

## Calhoun County High School

150 Saints Avenue  
St. Matthews, SC 29135



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

<b>Grades:</b>	9-12 High	<b>Principal:</b>	Cynthia Johnson
<b>Enrollment:</b>	475 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. Steve Wilson
<b>School Phone:</b>	803-874-3071	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Gary Porth
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/ccpsonline.net/cchs/">https://sites.google.com/a/ccpsonline.net/cchs/</a>		



### Profile of the SC Graduate

#### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

#### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

#### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

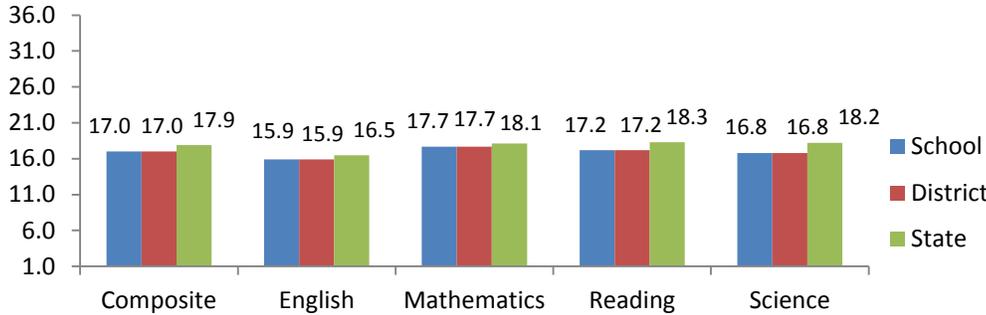
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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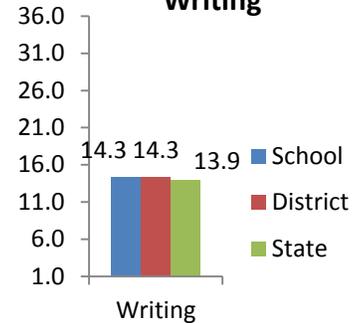
Calhoun County High School is helping all students develop the world class skills as well as life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by continuing our March Toward Excellence as our school community focuses on "Offering the Total Package-Embracing the Future." Calhoun County High School is a small rural school serving approximately 464 students in grades 9-12. The school has a 91.2% graduation rate with a 92% poverty index. Our teachers worked hard to increase rigor in the classroom as we prepared students for career and college readiness, as well as focused on preparing for State assessments, ACT; WorkKeys; and (EOC) End of Course Exams. The district moved forward in becoming a Future Ready District by finalizing a concrete plan to place an electronic device in every student's hand. Our learning community made a commitment to embracing the future through technology by fostering creative and innovation ideas of students, pushing all students to becoming critical thinkers, and placing an emphasis on soft skills to ensure students are ready to face the challenges of a rapidly growing global society. Sharing in the vision of "Offering the Total Package-Embracing the Future" the local technical college partnered with us to offer ACT and WorkKeys preparation; and college and career readiness to our tenth graders. The dedication of the teachers, hard work of students, and support of parents and the community continues to bring pride and positive recognition to Calhoun County High School. Cynthia Byrd-Johnson Principal Archie Simmons School Improvement Council Chair

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015**



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**

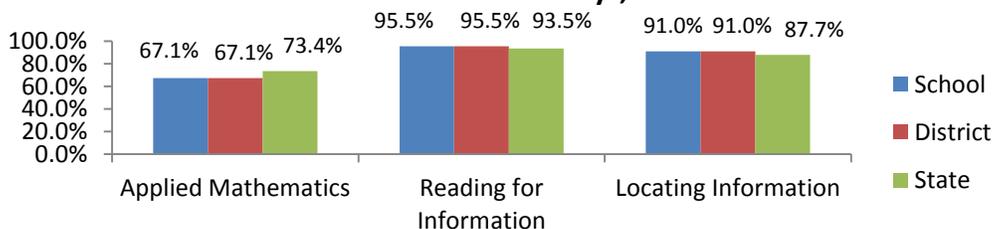


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
29.1	13.6	15.5	8.7	3.9

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

**Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015**



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
16.5	417	435	404	1256

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.5	74.1	85.7
English 1	53.1	58.4	75.1
Biology 1	59.0	65.7	77.8
US History and the Constitution	41.1	53.5	69.1
All Subjects	57.2	63.1	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

**OUTCOMES**

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
92.0	91.2	84.1	85.4

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
91.3	84.1	85.4	87.0

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
30.4	N/A	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
50.5	50.5	70.3

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 475)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	84.9	Down from 93.1%	N/A
Attendance Rate	92.6	Down from 96.9%	93.7
With disabilities	15.2	Up from 14.9%	14.9
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5	Down from 2.2%	0.9
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	11.1	Down from 14.4%	13.7
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	12.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	20.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	4.3
Enrollment in career/technology courses	451	Up from 296	687
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0	Down from 100.0%	7.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	62	N/A	96
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	100.0	N/A	74.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	180	N/A	38
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	93.0	N/A	92.3
Annual dropout rate	0.2	No change	1.9
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	5.7
Percentage of students retained	2.4	Down from 3.5%	3.3
<b>Teachers (n = 30)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	73.3	Up from 70.0%	57.6
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	90.0	Up from 76.7%	70.2
Teachers returning from previous year	92.5	Up from 90.0%	80.4
Teacher attendance rate	95.8	Down from 96.3%	95.5
Average teacher salary*	\$48,400	Up 3.7%	\$46,546
Professional development days / teacher	9.6 days	Up from 6.1 days	11.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8	No change	6.0
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.9

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	85	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.9	80.0	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1	79.6	100.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.1	79.5	91.7

\* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.0 to 1	Down from 23.5 to 1	23.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.3	Down from 91.2%	87.4
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	24.0	N/A	8.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.9	Down from 99.1%	99.6
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	16.5	N/A	25.7
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.1	N/C	2.0
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.2	N/C	0.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,021	Up 0.6%	\$10,093
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.7	Up from 55.8%	55.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	56.9	Up from 56.1%	57.2

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of School**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	At-Risk
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

- SC State Content Standards
- [Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
- [2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
- [Report Card Data Files](#)
- [ESEA Data Files](#)

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