



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

W J Keenan High
 Richland 1
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 833
 Principal: Mr. Alvin Pressley
 Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack
 Board Chair: Vince Ford

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	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	At-Risk	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
3	4	10	4	6

*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 (%)	66.1%	69.6%	70.3%	64.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.8%	15.2%	16.0%	17.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	20.2%	15.2%	13.7%	18.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	80.5%	90.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	198	179
Number of Diplomas	137	127
Rate (%)	69.2%	69.0%

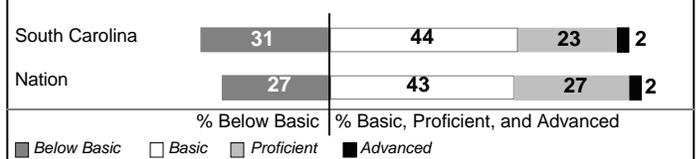
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	43.5%	57.9%
English 1	47.1%	51.4%
Physical Science	39.1%	38.6%
US History and the Constitution	8.0%	25.1%
All Tests	35.6%	42.7%

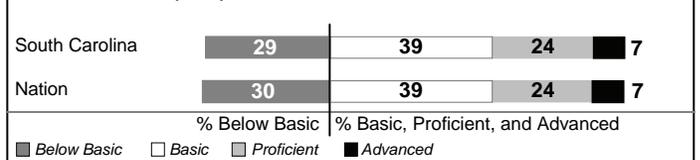
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

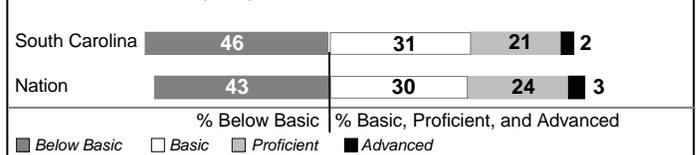
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



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=833)				
Retention rate	6.5%	Down from 16.2%	6.0%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.5%	94.9%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.2%	Down from 8.7%	7.1%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	12.0%	Down from 12.7%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	12.8%	Down from 15.6%	11.3%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	26.2%	Down from 27.3%	6.3%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	13.3%	Down from 21.2%	30.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	2.0%	Down from 24.4%	27.3%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	5.7%	Up from 5.2%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.0%	Up from 3.6%	4.4%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	497	Down from 500	470	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	63.0%	Up from 57.5%	75.5%	79.3%
Teachers (n=60)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.3%	Down from 73.8%	52.5%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	71.7%	Down from 73.8%	66.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.6%	Up from 5.3%	12.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.7%	Down from 86.6%	82.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.0%	95.3%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,202	Up 2.9%	\$47,504	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 1.7%	6.9%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	14.1 days	Up from 7.6 days	11.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	23.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.6%	Down from 89.2%	89.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,905	Up 20.3%	\$9,388	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.9%	Down from 61.7%	52.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.1%	Down from 66.9%	59.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	65.7%	Down from 88.6%	86.3%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%	Down from 100.0%	55.1%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

W. J. Keenan High School has experienced a productive and exciting school year! Our students scored unprecedented gains on the SC School Report Card, moving Keenan from "At-risk" to "Excellent" in its improvement rating and from "At-risk" to "Average" in its absolute rating, based on school-wide improvement during the 2007-2008 school year! We also met all AYP goals and received recognition as a Palmetto Gold award-winning school based on our report card scores.

Our goals for 2008-2009 and for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year are not just to maintain but to continue to improve the gains in student achievement, our graduation rate, and our student attendance rate. The 2007-2008 school year was described thematically as the "Year of Transition, Effort, and Promise" on our previous report card because it was the first year in our brand new facility, a year of transition! The entire school year was marked with a newfound pride and inspiration that translated into extraordinary effort on the part of our teachers and students. Finally, the term "promise" described the feelings, hope, and belief that we could be better and perform better! Our theme was well chosen and accurate! The successes of the 2007-2008 school year have helped us make a statement to our students, their families, our community, and others who trusted us to do what was best to move our school ahead academically. I can say with certainty that within these walls lie opportunity, challenge, and a future that can be boundless for every student who is committed to pursuing his dreams with effort and dedication!

During the 2008-2009 school year, our school made continued strides toward its goal to maintain and improve the rankings of 2007-2008 school report card because most of the report card scores represent the degree of success a school experiences in student achievement, our primary and most important goal. While scores are not yet available for us to measure our present level of student achievement, I can say that our first semester student failure rate has decreased, indicating improved academic achievement; teacher and student effort remain strong; and our faculty, staff, and students remain excited about our unprecedented gains during the 2007-2008 school year. These gains have continued to motivate and inspire us toward excellence.

Among Keenan's achievements during the 2008-09 school year are the following: 1st place state Odyssey of the Mind winner; one student earned the "Region IV Player of the Year" in football; Judges' Award in professional competition for Honors Dance Company; presentation by engineering students at Palmetto Partners VIP luncheon; two students named US Air Force Achievement Award winners for outstanding science projects; Region IV team championships in boys' basketball, girls' tennis and volleyball; Region A band championship winner; Keenan singers performed at Robert Mills House and Township Theatre; one student recognized as a Richland One Scholar; and three awards for Keenan Robo Raiders at the Benedict College X-treme Technology Competition. We are also proud to say that our Memoranda of Agreements with the University of South Carolina and Midlands Technical College were renewed by both institutions this year. Keenan High School is definitely on the move, as we look to the future with promise!

Steve Wilson, Ed.D., Principal James Starnes, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	136	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	64.4%	59.0%	86.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.9%	68.1%	71.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	52.3%	81.3%	80.0%

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

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