Down from 40.6%	23.8%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 71.9%	76.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.4%	Up from 84.7%	90.8%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,291	Down 1.4%	\$46,840
Professional development days/teacher	6.0 days	N/R	10.9 days
Center			
Director's years at Center	2.0	N/R	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,026	Up 9.8%	\$3,211
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	44.4%	Down from 47.7%	58.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	47.1%	Down from 55.1%	66.9%
Parents attending conferences	94.9%	N/R	79.8%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	0	2
Percent satisfied with learning environment	55.6%	FORMS	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	70.4%	LOST IN	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66.7%	SHIPMENT	I/S

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (ACE) provides Career and Technology Education (CATE) to public high school students in Beaufort and Jasper County School Districts. Students attend ACE from the 7 high schools and 1 junior high school in the two counties.

ACE strives to prepare students for college and provide high-level technical training for students in grades 9-12. The faculty embraces a model that infuses reading, writing, math, and essential skills throughout the curriculum. ACE received the Palmetto Gold Award in 2006 and 2007. ACE also received a Palmetto Silver Award in 2004.

ACE offers 13 Completer programs. Students elect to attend classes at ACE on either a full-time or part-time basis. Students are encouraged to participate in professional development through co-curricular leadership activities with national student organizations such as National Technical Honor Society, SkillsUSA, Future Farmers of America, Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA), and American Welding Society. ACE has over 100 partners from business, industry, and the military. There is ample opportunity for students to complete a work-based learning experience or participate in community service events.

Current accountability data indicates that 71% of 10th grade students passed the High School Assessment Program exams on the first attempt in April of 2010. A senior capstone project is expected of all students who complete a technical program. The project incorporates a research paper, a finished product, and an oral presentation judged by a panel of business and industry partners.

Each year, ACE inducts students into the National Technical Honor Society. Each year, ACE places over 97% of seniors who complete a technical program in a related job, college, or the military.

Patricia Walls, Chair School Advisory Committee
J. Christopher Dinkins, Director

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