



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY**
Grades: 3-11 Enrollment: 39
Principal: Nikol Smith
Superintendent: Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes
Board Chair: Mr. Joseph Lee

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	At-Risk	Excellent	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2013	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	1	10	5	7

* 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 (%)	33.3%	57.1%	61.4%	57.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	33.3%	28.6%	21.4%	26.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	33.3%	14.3%	21.1%	17.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	33.3%	76.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	2	74
Number of diplomas	0	52
Rate (%)	0.0%	61.6%

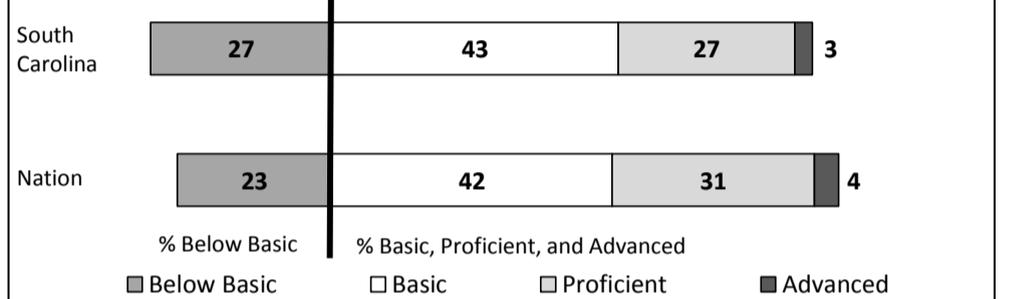
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	50.0%	63.4%
English 1	75.0%	50.4%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	33.3%	58.2%
US History and the Constitution	0.0%	39.9%
All Tests	50.0%	53.4%

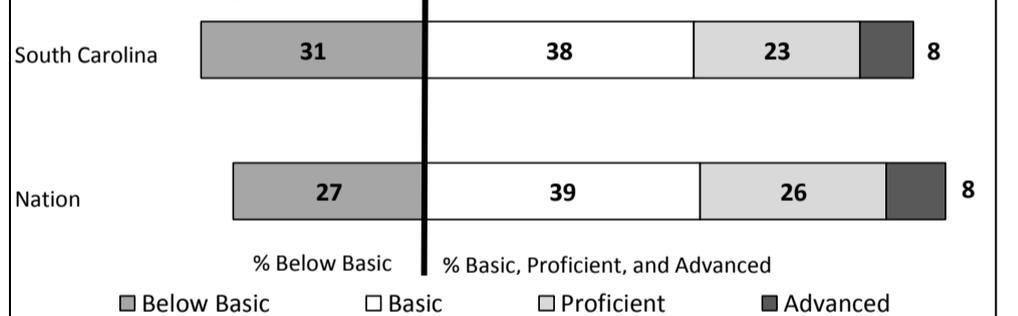
NAEP*

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

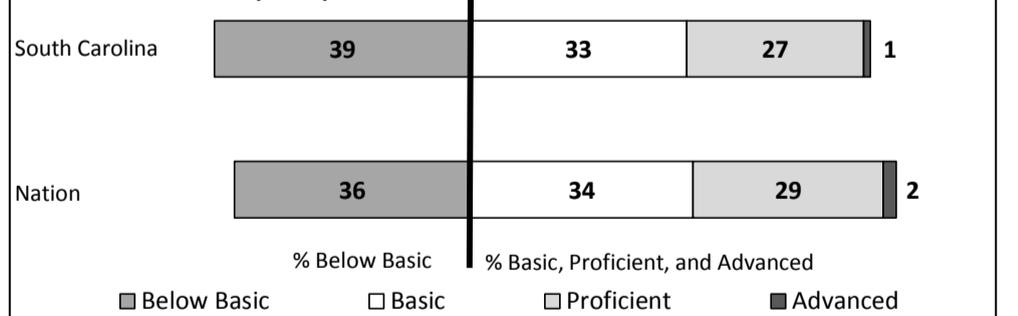
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



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.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 39)				
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 5.3%	5.1%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 91.7%	95.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.3%	No change	6.4%	17.7%
With disabilities	18.4%	Down from 26.3%	17.8%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	34.2%	Up from 31.6%	11.4%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	N/A	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	N/A	1.3%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	68.4%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/A	29.0%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	3.3%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	198	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	81.4%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	1.1%	2.1%

Teachers (n = 6)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	N/A	N/A	60.0%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/A	N/A	60.0%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	75.6%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/A	95.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	N/A	N/A	\$45,440	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	100.0%	Up from 75.7%	16.3%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	0.8 days	N/A	9.4 days	10.0 days

School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	3.5 to 1	N/A	17.8 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/A	88.8%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$0	N/A	\$12,918	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	53.8%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	54.5%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Up from N/R	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.4%	N/A	97.9%	98.7%
Character development program	Unsatisfactory	N/A	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	40.8	N/A	58.6	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	6	10	2
Percent satisfied with learning environment	I/S	50.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	I/S	70.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	I/S	80.0%	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**

The mission of The Youth Academy Charter School, a non-profit public Charter School of Williamsburg County School District, is:

To provide a quality educational experience in a structured, supportive environment through the implementation and evaluation of specific students and program performance measures in the areas of academic preparedness, life skill competencies, vocational readiness, and behavior management skills for students with special needs, students seeking an alternate learning style and/or smaller environment. Students are accepted from the surrounding communities within Williamsburg County School District.

In accordance with Federal law & U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy, this instruction is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The school environment and philosophy places a unique holistic emphasis on working with the entire family to improve the overall living environment of each student.

The Youth Academy Charter School is chartered for grades K – 12; but currently serves 2nd through 12th grade. We currently serve five (5) primary students, twelve (12) elementary students and twenty two (22) high school students for a total enrollment of thirty nine (39) students. The 2011-2012 school term; YACS had four (4) graduates and five (5) early graduates equaling a total of 9 graduates; of the 22 high school students enrolled in grades 9th through 12th.

The school received an absolute rating of “0” due to the small number of students per sub group. Classroom ratios are 1:8 or 1:10, the smaller classroom settings provides the student with additional individualized instruction and teacher assistance.

Youth Academy Charter School (YACS) currently receives Title I funding based on the high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Youth Academy Charter School uses the following programs, in addition to state and district mandated assessments; MAP, PASS, HSAP, EOC, USA Test Prep and Study Island to give an accurate picture of the needs to connect student growth and achievement.

The APEX online curriculum and American School curriculum is offered to assist high school students with credit recovery, remedial, advanced placement, and honors courses as well as regular courses to obtain Carnegie units for graduation.

Youth Academy Charter School board has made several changes within the school to decrease management authority at the school levels; restructure the internal organization; and appoint an outside expert to advise the school to assist the school. Consultants contracted to work with YACS are one consultant from SC State level and one educational consultant.

YACS teachers regularly attend professional development conferences focused assessing individual student needs, student growth, teaching strategies, common core

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