



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

D.W. Daniel High School

PICKENS COUNTY

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,047

Principal: Danny Merck

Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.

Board Chair: Alex Saitta

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	0	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

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

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	91.6%	86.3%	88.9%	88.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	6.1%	9.6%	7.9%	9.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	2.3%	4.1%	4.0%	3.7%

### HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.1%	96.3%

### ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	269	330
Number of diplomas	236	293
Rate (%)	87.7%	89.0%

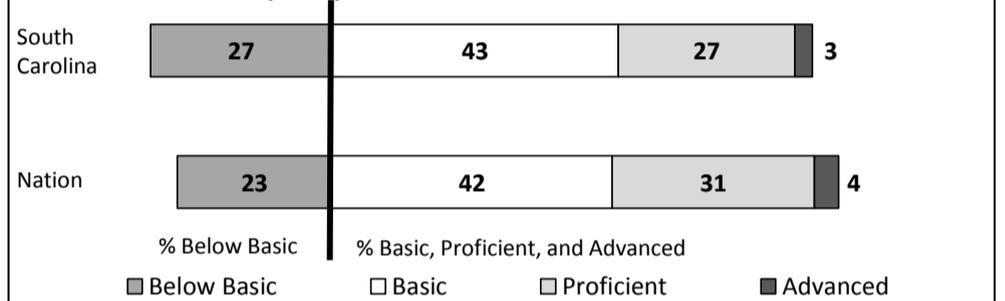
### END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	93.4%	86.0%
English 1	78.3%	81.9%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	85.6%	89.3%
US History and the Constitution	83.1%	76.9%
All Tests	85.2%	84.1%

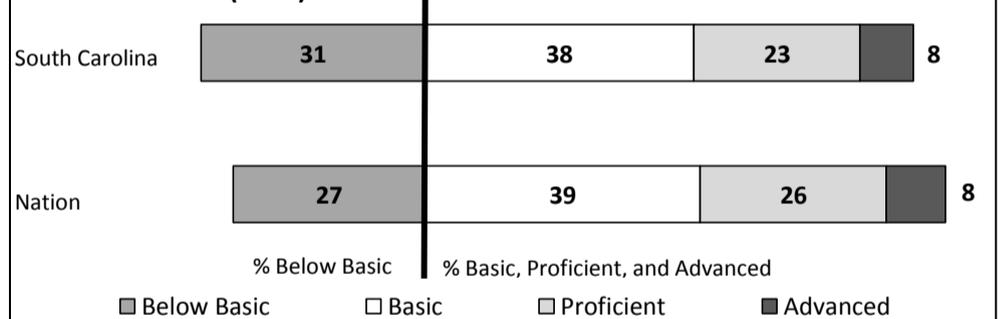
### NAEP\*

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

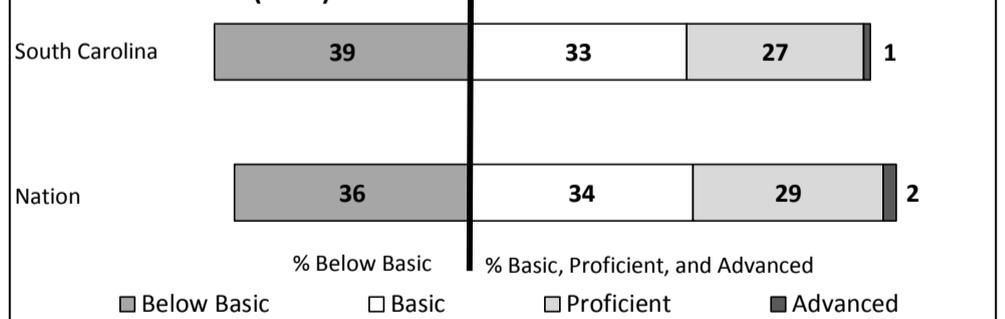
#### READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



#### MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)



#### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)



### 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 = 1,047)</b>				
Retention Rate	2.1%	Up from 1.4%	2.4%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	94.2%	Down from 94.4%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	35.3%	Up from 29.3%	37.8%	17.7%
With disabilities	9.4%	Down from 11.2%	8.5%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Up from 3.5%	4.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	No change	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	34.6%	Up from 30.7%	47.1%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	82.1%	Up from 82.0%	57.5%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	68.5%	Up from 66.1%	36.8%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	0.0%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	428	Down from 475	529	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	90.2%	Up from 87.7%	89.4%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 2.6%	1.0%	2.1%

<b>Teachers (n = 54)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.2%	Up from 83.0%	70.4%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	90.7%	Down from 92.5%	79.6%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Down from 92.4%	86.6%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.6%	95.7%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,381	Up 1.4%	\$50,248	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Up from 0.0%	2.3%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.1 days	Up from 8.3 days	9.6 days	10.0 days

<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.9 to 1	Down from 30.3 to 1	28.4 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 88.7%	90.2%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$14,433	Up 118.0%	\$8,092	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	No change	59.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.5%	Down from 63.0%	59.9%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	98.8%	98.7%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	92.3	Up from 89.0	92.3	84.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	174	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	85.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	88.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.2%	86.8%	I/S

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Daniel High is one of four high schools in a rural county-wide school district. For over fifty years we have provided experiences that enable our graduates to face future challenges with confidence and enthusiasm. Our student population includes approximately 1040 students in grades 9-12. DHS has established a tradition of excellence that is evident throughout all areas of our school and recognized across our state. Our vision is to graduate our students with as many skills and as much knowledge as we can provide in a culture of generosity, encouragement, and civility. US News and World Report named Daniel High as the top traditional public high school in SC for 2012 and one of the top 10 high schools in SC for 2013-14. In 2014-15, we will offer 20 AP courses to provide more opportunities for higher learning to our students. Our students routinely score above state and national averages on HSAP, EOCEP, SAT and ACT tests. In 2013-14, we experienced significant increases in our EOCEP scores in United States History. Daniel's successes are not limited to academic performance. Our students excel outside the classroom as well. Our extra-curricular organizations promote leadership and are vital to our students' overall growth. Students participate in various academic competitions, and our athletic teams regularly compete for regional and state championships. Students in our fine arts programs participate competitively in regional and state competitions and share their talents in the community. In 2013-14, the DHS Marching Band finished ranked in the top 10 in SC. One of the highlights of their year is our annual May Show. Our students' commitment to service learning is a commendable component of Daniel's tradition of excellence. Our students recognize that it is important to share their time and talents with their community. Our faculty strongly supports the belief that we are responsible for helping all students learn. We offer weekly after-school tutoring programs and HSAP preparation sessions staffed by DHS teachers to support student success. Another key effort in helping students be successful is our FastTrack program. This program offers a cohort group of 9th grade students the best possible academic opportunities and helps them get off to a strong start in earning their high school diplomas. Our teachers have high expectations for our students and for themselves. Seventy percent of our professional staff hold advanced degrees, and 20 teachers have achieved National Board Certification. Through continued professional development our teachers model life-long learning as an encouragement and example to our students.

Amy Hallenbeck, School Improvement Council Chair  
Dr. Danny Merck, Principal

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