

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Seneca Senior High  
 Oconee  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,050  
 Principal: Mr. Cliff Roberts  
 Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas  
 Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

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

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

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 2         | 8    | 24      | 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 (%)  | 82.6%           | 77.0% | 82.8%                                | 77.9% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%)   | 9.8%            | 8.5%  | 9.9%                                 | 12.0% |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 7.6%            | 14.4% | 7.6%                                 | 10.1% |

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

|              | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Passage Rate | 93.9%           | 94.8%                                |

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

|                    | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students | 271             | 312                                  |
| Number of Diplomas | 195             | 231                                  |
| Rate (%)           | 72.0%           | 75.0%                                |

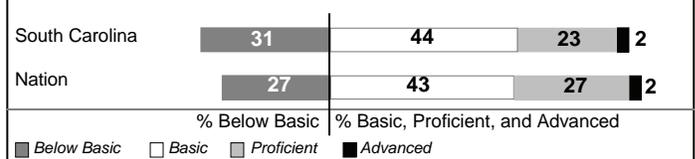
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 68.6%           | 74.7%                                |
| English 1                             | 70.9%           | 65.5%                                |
| Physical Science                      | 49.6%           | 58.4%                                |
| US History and the Constitution       | 46.6%           | 44.9%                                |
| All Tests                             | 58.1%           | 60.0%                                |

## 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=1,050)</b>  |            |                       |                                      |                    |
| Retention rate   | 5.0%       | Up from 4.9%          | 4.0%                                 | 4.8%               |
| Attendance rate  | 94.7%      | Up from 94.4%         | 95.5%                                | 95.5%              |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 12.4%      | Up from 11.1%         | 13.4%                                | 9.2%               |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 17.9%      | Up from 16.3%         | 12.9%                                | 12.6%              |
| Older than usual for grade   | 8.2%       | Up from 7.0%          | 7.3%                                 | 8.6%               |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 2.6%       | Down from 4.5%        | 1.3%                                 | 1.2%               |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs   | 16.9%      | Down from 25.0%       | 16.0%                                | 13.2%              |
| Successful on AP/IB exams  | 55.7%      | Up from 52.7%         | 55.2%                                | 55.6%              |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship  | 38.1%      | Down from 39.1%       | 33.0%                                | 29.8%              |
| Annual dropout rate  | 4.0%       | Down from 4.4%        | 3.7%                                 | 3.5%               |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations                    | 0.0%       | No Change             | 2.2%                                 | 3.0%               |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses                                      | 733        | Down from 734         | 676                                  | 523                |
| Career/technology students attaining technical skills                        | 81.4%      | Down from 84.4%       | 80.9%                                | 79.3%              |
| <b>Teachers (n=66)</b>   |            |                       |                                      |                    |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 56.1%      | Up from 51.4%         | 64.4%                                | 58.6%              |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 71.2%      | Up from 64.3%         | 77.4%                                | 71.6%              |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 3.3%       | Down from 6.0%        | 4.7%                                 | 8.1%               |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 83.7%      | Down from 83.8%       | 86.8%                                | 85.0%              |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 95.6%      | Up from 94.3%         | 95.7%                                | 95.5%              |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$46,483   | Up 8.1%               | \$48,322                             | \$47,761           |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 2.0%       | Up from 0.0%          | 1.8%                                 | 3.5%               |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 9.6 days   | Up from 7.4 days      | 11.1 days                            | 10.8 days          |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |                                      |                    |
| Principal's years at school  | 1.0        | Down from 2.0         | 4.5                                  | 3.0                |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 26.2 to 1  | Up from 25.2 to 1     | 28.0 to 1                            | 26.1 to 1          |
| Prime instructional time   | 89.1%      | Up from 87.0%         | 90.2%                                | 89.8%              |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$6,880    | Up 0.1%               | \$7,224                              | \$7,883            |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 54.7%      | Down from 54.9%       | 53.8%                                | 54.1%              |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 58.9%      | Down from 59.7%       | 59.4%                                | 60.2%              |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                            | Excellent          |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes                                  | Yes                |
| Parents attending conferences  | 95.4%      | Up from 83.9%         | 95.6%                                | 95.8%              |
| Character development program  | Average    | No Change             | Good                                 | Good               |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 57.1%      | Down from 90.5%       | 70.6%                                | 64.7%              |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Seneca High School demonstrated "Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics" during the 2008-2009 school year.

Seneca High School is very proud of the academic accomplishments of our students. In June, 223 seniors graduated from Seneca High School. Ten students received state academic diplomas. One senior received the prestigious National Merit Scholarship, two seniors were recognized as National Achievement Scholars, and two seniors received the prestigious Robert C. Byrd Scholarship. Sixteen seniors received Palmetto Fellowships and 85 seniors qualified for the Life Scholarship. Eighty-nine percent of the Class of 2009 earned the Platinum Honor Cord. The graduating class of 2009 received an all time high of over 4.5 million dollars in scholarships. Forty-four percent of the senior class members will attend a four year college, 34% will attend a two year college, 20% will enter the work force, and 2% will enter the military. SHS will be represented by the Class of 2009 at more than thirty-eight colleges and universities. The Fine Arts Department continues to be recognized as one of the finest in the state. A SHS art student received the SDOC James M. Brown Art Scholarship. The band, choral, and strings programs successfully competed throughout the state. The Seneca High School Honors Chorale captured 3rd place in the AAA division at the South Carolina Music Educator's Choral Festival in Columbia. Twenty-two students were named to the SC All-State Chorus. One choral student was selected as the recipient of the SC Music Educator Memorial Scholarship. In addition, a SHS choral parent was selected to receive the SCMEA Friend of Music Education Award. Band, strings, and choral students participated in All-County programs.

Seneca High School's Mock Trial received several awards during the Regional Competition. In addition, the SHS Key Club was recognized for the first time at the Carolina's District Key Club Convention in Durham, NC as one of five chapters in North Carolina and South Carolina to be named a "Distinguished Club". Also, the Rachel's Challenge Program was expanded with Rachel's Legacy. Seneca High athletics continue to excel. The Lady Cats Basketball team won the region and advanced to the third round of the AAA State Playoffs. The Boys Baseball team was District 2 Champions and advanced to the Upper State finals. In all, SHS Track and Field accounted for five state championships in the spring. Nine Bobcat teams participated in the playoffs. A SHS student won the State AAA Individual Girls' Golf Championship. A SHS student was also named the Gatorade SC Girls' Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Seneca High School received the Palmetto Silver Award for Academic Achievement for 2008-2009. SHS is recognized as a Red Carpet School for demonstrating an environment that is open and inviting to parents and visitors. We are extremely proud of our school's accomplishments.

T. Cliff Roberts, Principal  
Donna L. McCubbin, School Improvement Council Chair

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 71       | 196       | 74       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 91.5%    | 71.9%     | 76.4%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 95.8%    | 77.8%     | 62.0%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 91.5%    | 83.5%     | 63.0%    |

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

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