

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Wren High Anderson 1**  
**Grades: 9-12**      **Enrollment: 1,762**  
**Principal: G. Robert Binnicker**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Wayne Fowler**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Good	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	0	6	1	0

\*Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	93.1%	91.5%	91.6%	84.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	3.3%	4.2%	5.6%	10.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	3.6%	4.2%	4.1%	6.8%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.8%	96.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	469	331
Number of Diplomas	374	258
Rate (%)	79.7%	77.3%

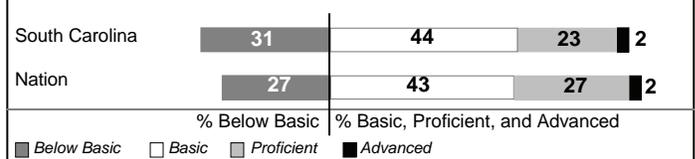
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	96.4%	82.1%
English 1	77.1%	77.0%
Physical Science	69.1%	66.2%
US History and the Constitution	51.3%	55.5%
All Tests	72.3%	69.0%

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

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

### READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



## 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 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,762)</b>				
Retention rate	1.5%	Down from 1.6%	3.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.7%	No Change	96.3%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	25.0%	Up from 21.3%	19.0%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Down from 10.5%	8.8%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.3%	Down from 2.9%	5.9%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 1.3%	1.2%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.9%	Down from 12.9%	30.4%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.9%	Up from 48.9%	59.8%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	44.3%	Down from 49.7%	44.0%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.9%	Up from 1.6%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	812	Down from 1215	746	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	66.5%	Down from 87.1%	84.4%	79.3%
<b>Teachers (n=91)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.5%	Up from 66.3%	65.8%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	73.6%	Down from 75.6%	76.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.7%	Up from 5.1%	6.1%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Down from 91.8%	86.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.1%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,116	Up 1.7%	\$49,659	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	3.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Up from 9.2 days	9.1 days	10.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.3 to 1	Up from 28.5 to 1	27.8 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.0%	Up from 91.6%	91.6%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,781	Up 4.8%	\$7,348	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.9%	Down from 50.8%	58.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Up from 60.1%	62.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.6%	Down from 96.4%	97.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	88.2%	Down from 94.1%	73.7%	64.7%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The faculty, staff, and students of Wren High School had a successful 2008-2009 school year. Wren High School continues to focus on academic excellence through the recognition as a Flagship School of Promise, a National Service Learning Leader School, a Carolina First Palmetto Finest Finalist, and an SREB High School That Works Pace Setter Site.

In May of 2009, Wren High School graduated 330 seniors and recognized ninety-five Honor Graduates. Six students received the prestigious Certificate of Mastery. 171 graduating seniors qualified for the LIFE scholarship. Sixteen graduating seniors received the Academic Achievement Honors Award from the state of South Carolina. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation recognized two seniors as semi-finalists; eighteen received Palmetto Fellowships. In addition, the senior class accumulated over six million dollars in scholarships and over 92% plan to attend postsecondary education.

Wren High School has a dedicated teaching staff that provides a rigorous course of study for students. Effective teaching strategies coupled with extensive tutoring were offered to enhance the academic success of all students. In addition, classes were offered to enhance test-taking skills and to prepare students for the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) given to sophomores and the End-of-Course Tests. An increase in overall test scores has been an indicator of the success of these strategies. The PSAT and PLAN were given to sophomores and juniors enabling them to identify their areas of strength and weakness.

The Freshman Academy was implemented during the 2002-2003 school year to improve the academic achievement of students and to provide a successful transition from middle school to high school. The academy was successful as 92.4% of the 2008-2009 freshmen class passed to the tenth grade. The smaller learning environment enabled students to know their teachers and encouraged them to become more involved in the school.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) evaluated the goals listed in the School Improvement Plan and determined that Wren is making progress in all areas. The improvement goals include the following: curriculum realigned to incorporate career majors; planning time and delivery of integrated high level instruction organized between academic and career/technical teachers; advisor/advisee system upgraded and enhanced to assist with each student's Individual Graduation Plan; program of study upgraded for core subjects; credit recovery system utilized to provide extra assistance for students, and instructional strategies that actively engage all students.

G. Robert Binnicker, Principal  
Wanda Shaefer, Chair SIC

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	69	289	66
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	78.2%	92.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	76.4%	86.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.6%	85.6%	81.3%

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

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