



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Florence High
 Florence 1
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,571
 Principal: Neal Vincent
 Superintendent: Larry Jackson
 Board Chair: Porter Stewart

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 4 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 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 (%) | 73.8% | 75.2% | 78.0% | 79.7% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%) | 16.0% | 14.5% | 12.2% | 10.9% |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 10.2% | 10.4% | 9.8% | 9.4% |

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

| | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 92.1% | 93.8% |

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

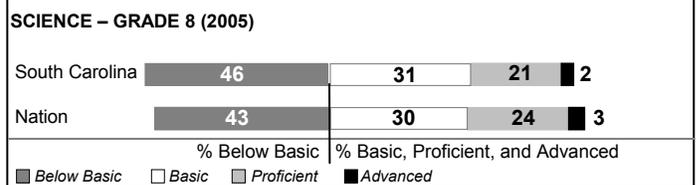
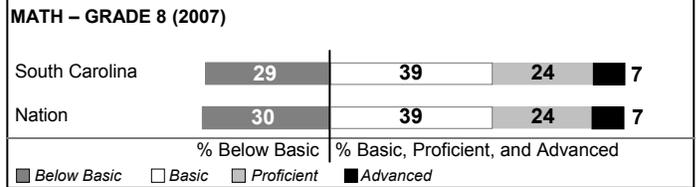
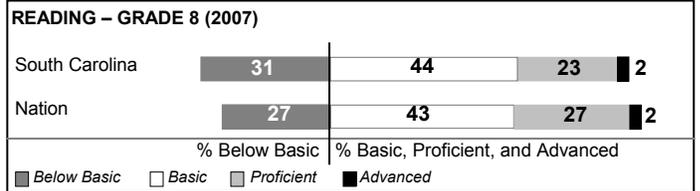
| | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students | 335 | 238 |
| Number of Diplomas | 251 | 173 |
| Rate (%) | 74.9% | 72.7% |

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 | 69.3% | 72.3% |
| English 1 | 60.5% | 60.0% |
| Physical Science | 46.6% | 52.2% |
| All Tests | 58.8% | 61.2% |

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 |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Students (n=1,571) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 3.8% | Down from 9.2% | 6.4% | 6.1% |
| Attendance rate | 95.0% | No Change | 95.0% | 95.0% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 11.2% | Up from 8.3% | 11.2% | 8.3% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 17.8% | Up from 15.7% | 13.2% | 13.0% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 1.7% | Down from 3.0% | 1.4% | 1.5% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 8.0% | Down from 11.7% | 10.6% | 11.4% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | 56.1% | N/A | 47.4% | 54.3% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 25.9% | Up from 21.1% | 32.7% | 30.5% |
| Annual dropout rate | 4.1% | Down from 6.0% | 3.9% | 3.5% |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations | 0.0% | No Change | 5.1% | 3.1% |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses | 809 | Up from 13 | 551 | 559 |
| Career/technology students attaining technical skills | 82.6% | Down from 100.0% | 77.1% | 79.6% |
| Teachers (n=89) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 62.9% | Up from 59.3% | 55.1% | 57.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 89.9% | Up from 85.7% | 73.7% | 69.6% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 2.5% | Up from 2.4% | 8.0% | 8.7% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.4% | Up from 87.9% | 86.8% | 85.0% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.8% | Down from 96.2% | 95.5% | 95.4% |
| Average teacher salary | \$45,960 | Up 3.0% | \$46,527 | \$46,061 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 9.6% | Down from 13.9% | 2.3% | 4.3% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 2.0 | Up from 1.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 25.7 to 1 | Up from 23.7 to 1 | 26.2 to 1 | 25.4 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 89.4% | Down from 90.3% | 88.8% | 89.1% |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$6,140 | Up 2.4% | \$7,132 | \$7,279 |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 59.2% | Up from 58.5% | 55.4% | 55.3% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 63.4% | Up from 60.4% | 60.5% | 60.8% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | Up from Good | Excellent | Excellent |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Good | Down from Excellent | Good | Good |
| Modern Language Program Assessment | N/A | N/A | Good | Good |
| Classical Language Program Assessment | N/A | N/A | Good | Average |
| % of AYP objectives met | 71.4% | | 92.8% | 90.5% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year at South Florence High School was filled with success. We embraced our Good/Excellent report card rating from the 2006-2007 school year as a tribute to the hard work that our parents, business and community partners, and faculty members invested into the South Florence students. We celebrated our commitment to excellence as we received recognition as a 2008 Red Carpet School.

SFHS's class of 2008 earned over \$3,310,300 in scholarship offers, including eight Palmetto Fellows recipients, one recipient of the SC Association of Counties 2008 Presidential Scholarship, and one NASSP Leadership Award and Scholarship recipient. Of the 2008 graduating class, 51% worked diligently throughout their high school careers to obtain single cord (97), double cord (23) and Board of Trustee (15) honors.

Ten SF students were awarded athletic scholarships enabling them to participate in collegiate sports and continue their education. Twelve of the eighteen varsity teams advanced to the playoffs with boy's swimming and girl's softball winning regional championships. Additionally, a SF student was named the Florence School District One Female Athlete of the Year award. SF students also participated in a variety of non-athletic activities to include NHS, Marching Band, Spanish Club, Chinese Club, and Step Team.

SFHS continued its work with HSTW and Small Learning Community initiatives working to reshape our school's culture as we endeavor to create professional learning communities designed to support student and staff learning. Sixty seniors participated in the HSTW Senior Assessment, of which, ten were honored with Certificates of Excellence for their high achievement. Our On-Line Learning Laboratory allowed students to recover over 250 course credits. Our School Improvement Council (SIC) is proud of the many achievements of the students, faculty, and staff. We continue to research and implement best practices and strategies in an effort to support and improve teaching and learning and increase home-to-school communication.

Neal Vincent, Principal
Anthony Pigatt, School Improvement Council Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 83 | 204 | 40 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 87.8% | 70.6% | 77.5% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 89.0% | 79.4% | 70.0% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 59.3% | 84.7% | 72.5% |

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

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