

## Union County High School

1163 Lakeside Drive

Union, SC 29379



# 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>	Betsy Trakas
<b>Enrollment:</b>	1,158 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. Kristi V. Woodall
<b>School Phone:</b>	864-429-1750	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Dr. Wanda All
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://unionuchs.ss8.sharpschool.com/">http://unionuchs.ss8.sharpschool.com/</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

### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

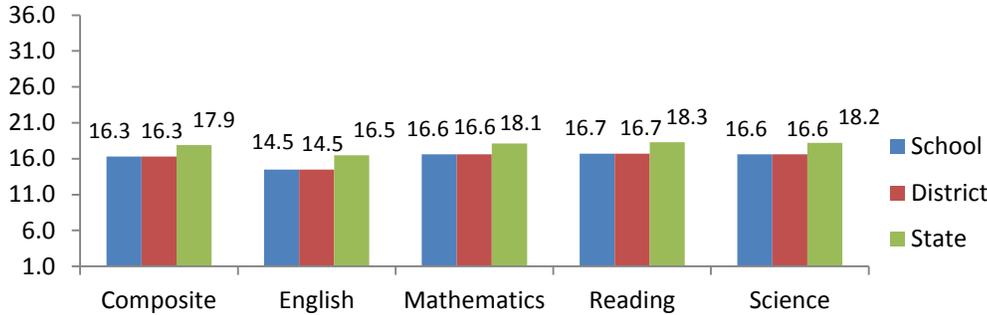
*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

Union County High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate through course offerings, as well as through co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Teachers promote creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork through projects, science labs, the College and Career Ready Writers program and participation in High Schools That Work, as well as through fine arts, athletics, and in classes at our partner school, the CATE Center. We also partner with three local colleges and universities to offer dual credit courses, and we offer 7 AP courses. Our faculty, staff, and students are proud of our Lady Jackets Softball Team, who won back-to-back state championships, and of our Indoor Percussion Ensemble who also won the C. I. P. A. Championship for the second year in a row. I enjoyed serving as interim principal from March through May 2015. During those months I was able to observe and determine areas of strength and areas for improvement. I look forward to serving as the principal of Union County High School during the 2015-16 school year. We will sustain those programs which have proven successful. At the same time, we will keep "students first" as we implement research-based initiatives to help our students develop the knowledge, skills, and characteristics that they need to be college and career ready. Betsy Trakas Principal

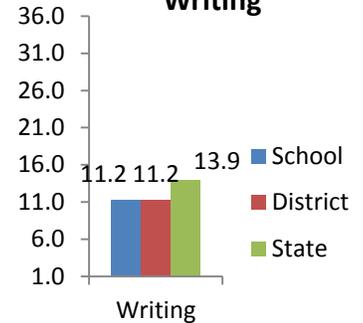
\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

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



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

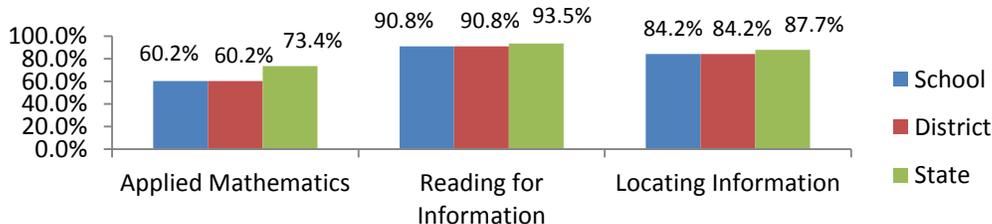


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
29.5	12.4	18.1	8.9	5.6

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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**KNOWLEDGE**

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
50.8	422	426	408	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	57.9	77.8	85.7
English 1	42.6	60.6	75.1
Biology 1	62.4	70.6	77.8
US History and the Constitution	55.9	60.8	69.1
All Subjects	55.9	67.6	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
73.9	78.8	82.2	79.3

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
80.7	83.3	79.3	73.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
30.0	30.0	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
83.3	83.3	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
<b>Students (n = 1,158)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	74.5	Down from 76.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	92.3	Down from 92.6%	94.0
With disabilities	16.3	No change	12.6
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.5	Up from 0.8%	0.9
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	20.4	Up from 19.7%	17.3
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.2	Down from 26.5%	10.9
Successful in AP/IB programs	32.7	Down from 40.3%	42.1
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	5.5
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1157	Up from 193	660
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.1	Down from 1.0%	10.3
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	166	N/A	157
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	75.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	97	N/A	56
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	98.0	N/A	99.0
Annual dropout rate	3.7	Up from 2.7%	2.4
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	4.6
Percentage of students retained	2.1	Down from 3.8%	3.0
<b>Teachers (n = 54)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	44.4	Down from 50.9%	60.9
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	75.9	Up from 69.1%	78.4
Teachers returning from previous year	75.2	Up from 71.8%	85.2
Teacher attendance rate	94.8	Down from 95.4%	95.4
Average teacher salary*	\$44,424	Up 1.3%	\$47,856
Professional development days / teacher	11.2 days	Up from 7.8 days	11.3 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7	Down from 4.0%	3.7
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	3.5	N/A	0.5

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	199	6
Percent satisfied with learning environment	58.1	56.8	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7	61.7	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	44.5	84.1	I/S

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

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

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<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	0.3	Down from 3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.2 to 1	Down from 32.4 to 1	26.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.1	Down from 87.0%	87.8
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	19.0	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	82.8	Down from 100.0%	99.9
Character development program	Fair	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	15.2
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	18.5	N/A	24.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	2.0
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.1	N/C	0.9
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,443	Down 12.2%	\$8,790
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.8	Up from 59.3%	57.2
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	61.3	Up from 60.7%	58.1

\* 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	Average	At-Risk
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Below 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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