



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fort Mill High
 Fort Mill
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,383
 Principal: M. Dee Christopher
 Superintendent: Dr. V. Keith Callicutt
 Board Chair: Jan Smiley

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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	0	0	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 (%)	97.9%	94.2%	95.7%	93.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	1.8%	4.0%	3.5%	6.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	0.3%	1.7%	2.2%	1.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.3%	99.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	317	191
Number of Diplomas	286	176
Rate (%)	90.2%	76.0%

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	92.6%	90.8%
English 1	93.4%	93.6%
Physical Science	87.6%	84.6%
US History and the Constitution	73.0%	74.4%
All Tests	86.0%	85.8%

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=1,383)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.7%	1.6%	4.8%
Attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 94.2%	96.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	23.1%	Up from 20.8%	23.1%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.0%	Up from 6.8%	7.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Down from 3.5%	2.8%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.7%	Down from 4.0%	0.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.4%	Up from 14.9%	39.4%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	94.0%	Up from 88.7%	70.4%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.4%	Down from 32.4%	45.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 2.5%	0.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	11.9%	Up from 7.4%	0.1%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1042	Down from 1172	157	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	92.3%	Up from 90.6%	99.3%	79.3%
Teachers (n=100)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.0%	Up from 64.2%	68.0%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Up from 72.6%	77.0%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.1%	Up from 5.6%	6.1%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.9%	Down from 77.4%	88.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.4%	Up from 96.4%	96.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,659	Up 5.5%	\$49,300	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1%	Down from 5.5%	2.5%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Up from 9.2 days	8.2 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.8 to 1	Down from 29.2 to 1	24.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Up from 88.5%	91.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,974	Up 19.8%	\$7,463	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.3%	Down from 62.4%	60.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.7%	Down from 64.8%	64.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.4%	Down from 94.5%	99.3%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	93.3%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	83	286	158
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	91.3%	92.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.9%	91.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.2%	84.4%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We Are...Fort Mill!!! This is a simple description of the history of excellence at our fine school. We are proud of the students, teachers, parents, and community that have made Fort Mill synonymous with outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement. We recognize that we do not do everything perfect, but we will continue to work to reach every student with relevant instruction and experiences.

The Class of 2009 was an outstanding group. They were awarded over \$5.3 million in scholarships for higher education. Fifteen of our students entered the military to serve our country. Three of our students were named National Merit Finalists. Over thirty percent of our seniors were awarded state Life Scholarships to assist with higher education. The Class of 2009 is the smallest in some time at our school. Many of their friends left two years ago to start our second district high school. They have responded as one of our most spirited classes in my time at Fort Mill.

Our Mock Trial won their second state title in three years in 2009 and participated in the National Mock Trial Competition in Atlanta, GA. Our Marching Band finished second in AAAA and two students won national band honors. In athletics, one student defended his individual state title in Cross Country to win his second title in a row. Four students won individual wrestling state titles. Sixteen of eighteen varsity sports made the playoffs.

A goal of our clubs and organizations is to be a good member of our community. In keeping with this goal, our Student Council raised more than \$1,200 in charitable donations. Several groups, including our faculty, made donations to the Fort Mill Care Center. Our Construction class and Agriculture class partnered with the Greenway on real life projects that improved our community. The Fine Arts Department took on their biggest project ever this spring. "Peter Pan" was a huge community success and showcased the talent of our students and faculty.

We appreciate the efforts of our SIC, PTSA, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and Choral Boosters. These groups have a major impact on life at Fort Mill High School. We would not be able to offer many of the experiences our students have without the support of our parent groups.

Finally, Ms. Jeannie Whitten was named FM School District Teacher of the Year early in the school year. Ms. Shelia Wise was named Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year in the spring. These two teachers are representative of the outstanding instruction at Fort Mill High School.

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Rick Warner, SIC Chairman

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