

## Pickens County Career & Technology Center

990 Chastain Road  
Liberty, SC 29657

<b>Grades</b>	9-12 Career Center	
<b>Enrollment</b>	979 Students	
<b>Director</b>	Ken Hitchcock	864-397-4500
<b>Board Chair</b>	Alex Saitta	864-868-1961
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.	864-397-1000



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## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

### RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Good

### 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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
29	8	3	0	0

NOTE: Ratings are calculated with data available by 05/18/2015.

**School Profile**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
<b>Students (n = 979)</b>			
With disabilities	11.6%	Down from 13.4%	11.4%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	60.8%	Up from 55.4%	24.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	979	Down from 1019	586
Students participating in work-based experiences	15.1%	Up from 14.9%	19.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 31)</b>			
Teachers with advanced degrees	25.8%	Down from 26.1%	25.0%
Continuing contract teachers	80.6%	Down from 87.0%	74.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Down from 91.2%	90.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.1%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,786	Down 5.8%	\$48,775
Professional development days/teacher	22.2 days	Up from 18.4 days	13.2 days
<b>Center</b>			
Director's years at center	1.0	Down from 10.0	4.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parents attending conferences	8.0%	Down 100.0%	85.0%
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	12	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.6%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.7%	I/S	I/S

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

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**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	%	%
<b>All Students</b>	955	93.9%	90.3%	230	97.8%	93.0%	527	95.8%	96.9%
<b>Students with Disabilities on Diploma Track</b>	109	88.1%	81.4%	23	87.0%	74.2%	44	90.9%	96.3%
<b>Gender</b>									
Male	520	93.5%	87.6%	123	96.7%	91.4%	277	97.1%	96.9%
Female	435	94.5%	93.2%	107	99.1%	94.5%	250	94.4%	96.9%
<b>Racial/Ethnic Group</b>									
White	847	94.6%	92.9%	206	98.1%	94.4%	135	96.3%	96.8%
African American	56	87.5%	86.8%	15	93.3%	91.3%	15	93.3%	96.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	90.9%	89.5%	2	I/S	96.7%	1	I/S	100.0%
Hispanic	39	89.7%	92.5%	7	100.0%	95.0%	3	I/S	96.3%
American Indian/Alaskan	2	I/S	97.8%	0	N/A	99.0%	0	N/A	100.0%
<b>Migrant Status</b>									
Migrant	0	N/A	80.0%	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>English Proficiency</b>									
Limited English Proficient	19	84.2%	90.6%	0	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Socio-Economic Status</b>									
Subsidized meals	392	92.1%	87.7%	230	97.8%	93.3%	185	95.7%	96.3%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

**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**

The 2013-2014 school year has been exciting and filled with many successes and new challenges. The PCCTC has a new director and a new district program being housed on campus. Ken Hitchcock took over for Leonard Williams, who retired after serving eleven years as the director. The School District of Pickens County created a Drop-out Prevention program called C3 (Citizenship, College and Career) that has completed its debut in June 2014.

The PCCTC partnered with D-HEC to start SC Prairie Project on campus. This has involved several programs with the implementation of this exciting project. The first 9th grade STEM Academy for Pre-engineering and Bio-Medical careers was highly successful.

Our student organizations made a huge mark at the State and National level. FFA won several state competitions throughout the year with a strong delegation participating at the state convention at Clemson University. HOSA will be sending 14 students to the national convention in Orlando, Florida. PCCTC brought home 6 gold, 12 silver and 8 bronze medals from the Skills-USA state competition.

We are continuing to expand our partnership with local industry. Several advance manufacturing groups are recruiting our students into work-based learning opportunities. Many students have earned employment and scholarship opportunities this year.

We will continue to improve our highly successful mock interview experience with students. We plan to enhance our cover letter and resume development with seniors. We have seen positive growth with Work-Keys results and acceptance to college.

A challenge for the future continues to be keeping up with technology- both equipment and software. The most significant challenge to us is the budget. We will continue to search for resources to keep our programs up-to-date. State and local funding has been cut significantly since 2008. However, the costs of supplies continue to rise.

We are proud of the community support for our CTE programs. We hope all of our parents and community members will visit our facility during open house this fall.

Director – Ken Hitchcock

School Advisory Committee Chairperson- Jeremy Arnett

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**ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System**

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal High and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

**Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)**

Pickens County Career & Technology Center has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the lowest 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

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