

South Florence High School

3200 S. Irby St.

Florence, SC 29505



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.

Grades:	9-12 High	Principal:	Carol C. Hill
Enrollment:	1,671 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Randy Bridges
School Phone:	843-664-8190	Board Chair:	S. Porter Stewart
School Website:	https://www.fsd1.org/schools/southflorence/Pages/default.aspx		



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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

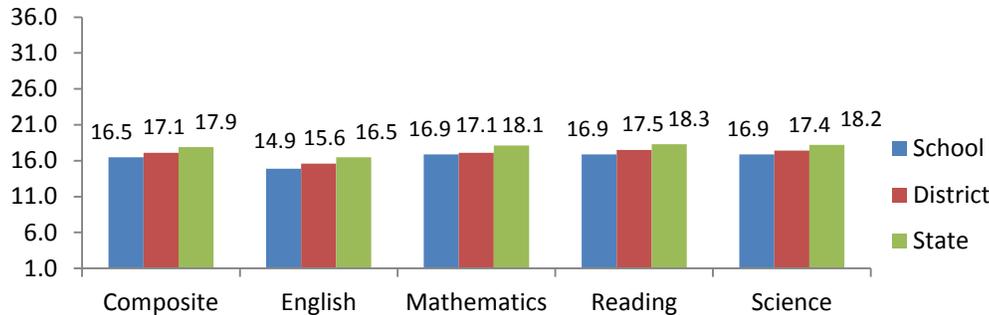
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

South Florence High School (SFHS) is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the profile of the South Carolina graduate. SFHS data indicate school commitment to building world-class knowledge in students. SFHS offered more Advanced Placement (AP) courses this year and increased the percentage of students passing AP exams, including a 94.7% passage rate of freshmen who took the AP Human Geography exam. The percentage of SFHS students passing AP exams exceeded the SC average and was on par with the national average. The 2015 graduating class earned over 8 million in scholarship monies, indicating a state-level and national-level respect for their accomplishments. One student received a full scholarship to Princeton. In addition, the school used an AIFS grant to develop an International Club. SFHS also hosted five international exchange students who presented to student groups, and a group from the school toured Europe this summer. SFHS initiatives cultivating world-class skills took many forms. Staff and student training continued related to the internationally recognized 16 Habits of Mind, thinking habits that help people know the “smart” thing to do when faced with challenges. Students used these thinking habits to produce a number of world-class products: a Chihuly-like art sculpture in the commons, an award-winning yearbook, an acclaimed literary magazine, a ropes course unique to the Pee Dee, a Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) conference display, and choreographed dance routines. In addition, the students committed to collaboration and won region championships in football and softball, an Excellent rating in band, and multiple NJROTC awards. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) initiatives increased as the school received two grants related to STEAM. SFHS facilitated life and career success indicators in students through implementing eleven (11) different innovation grants this year. Collaboration with community partners created multiple service-learning opportunities promoting health and wellness, initiatives such as starting a school garden and conducting vision and hearing screenings. Students also spearheaded the SFHS academic and arts showcase, Simply the Best, presenting to peers and parents. SFHS initiatives like monthly advisories, JAG, Leadership Class, Graduate Florence Academy, after school tutoring and credit recovery encouraged student self-directedness and hard work. Carol C. Hill, Principal Kiersten Camlin, School Improvement Council Chair

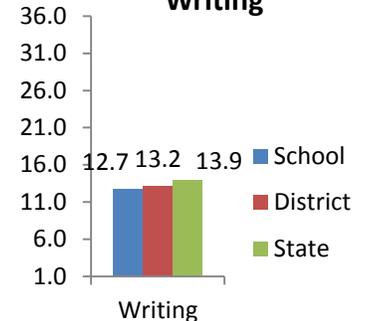
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

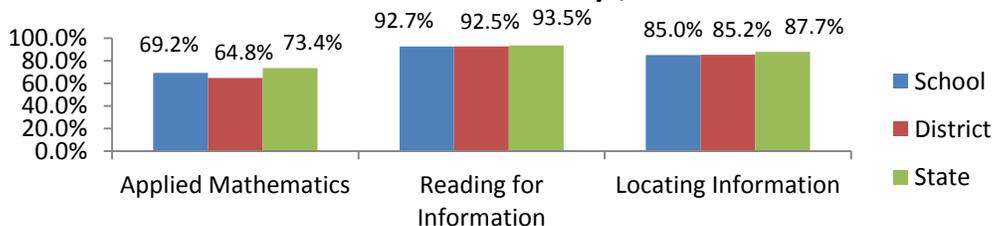


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
28	11.5	19.3	11	5.2

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.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
60.4	448	433	425	1306

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	87.9	78.6	85.7
English 1	63.6	64.9	75.1
Biology 1	68.0	74.5	77.8
US History and the Constitution	64.2	62.9	69.1
All Subjects	70.7	69.8	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
81.0	77.7	77.6	76.9

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
82.1	82.5	79.5	81.4

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
26.5	37.2	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
79.4	70.3	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
Students (n = 1,671)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	69.7	Down from 74.7%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.1	Down from 99.5%	94.0
With disabilities	18.3	No change	12.1
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4	Down from 2.0%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	11.4	Up from 7.6%	19.5
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.3	Down from 15.4%	15.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	50.3	Up from 49.2%	54.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	1.2
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1559	Up from 35	886
Students participating in work-based experiences	43.2	Down from 100.0%	12.5
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	197	N/A	210
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	70.7
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	42	N/A	67
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	96.1
Annual dropout rate	2.4	Down from 2.9%	2.6
Dropout recovery rate	5.1	N/A	5.8
Percentage of students retained	3.0	Down from 5.3%	2.9
Teachers (n = 88)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	69.3	No change	67.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	90.9	Up from 87.5%	82.6
Teachers returning from previous year	94.3	Up from 93.6%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	95.5	No change	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$50,502	Up 0.7%	\$48,834
Professional development days / teacher	10.8 days	Up from 6.9 days	11.2 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9	Down from 8.5%	2.3
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	1.7	N/A	0.5

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	44	197	111
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.4	66.2	85.6
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.1	72.8	78.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0	86.6	71.8

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.6 to 1	Up from 27.2 to 1	28.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3	Down from 93.7%	87.6
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	4.0	N/A	12.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 82.1%	99.9
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	18.0	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	12.3	N/A	20.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.7	N/C	1.8
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	0.6
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,909	Up 1.4%	\$8,133
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.6	Up from 59.2%	57.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	61.3	Up from 60.0%	58.2

* 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	Below Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Average

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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