



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Riverside High**  
**Greenville**  
**Grades: 9-12**      **Enrollment: 1,667**  
**Principal: Andrew B. Crowley**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher**  
**Board Chair: Megan Hickerson**

## 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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	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
7	0	0	0	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 (%)	91.0%	89.0%	95.4%	90.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	5.1%	6.0%	3.2%	6.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	3.9%	5.0%	2.3%	3.7%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	98.1%	98.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	364	338
Number of Diplomas	319	291
Rate (%)	87.6%	78.3%

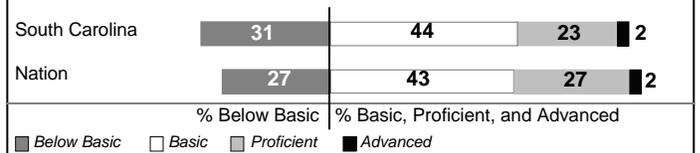
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	86.8%	89.2%
English 1	84.5%	87.3%
Physical Science	79.0%	79.3%
US History and the Constitution	71.5%	69.9%
All Tests	79.9%	81.0%

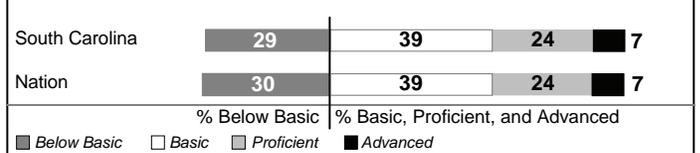
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

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

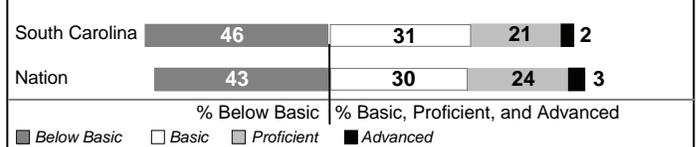
### READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



### 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=1,667)</b>				
Retention rate	3.1%	No Change	3.2%	4.8%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.2%	96.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.5%	Up from 8.1%	14.6%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	No Change	8.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Down from 3.8%	3.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	0.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	34.8%	Down from 39.6%	38.3%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	67.9%	Up from 58.4%	70.6%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	76.4%	Up from 57.7%	55.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Down from 1.3%	0.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	551	Up from 544	432	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	87.9%	Up from 83.7%	91.7%	79.3%
<b>Teachers (n=90)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%	Up from 61.8%	64.3%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 80.9%	76.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.7%	Down from 4.9%	3.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.7%	Down from 91.2%	87.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 96.1%	95.9%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,494	Up 3.1%	\$48,897	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	Down from 4.6%	3.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Up from 7.3 days	10.1 days	10.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.2 to 1	Up from 27.6 to 1	26.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Down from 91.8%	91.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,980	Up 5.4%	\$7,162	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.6%	No Change	56.6%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.2%	Down from 63.6%	64.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.2%	99.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%	Down from 90.5%	92.3%	64.7%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	81	377	340
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.0%	79.8%	91.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.1%	82.7%	89.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.8%	88.3%	80.4%

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Located in suburban Greenville County, Riverside High School is an AAA traditional high school, serving a student population of 1700 students. Riverside offers a rigorous academic program and has a continued goal to maintain high expectations for all its students. Having received the honors of Palmetto's Finest High School and a Flagship School of Promise, Riverside emphasizes and challenges all students to improve and succeed in reading, mathematics, and critical thinking skills.

The Class of 2008 had South Carolina's top SAT score of 1614. This score was 138 points above the state average and 105 points above the national average. The Riverside faculty has developed a strategic plan to integrate extensive practice of critical reading and math skills during all classes at least one hour a month or 15 minutes a week. In addition, the faculty and administration have made a commitment to the improvement on all ability levels through intense review of critical reading and math skills during a designated reading period three days a week. Through this emphasis, the goal is to increase the reading, writing, and math scores with students in grades 9 and 10 on the End of Course Tests and the HSAP along with the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement scores for Grades 11 and 12.

The 2008-09 student body brought many honors and accomplishments to the Reservation. The Youth in Government delegation received both Premier and Outstanding honors. The Speech and Debate team received top AAA honors. The Class of 2009 had two National Merit Finalists and was awarded over \$12 million in college scholarships for the next four years. 99.7% of the Class of 2009 passed the HSAP to graduate. In athletics, three teams took AAA state championships. For the first time, the marching band participated in the 2009 Gator Bowl. For the fifth time, the student council hosted the 2009 South Carolina Association of Student Councils state convention with a Riverside senior as the SCASC president.

To meet the growing need to invigorate the curriculum for grade 9 students, the faculty and administration developed single gender classes for all four core courses (Algebra I, English I, Physical Science, Global Studies I) and Physical Education I. Eighteen teachers led forty-five classes of single gender, and the early results reveal a noticeable improvement in grades and attendance.

The community has served as an invaluable partnership with the faculty and students. 2008-09 was a very busy year for parent and community involvement; approximately 1000 volunteers accrued 200,000 hours for school activities in athletics, academics, and the arts. Since 2006 the PTA and SIC parents and friends have poured hours of time with a move into a new building. Even with the much larger facility and a 300-plus larger student body, Riverside continues to strive to maintain its high level of excellence to meet the needs of all students.

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Sherry Ann Gettys, SIC Chair

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