



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Seneca Senior High
Oconee

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,089

Principal: Cliff Roberts

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Lucas

Board Chair: Harry B. Mays, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	19	3	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 (%)	81.8%	82.6%	79.9%	82.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.2%	9.8%	11.7%	9.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.0%	7.6%	8.4%	7.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	95.7%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

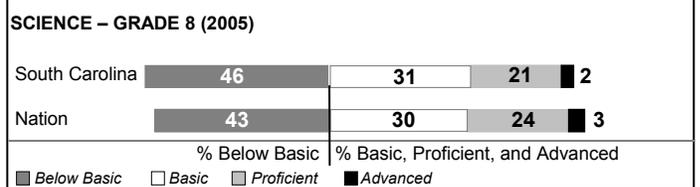
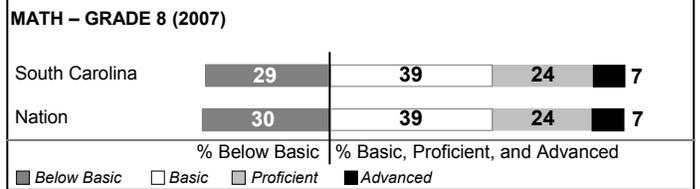
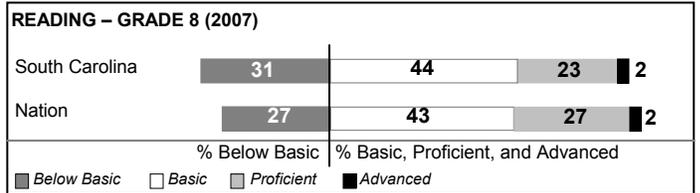
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	239	297
Number of Diplomas	186	215
Rate (%)	77.8%	73.8%

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	74.6%	77.7%
English 1	64.4%	67.5%
Physical Science	58.2%	60.3%
All Tests	65.1%	68.1%

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=1,089)				
Retention rate	4.9%	Down from 5.9%	4.9%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.1%	Down from 15.6%	12.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	16.3%	Up from 14.8%	13.8%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.5%	Up from 2.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.0%	Up from 14.3%	17.8%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.7%	N/A	58.1%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.1%	Up from 34.2%	31.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Up from 4.1%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	734	Up from 504	652	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.4%	Down from 86.2%	80.5%	79.6%
Teachers (n=70)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.4%	Down from 56.7%	61.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	64.3%	Down from 71.6%	70.8%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.0%	Up from 5.6%	5.6%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8%	Up from 83.2%	85.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	No Change	95.6%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$42,986	Down 3.3%	\$46,904	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.8%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.2 to 1	Up from 24.6 to 1	27.8 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.0%	Down from 87.1%	89.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,870	Up 6.1%	\$6,894	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.9%	Down from 56.4%	54.9%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.7%	Down from 60.7%	59.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Average	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Excellent	Average
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		92.8%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Seneca High School demonstrated "Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics" during the 2007-2008 school year.

Seneca High School is very proud of the accomplishments of our school. In June, 205 seniors graduated from Seneca High School. Six students received state academic diplomas meeting the criteria of completing 22 units of high school credit, meeting the standard on all subtests of the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) test. One senior received the prestigious National Merit Scholarship, marking the second year in a row that a student at Seneca High School has received this scholarship. Twelve students received Palmetto fellowships, and 77 seniors qualified for the Life Scholarship. Thirty-seven seniors received honor cords. The graduating class of 2008 received over 3.67 million dollars in scholarships.

The Fine Arts Department continues to be recognized as one of the finest in the state. The art classes hosted visiting artist Jeremiah Miller who painted a mural upstairs. The band, choral, and strings programs competed throughout the state and were successful. The Seneca High School Honors Chorale captured 1st place in the AAA division at the South Carolina Music Educator's Choral Festival in Columbia. Thirty-eight students were named to All-State chorus. Band, strings, and choral students participated in All-County programs.

Seneca High School's Mock Trial competed at the state level for the first time. In addition, Seneca High School renewed its membership with the National Honor Society and inducted seventy-seven students in grades 10-12 into this prestigious service organization.

Seneca High completed its first year with a Freshman Academy. Students and teachers worked in a smaller learning community, easing the transition from middle school to high school. Students were teamed with a group of 4 core teachers (math, science, social studies, and English). Students also participated in a High School 102 course which taught study and success skills. A focus was also given to career exploration including career interest inventories, guest speakers, and a tour of the district's Career Center.

Two teachers received the prestigious National Board Certification, and Seneca High's athletics continue to excel. Students in football, baseball, softball, and track competed at the state level.

Seneca High School renewed its Red Carpet status. Seneca High received its initial Red Carpet during the 2004 school year. The Red Carpet was awarded because Seneca High continues to demonstrate an environment that is open and inviting to parents and visitors. We are proud of our school's accomplishments.

Kelly U. Pew, Ph.D., Principal
Donna L. McCubbin, School Improvement Council Chair

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EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	62	190	57
Percent satisfied with learning environment	56.7%	68.1%	76.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.6%	73.4%	65.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.4%	83.9%	75.0%

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

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