



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fairfield Central High  
 Fairfield  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 982  
 Principal: Sterling Harris  
 Superintendent: Samantha J. Ingram, Ph.D.  
 Board Chair: Mrs. Catherine Kennedy

## 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	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	4	6	9	11

\*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 (%)	74.9%	66.5%	69.3%	62.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.3%	16.1%	16.5%	18.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.8%	17.4%	14.2%	19.4%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	87.3%	89.6%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

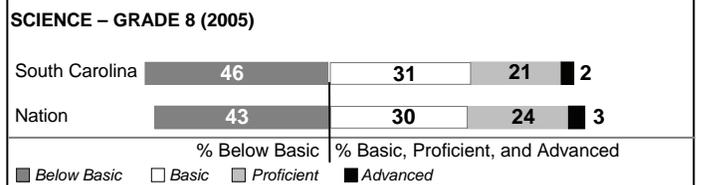
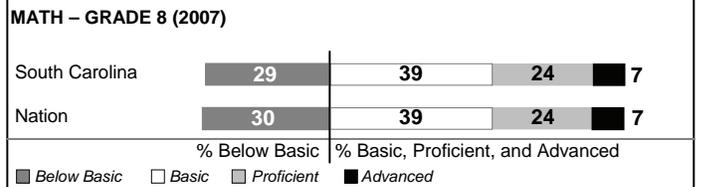
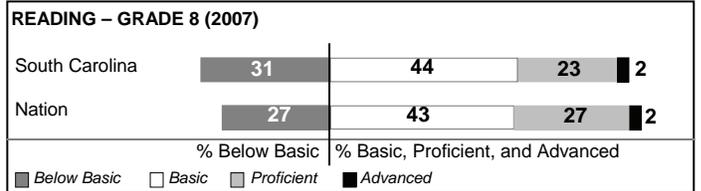
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	281	133
Number of Diplomas	205	93
Rate (%)	73.0%	68.2%

## 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	64.3%	58.7%
English 1	48.3%	47.4%
Physical Science	26.0%	33.4%
US History and the Constitution	12.4%	20.0%
All Tests	37.3%	38.9%

## 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 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=982)</b>				
Retention rate	2.6%	Down from 6.9%	7.1%	4.8%
Attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 93.7%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 14.1%	5.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	18.2%	No Change	13.5%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	6.7%	Down from 9.0%	11.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.6%	Down from 3.4%	1.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.6%	Up from 12.3%	5.5%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	45.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.6%	Up from 9.0%	28.7%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Down from 3.5%	3.2%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.5%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	402	Down from 736	289	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.0%	Up from 73.0%	78.6%	79.3%
<b>Teachers (n=70)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 45.2%	52.9%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	58.6%	Up from 57.5%	61.9%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	23.0%	Down from 25.4%	17.5%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.4%	Down from 79.5%	76.7%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	99.4%	Up from 98.3%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,189	Up 4.1%	\$46,189	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.6%	Up from 10.5%	9.5%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	10.6 days	Up from 9.5 days	11.0 days	10.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.3 to 1	Up from 25.2 to 1	21.6 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Up from 91.2%	89.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,072	Up 6.6%	\$9,878	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.5%	Down from 54.0%	52.9%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.1%	Up from 59.5%	59.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	80.8%	Up from 65.4%	91.9%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	52.9%	Down from 76.9%	53.8%	64.7%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fairfield Central serves all areas of Fairfield County as a 9 – 12 high school. The school is comprised of approximately 978 students. We have a student body that is very diverse in culture, with 93 percent of the student body being African-American and 4 percent white and 3 percent of Hispanic heritage. The faculty is made up of dedicated educators who strive to provide all students with the opportunity to learn each day without regard to prior academic achievement.

Proper preparation for higher education and careers is a goal of the school. The school encourages all students to prepare for post-secondary education. We also help prepare students for vocational careers by providing instruction by partnership with the Fairfield County Career and Technology Center. We have experienced a significant increase in the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) scores in both language arts/reading and mathematics. In addition, we have had 67 students recognized as life scholarship recipients and one student to receive the prestigious "Palmetto Fellows" scholarship. We also were a recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for improvements in our test scores, and were named a Palmetto Showcase school.

Fairfield Central High School is a Learning Focused Project School whereby instruction each day incorporates "best practices" research. All teachers are trained to use the Learning Focused strategies as they teach. All students participate in the Academic Enrichment block each day designed to address individual weaknesses our students may have that hinder their academic potential. Our students also use the Reading Counts Program extensively at our school to improve overall literacy proficiency among our students. We plan to use additional funds in the upcoming years to make our school completely standards-based through extensive faculty-staff development and training in content areas as well as teaching strategies.

In addition to academic performance, students at Fairfield Central High School excel in extracurricular areas as well. Our varsity football, track, and boys/girls basketball teams competed in the state playoffs. Our band was named a top award winner at the 2008 Chick Fil-A Bowl. Our mission is to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities to our community.

Sterling Harris, Principal  
Christina Skinner, SIC Chairperson

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	139	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	65.8%	47.8%	61.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.6%	56.6%	50.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	42.0%	71.3%	61.1%

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

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