

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Branchville High
 Orangeburg 4
 Grades: 7-12 Enrollment: 292
 Principal: David B. Hess
 Superintendent: Dr. Floride M. Calvert
 Board Chair: Mr. Aaron Rudd

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	Good	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	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
1	9	24	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 (%)	89.5%	75.6%	78.5%	74.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	5.3%	12.2%	11.8%	13.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.3%	12.2%	9.8%	12.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.5%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	53	254
Number of Diplomas	43	186
Rate (%)	81.1%	74.9%

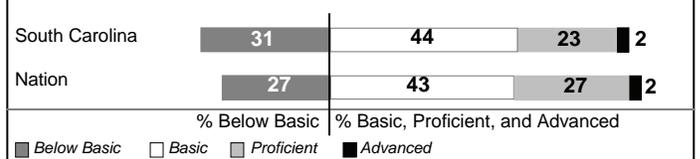
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	44.4%	70.7%
English 1	45.7%	59.4%
Physical Science	39.1%	49.0%
US History and the Constitution	29.2%	35.8%
All Tests	37.6%	52.7%

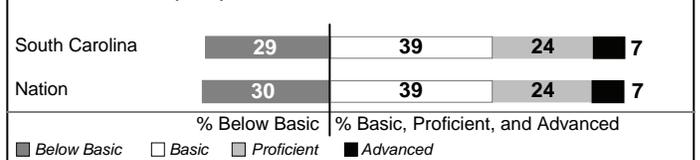
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

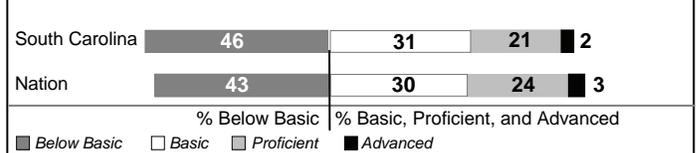
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



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=292)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 3.4%	4.8%	4.8%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Down from 97.4%	95.0%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.6%	Up from 17.8%	11.7%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	4.1%	Down from 8.1%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.5%	Down from 4.8%	9.0%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.8%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.2%	Up from 2.4%	12.7%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	51.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.6%	Up from 26.8%	29.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.1%	Up from 2.6%	4.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	18.3%	Down from 29.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	161	Up from 160	480	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.2%	Down from 93.4%	78.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Down from 68.4%	58.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	70.8%	Down from 73.7%	76.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.3%	Up from 0.0%	6.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Down from 89.7%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.2%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,313	Down 0.3%	\$48,015	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.1%	Up from 0.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	17.7 days	Up from 17.1 days	12.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Down from 23.4 to 1	27.0 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.5%	Up from 92.0%	89.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,904	Up 10.8%	\$7,763	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	45.2%	Down from 46.3%	54.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.9%	Down from 56.9%	59.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Down from 100.0%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	66.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Branchville High School Students, Parents, Teachers, Citizens, and School Board Members,

Branchville High School experienced another very successful year, being recognized as a Palmetto Gold School and earning an Excellent/Excellent rating on the State Report Card. This honor requires top test scores, high graduation rate, low drop-out rate, high attendance rate for students and faculty, and many other factors. The bottom line is BHS is a GREAT school because we have GREAT STUDENTS, GREAT TEACHERS, and a GREAT SUPPORT STAFF. We are extremely proud of these achievements and thank all those who made it possible.

Branchville Middle School also experienced great successes this year. Branchville Middle School after being targeted as an At-Risk school was the only school in the district to succeed in raising its rating one level. This was a feat that many middle schools in the state were not able to accomplish. Again we want to thank the parents, students, teachers, and staff that made this possible.

Athletically, Branchville had its first varsity football season in many years. The Varsity Volleyball team under Coach Starr Bright was successful in winning the region championship. Branchville High School also made it into the playoffs in Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. We are extremely proud of our athletes and the accomplishments they have made on the field and court.

The 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year chosen by her colleagues at the end of the 2008-2009 school year is Marilyn Albergotti. Mrs. Albergotti is the media specialist at BHS/LES and has twenty-five years of teaching experience. Mrs. Albergotti is involved with the school yearbook and G&T middle school English. Mrs. Albergotti is always willing to help out the students and the faculty and we are so glad to have her on our staff. The "Staff Person of the Year" is Mrs. Dorothy Carson who is a custodian here at BHS. Mrs. Carson takes a lot of pride in her work and is always willing to go the extra mile for the students and faculty at BHS.

At BHS we have two standing mottos, "Only the Best at BHS" and "Branchville is a Rail Road School...R for Respect, R for Responsibility and S for Safety. BHS must provide students with rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. We encourage each student to build positive memories while preparing to be productive citizens for the future.

Thanks for your continued support

David B. Hess, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	35	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	77.1%	97.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.4%	97.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	91.4%	92.5%

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

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