



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community School (High)
Newberry
Grades: 6-12 **Enrollment: 255**
Principal: Joey L. Haney
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

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	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Good	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
1	7	21	4	1

*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 (%)	88.1%	80.6%	78.9%	73.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	9.5%	6.5%	11.6%	14.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	2.4%	12.9%	9.5%	12.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	93.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	36	255
Number of Diplomas	32	187
Rate (%)	88.9%	74.8%

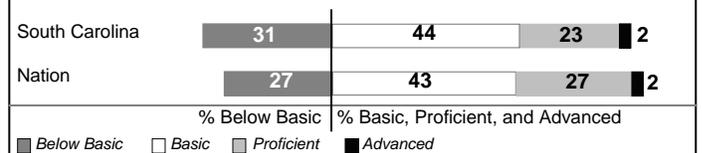
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	66.7%	69.4%
English 1	63.6%	57.8%
Physical Science	46.3%	46.2%
US History and the Constitution	31.3%	35.7%
All Tests	51.5%	51.2%

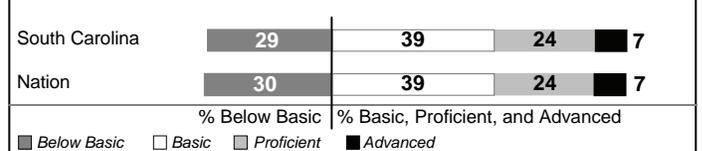
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* 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
Students (n=255)				
Retention rate	3.5%	Down from 8.7%	4.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 95.1%	94.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.0%	Down from 14.3%	9.2%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Up from 12.7%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.4%	Down from 11.9%	8.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2%	Up from 1.1%	0.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 1.6%	9.5%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	51.3%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	18.2%	Down from 26.5%	29.0%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	4.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.8%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	38	Down from 74	567	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	93.8%	Up from 75.0%	78.6%	79.3%
Teachers (n=13)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.8%	Up from 50.0%	57.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	92.3%	Up from 58.3%	77.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	6.4%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	66.5%	N/A	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.3%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,473	Up 20.2%	\$47,615	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	4.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	15.4 days	Down from 21.2 days	12.0 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 19.3 to 1	26.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 91.2%	89.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,807	Up 8.1%	\$7,641	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.9%	Up from 52.2%	54.2%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.2%	Down from 59.4%	60.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.0%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	80.0%	Down from 100.0%	64.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School is a PreK-12 facility located in northern Newberry County. The school has been referred to as the hidden secret of the Sumter National Forest. WCS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a South Carolina Reading First School, and an SREB/SDE High Schools That Work site. The Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards Program recognized the elementary school (2006-2007) and the high school (2005-2008).

Our classroom instruction is based on South Carolina curriculum standards with our focal point being reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all content areas and the responsibility is equally shared by all of our teachers, students, parents, and the community. Teachers across all content areas recognize "Writers of the Month" each quarter at the success assemblies. Family message journals, the Wee Deliver Postal System, author visits, Family Read-in Night, Reading with the Wolverines, and Read Across America Week provide authentic writing and reading opportunities throughout our school and community.

We continued a Measure of Academic Progress assessment program for grades 2 through 10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics, and Science to identify each student's strengths and weaknesses. Our Data Analysis Team will examine MAP results along with student performance on PACT, HSAP, Odyssey, A+ Software, Dominie, and classroom assessment to establish goals and objectives for ongoing school improvement. A daily enrichment/remediation period was scheduled for grades 3-8.

In the Spring of 2008, the school and community was excited to witness the completion of an \$8.7 million building project. The plan included a new PK-12 Media Center, high school classrooms, 6-12 Art Room, band room, and gymnasium. There will be no classrooms housed in portables when the 2008-2009 school year opens. WCS also received major technology upgrades with phones and smartboards in every classroom.

We will continue to promote our unique PK-12 setting and work toward our mission of providing a safe, nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, to prepare all of our students for success.

Joey L. Haney, Principal
Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	24	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.7%	91.3%	80.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.8%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.3%	83.3%	80.8%

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

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