



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest Senior High

Greenville

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 2,087

Principal: Stephen A. Chamness

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

## PERFORMANCE

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	10	0	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 (%)	74.7%	82.1%	83.0%	85.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.2%	10.3%	10.6%	7.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.1%	7.6%	7.2%	6.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	94.4%	95.3%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

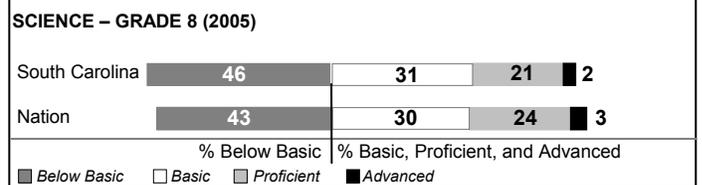
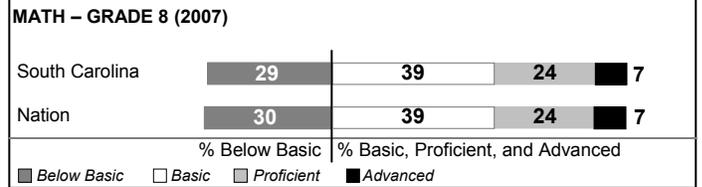
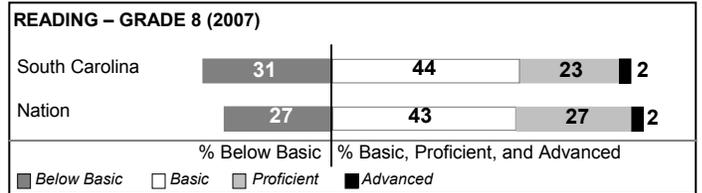
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	561	391
Number of Diplomas	453	301
Rate (%)	80.7%	77.3%

## 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	62.5%	77.2%
English 1	65.1%	71.3%
Physical Science	61.1%	61.3%
All Tests	62.9%	69.9%

## 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=2,087)</b>				
Retention rate	5.6%	Down from 6.6%	5.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.1%	95.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.2%	Up from 6.9%	13.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.9%	Up from 11.4%	10.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 3.4%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	34.7%	Down from 38.9%	19.3%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	44.0%	N/A	62.8%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.3%	Down from 26.5%	33.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.7%	Down from 5.0%	3.3%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.7%	Up from 3.7%	2.5%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1370	Up from 1360	948	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	86.4%	Up from 83.5%	79.9%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=115)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.0%	Down from 54.4%	59.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	70.4%	Down from 77.2%	71.2%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.9%	Up from 8.3%	7.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.5%	Down from 83.4%	86.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.0%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,118	Up 0.6%	\$46,401	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.8%	Up from 1.7%	2.3%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.4 to 1	Down from 30.8 to 1	27.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Up from 89.0%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,280	Up 0.9%	\$6,346	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	56.9%	Up from 55.7%	57.3%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.2%	Down from 64.8%	61.8%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	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	90.5%		94.4%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn community for almost six decades. Hillcrest High is proud of the accomplishments of its students and of the programs offered here. The agricultural program is one of the largest and most diverse programs in the state. The business department is viewed as a model for other schools throughout South Carolina as well as being the largest in Greenville County. The average SAT scores at Hillcrest continue to improve each year.

We continue to make an impact upon our ninth graders with our Freshman Academy program. With common planning times, we have been able to increase collaboration among faculty members. We have also been able to provide an after school tutoring program for all of our students.

Hillcrest High School has been very fortunate to have access to various forms of technology for students and teachers. Our teachers continue to seek means to improve their instruction through additional professional development and certifications. Eleven teachers have received their National Board Certification and many others are pursuing this certification.

A variety of opportunities are available for student involvement at Hillcrest. We field a complete selection of sports teams, which proudly boast of regional and state championships. The agricultural department transformed the outdoor courtyards and was featured in the state Agricultural Science Magazine. Additionally, the students under the supervision of teachers planned and constructed the Hillcrest Greenhouse Industries. The Greenhouse opened its doors for business during the winter months, selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths, and again in the spring, selling flowers and vegetable plants.

Hillcrest continues to seek avenues in which students can exercise goodwill and leadership. This year, the student body, staff, and community raised over \$125,000 in one week in support of charitable organizations. We also hosted the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and sponsored several fundraisers throughout the year for March of Dimes.

The local community strongly supports Hillcrest High School. Both athletic and academic booster clubs are strong and actively involved in providing support in the form of time and money for our students. Hillcrest is dedicated to providing a safe, positive learning environment, which brings together the resources of the staff, family, and community to create the best future possible for our students.

Stephen Chamness, Principal  
Peggy Masterson, SIC Chairperson

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## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	95	392	104
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.6%	72.1%	67.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.2%	78.8%	66.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	68.4%	85.2%	72.5%

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

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