



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:	Reena Watson
Enrollment:	1,183 students	Superintendent:	Mr. W. Burke Royster
School Phone:	864-355-1800	Board Chair:	Mrs. Lisa Wells
School Website:	http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/bridgehs/		



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

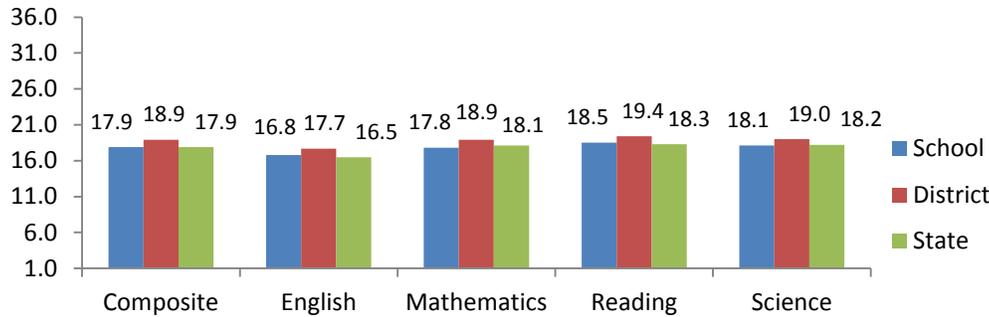
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Blue Ridge High School is helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing high expectations for all its students and fostering a climate where learning is shared by the home, school, and community. Our community prides itself on its open and welcoming atmosphere and contains parents and businesses which are highly supportive of school's varied curricular offerings. The PTSA, SIC and various booster clubs have dedicated many hours and resources to help the school achieve its goals in fostering growth for all students in the areas of academic, athletics, and activities, and artistic endeavors. In the area of academics, our school offers 14 Advanced Placement courses and 4 foreign languages, along with a number of specialized classes in the fields of horticulture and technology. Academic assistance is available before and after school and a credit recovery program operates within and beyond the school day. Our recent graduates received nearly 8 million dollars in scholarship offers for the 2014-2015 academic year; 221 students have indicated plans to attend college. In the area of athletics and student activities, the school provides a complete menu of athletic programs for all students. Athletes were selected as the local players of the year. We also have an award winning Air Force ROTC program which annually leads the school in many service activities and regularly brings awards and honors to BRHS. The FBLA program competes at the national level as it allows students the opportunity to grow in expertise in business leadership. Many student organizations contribute to the school and community, as well as compete and are recognized for their excellence. The Fine Arts program brings students together in band and chorus competitions at district and state levels. The visual art program has grown and students have been awarded at district and regional competitions. Beyond the three A's, Blue Ridge High School students also focus on community service with events throughout the year to support community needs. Our character education program grew in opportunities for all students. We see our many programs as ways to develop the whole child into bright, committed, ethical, and caring citizens of the future. The students are the focal point of every decision. Our goal is that each student in the school will leave with a high school diploma and is prepared to successfully meet the challenges of the world. Reena Watson, Principal Victor Horne, SIC Chair

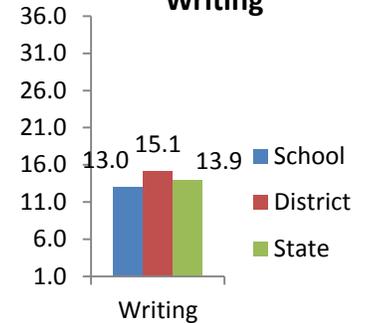
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

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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

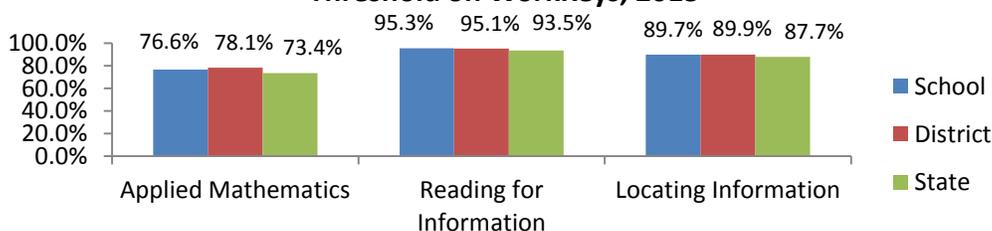


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
43.7	18.3	27.5	16.3	10.5

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
59.6	489	480	464	1433

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	87.0	83.4	85.7
English 1	78.1	75.6	75.1
Biology 1	85.6	80.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	66.7	74.6	69.1
All Subjects	80.6	79.7	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
89.7	84.2	82.7	75.0

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
85.6	86.0	79.5	83.2

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
27.4	39.0	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
78.5	79.2	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 = 1,183)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	49.8	Down from 52.1%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.2	Down from 95.7%	94.8
With disabilities	9.4	Down from 11.2%	9.5
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.5	Down from 4.2%	1.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	26.4	Down from 26.6%	25.7
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	32.3	Up from 30.9%	22.2
Successful in AP/IB programs	36.3	Up from 28.0%	60.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	7.2	Down from 10.1%	1.8
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1129	Up from 632	1420
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0	Down from 3.0%	7.5
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	154	N/A	266
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	76.5	N/A	80.8
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	59
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	86.2
Annual dropout rate	2.7	Up from 1.9%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	12.5	N/A	3.9
Percentage of students retained	1.1	Down from 1.5%	2.1
Teachers (n = 63)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	55.6	Down from 55.7%	64.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	81.0	Down from 83.6%	79.4
Teachers returning from previous year	81.6	Down from 83.6%	86.9
Teacher attendance rate	93.4	Down from 96.2%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$47,958	Down 1.7%	\$49,367
Professional development days / teacher	8.8 days	Up from 8.1 days	9.2 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3	Down from 1.0%	1.0
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.3

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	62	223	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.7	79.9	91.8
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.1	79.0	91.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.5	86.9	81.2

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	2.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.9 to 1	Down from 32.8 to 1	28.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9	Down from 91.3%	88.8
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	N/A	N/A	13.0
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 98.8%	99.8
Character development program	Fair	Down from Good	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	13.0	N/A	13.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	10.9	N/A	17.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.0	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	1.4
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,133	Up 10.9%	\$8,226
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9	Up from 57.6%	58.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.7	Up from 57.9%	60.1

* 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	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good

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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