



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Emerald High
Greenwood 50
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 950
Principal: Brad Nickles
Superintendent: Darrell Johnson
Board Chair: Debrah Miller**

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	Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	8	24	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 (%)	75.8%	73.9%	81.8%	75.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.5%	11.2%	10.1%	13.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.6%	14.9%	8.3%	11.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.0%	93.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

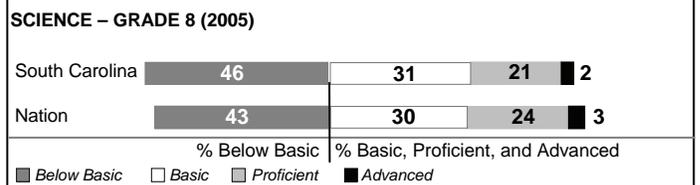
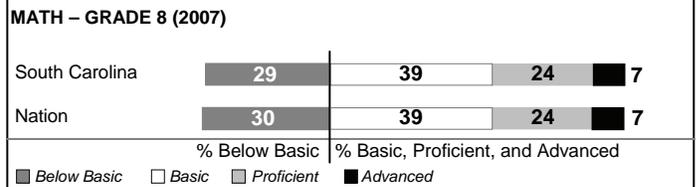
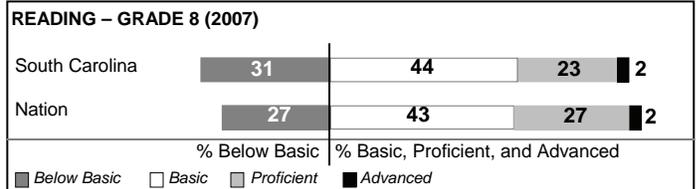
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	272	280
Number of Diplomas	189	203
Rate (%)	69.5%	74.1%

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	67.5%	72.3%
English 1	52.7%	61.5%
Physical Science	62.1%	54.3%
US History and the Constitution	39.2%	38.0%
All Tests	55.3%	55.3%

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
Students (n=950)				
Retention rate	3.4%	Down from 4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.7%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.8%	Down from 16.4%	11.9%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Down from 13.9%	13.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	7.9%	Down from 8.3%	8.4%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Down from 4.7%	0.8%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.3%	Up from 8.7%	13.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	81.2%	Up from 73.3%	44.4%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.6%	Up from 15.3%	31.0%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	6.9%	Up from 6.4%	4.2%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.2%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	420	Up from 400	679	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.5%	Down from 81.3%	78.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 50.0%	60.8%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	66.1%	Down from 67.9%	76.8%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.0%	Down from 8.2%	5.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.3%	Up from 87.4%	86.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.4%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,797	Down 0.8%	\$48,067	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	3.9%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Down from 14.8 days	12.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.5	Up from 1.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.6 to 1	Down from 25.0 to 1	27.8 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Up from 86.8%	90.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,139	Up 1.4%	\$7,330	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.4%	Up from 51.4%	54.2%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.9%	Up from 54.0%	60.6%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 88.9%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Down from 88.2%	66.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

As Palmetto Silver Award Winner for the 2008-2009 year, Emerald High School is committed to achieving excellence. Emerald High School offers a positive and inviting academic environment where all students can learn and are challenged to pursue higher standards of excellence.

Students perform exemplary in the classroom as well as on the field. Our students have won many national and state awards. Two of our students were national merit scholarship semifinalists; one student was an overall winner of the national merit scholarship award. Five Emerald students were honored by the Kiwanis Club as the top SAT scorers in Greenwood County. We have 15 palmetto fellows scholars, 11 academic honor graduates, 43 national honor society graduates, 15 national technical honor society graduates, numerous life and hope scholarship recipients, and 2 air-force JROTC honor graduates for the class of 2009. These scholarships and grants constitute an excess of 2.9 million dollars in awards, over 600,000 dollars more than last year's amount. In addition, Emerald High School has won many state awards in track and field, and two state wrestling championships this year.

Emerald High School faculty and staff believe that by working as a professional learning community we can ensure that all students receive a high quality education.

Emerald High School has a rich heritage of excelling in academics, athletics, and the arts. It is our desire to improve upon this rich heritage by making Emerald High School the best high school in the state of South Carolina.

Mr. Les Gamble, Jr., Principal
Ms. Laura Bachinski, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	122	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	69.0%	75.2%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.0%	76.0%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.0%	79.2%	80.8%

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

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