



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Williston-Elko High**  
**Williston 29**  
**Grades: 9-12**      **Enrollment: 296**  
**Principal: Samuel P. Lax**  
**Superintendent: Alexia C. Clamp**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Doris Young**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	24	2	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.6%	70.4%	75.8%	78.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.4%	15.5%	13.9%	11.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.0%	14.1%	10.6%	9.6%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	96.8%	93.7%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

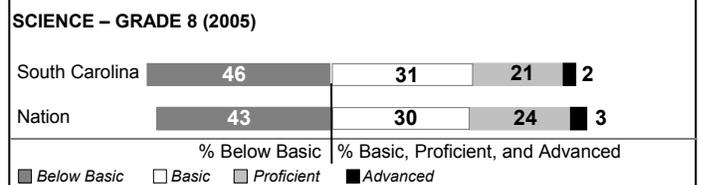
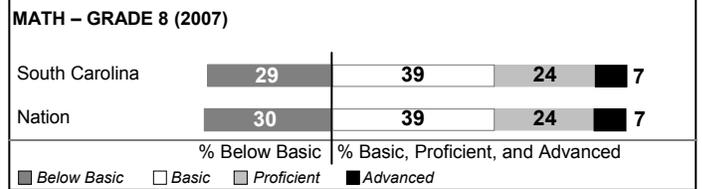
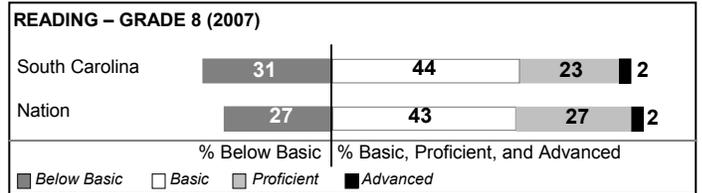
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	69	213
Number of Diplomas	56	159
Rate (%)	81.2%	74.2%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	70.0%	71.1%
English 1	57.3%	57.4%
Physical Science	44.6%	49.2%
All Tests	55.4%	59.2%

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

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



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:  
*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=296)</b>				
Retention rate	7.6%	Down from 9.0%	6.4%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.6%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	8.9%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	16.9%	Up from 16.6%	13.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	7.8%	Up from 6.9%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	38.6%	Up from 22.6%	8.6%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	8.2%	N/A	51.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	38.9%	Up from 29.4%	30.7%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Down from 2.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.7%	Up from 3.9%	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	227	Up from 177	509	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	66.2%	Down from 69.7%	78.0%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=22)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	36.4%	Up from 35.0%	51.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	77.3%	Down from 80.0%	73.7%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.1%	Up from 0.0%	8.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.9%	Up from 82.6%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 97.0%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$38,678	Down 0.3%	\$45,960	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 7.5%	3.9%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.2 to 1	Up from 24.0 to 1	25.6 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 90.6%	88.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,958	Down 6.6%	\$7,277	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	49.8%	Up from 44.3%	54.5%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	55.5%	Up from 51.0%	60.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	77.8%		92.3%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Williston-Elko High School is the only high school in a rural district serving the towns of Williston and Elko and the surrounding areas of Barnwell County. The school and community work closely together to meet the needs of all students in providing a quality education that encompasses a broad range of instructional programs and extracurricular activities.

The school is proud of its many achievements and does not let our small size limit our accomplishments. Our HSAP scores continued to surpass the state average. Our percentage of seniors graduating exceeded the state average again, with many receiving college scholarships for their excellence in academics. Our students achieved success in various academic and vocational competitions throughout the Southeast. Our band made it to the state competition and featured a successful and popular drumline. Our drama department put on an outstanding performance of "South Pacific." Our athletic teams and athletes received many honors for their accomplishments.

Our school continued to expose our students to the world of work. We had a Career Day featuring local and area businesses. Many students participated in job-shadowing opportunities, with numerous students obtaining employment through the School-To-Work program. Our students and staff contributed to the community with various charitable activities, including blood drives, recycling projects, and fundraisers as well as global concerns such as the Invisible Children Project. This past year saw an increase in parent participation and volunteers in school programs. We continued to bring in local agencies and organizations to provide needed services and assistance for our students.

We are very proud of the year we had at Williston-Elko High School. Our students, staff, parents, administration, and community are committed to the mission of working together to make our school the very best it can be.

Glenda Queen, School Improvement Council Chairperson  
Samuel P. Lax, Principal

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	16	62	15
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.8%	75.4%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	88.7%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	53.3%	88.7%	80.0%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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