



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Conway High
 Horry
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,573
 Principal: Porter Kennington
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
 Board Chair: Will Garland

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	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	6	17	3	1

* 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 (%)	77.6%	79.0%	73.3%	74.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.3%	11.4%	15.2%	13.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.1%	9.6%	11.8%	12.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	92.3%	91.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

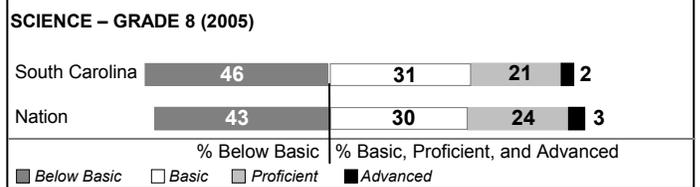
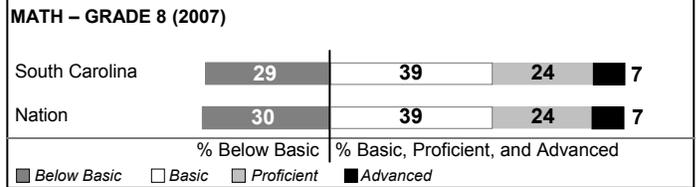
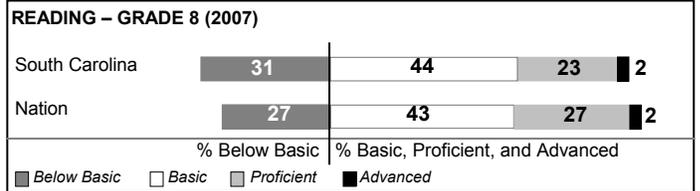
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	347	203
Number of Diplomas	256	149
Rate (%)	73.8%	74.8%

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	71.1%	64.8%
English 1	67.8%	55.7%
Physical Science	43.6%	43.0%
All Tests	60.5%	53.5%

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=1,573)				
Retention rate	5.8%	Up from 5.0%	6.6%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.6%	94.2%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.6%	Down from 19.6%	8.1%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	17.6%	Up from 17.4%	14.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	8.5%	Up from 8.2%	1.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.7%	Up from 10.4%	9.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	33.1%	N/A	33.3%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.7%	Up from 25.0%	29.6%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	5.1%	Up from 3.9%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.5%	Up from 0.0%	5.5%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	800	Up from 728	588	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	77.2%	Down from 79.6%	78.4%	79.6%
Teachers (n=108)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.0%	Up from 59.4%	57.5%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.4%	Down from 82.2%	68.5%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.1%	Up from 1.2%	12.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.6%	Up from 85.3%	84.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 95.8%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$50,469	Up 1.8%	\$46,421	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.5%	Down from 15.2%	6.2%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.1 to 1	Down from 31.7 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.9%	Down from 90.8%	87.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,553	Up 9.6%	\$7,330	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	56.7%	Down from 62.6%	56.5%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.7%	Down from 65.7%	61.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	No Change	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	90.5%		82.4%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	84	248	76
Percent satisfied with learning environment	70.2%	66.1%	77.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	69.0%	69.8%	65.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.8%	81.6%	72.4%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Conway High School experienced a number of successes during the 2007-08 school year. Students and teachers worked very hard to prepare for a variety of state-mandated accountability tests --- end-of-course exams in English I, Algebra I, Physical Science, and United States History and the High School Assessment Program (HSAP). Our students' preparation for these important exams was enhanced by school-based initiatives such as conversion to smaller learning communities in the freshmen and sophomore classes, the use of preparation software throughout the school year by freshmen and sophomores, the "Sophomore Thirty," an HSAP preparation for all sophomore students throughout the school year, and intensive assistance for students with significant need by their teachers.

Just a few accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year include:

- The Class of 2008, consisting of 258 graduates, earned more than \$2,807,500 in college scholarships.
- 79 Seniors qualified for LIFE Scholarships.
- 8 Seniors qualified for Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.
- Students took Advanced Placement exams in US History, World History, Biology, US Government, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, and Calculus BC.
- EOC scores in English I, Physical Science, and US History rose significantly.
- The Drama/Choral Music students presented "The Little Shop of Horrors" in April.
- 10 athletic teams participated in the state playoffs.
- The baseball team was Lower State Champions and played for the AAAA State Championship.
- ROAR, an exhibition of excellence in academics and student activities, celebrated a fantastic beginning in April. Hundreds of students, parents, and community members took part.

Porter Kennington, Principal
Michael Lynch, SIC Chair

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