



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA HIGH**  
**Aiken**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 270  
**Principal: Mason Cummings**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Ms. Rosemary B. English**

## 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	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	CSI
2010	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	3	20	1	1

\*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	58.2%	65.0%	69.4%	69.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	24.1%	16.7%	16.4%	17.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	17.7%	18.3%	14.3%	13.4%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.5%	87.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	75	195
Number of Diplomas	46	142
Rate (%)	61.3%	71.9%

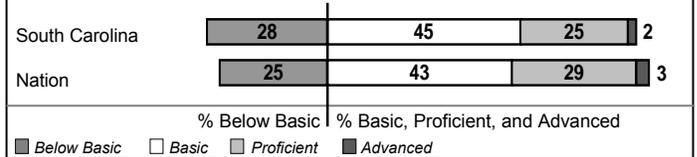
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.1	69.7
English 1	39.3	56.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	24.1	54.9
Physical Science	55.9	46.4
US History and the Constitution	25.4	34.6
All Tests	37.3	50.7

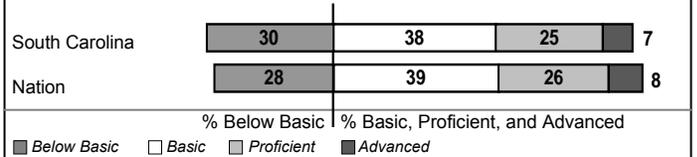
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* 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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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=270)</b>				
Retention rate	8.4%	Up from 6.5%	4.2%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.6%	95.3%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	0.7%	Down from 8.3%	10.5%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 12.7%	11.9%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	11.8%	Down from 14.4%	9.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	No Change	0.9%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	3.6%	Down from 10.2%	9.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	29.6%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.7%	Down from 26.2%	27.7%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	4.7%	Down from 6.4%	2.7%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	22.6%	Up from 13.4%	5.6%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	159	Down from 162	280	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	76.1%	Up from 64.7%	78.6%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=23)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	Down from 65.2%	59.8%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	82.6%	Down from 91.3%	74.5%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Up from 88.5%	83.6%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.3%	95.0%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,710	Down 2.8%	\$46,710	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3%	Down from 3.4%	3.4%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 11.6 days	9.8 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	24.4 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.9%	Down from 87.6%	90.1%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,942	Down 11.3%	\$8,248	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.2%	Up from 43.5%	55.3%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.5%	Up from 47.5%	59.6%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.4%	Up from 86.8%	96.8%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	44.4%	Down from 46.2%	56.4%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Community of RS-M High:

Ridge Spring-Monetta High School is driving towards excellence. In this drive, we have found a great challenge in returning to Palmetto Gold Award status we enjoyed a short time ago. We did produce a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, ten Life Scholars, individual recipients of the EnergySolutions Scholarship, Marching Band State Finalists, and a host of other honors, awards, and recognition.

RS-M High received an Absolute Rating of Average on the School Report Card and, unfortunately, did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). We have committed our school efforts to meeting students where they are and developing the skills necessary to compete in an evolving workforce. We have also strove to push for greater opportunities for the accelerated achievers.

Our school continues to prescribe to the notion that every student can learn and our mission is to consistently seek and promote pathways for our students to become successful beyond high school. Ridge Spring – Monetta High is committed to creating an environment that sends productive citizens to college, our military, and into the workforce. We look forward to the challenge of addressing our weaknesses and augmenting our strengths. RS-M High is still the Best Little High School in South Carolina.

Mason Cummings, Principal  
Mary Cromer, SIC Chairperson

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	44	19
Percent satisfied with learning environment	57.9%	47.7%	73.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.7%	63.6%	72.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	47.4%	65.9%	77.8%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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