



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ASHLEY RIDGE HIGH
Dorchester 2
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,191
Principal: Karen Radcliffe
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair: Frances Townsend

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		
2010	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	13	2	0	0

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	88.0%	88.5%	82.6%	84.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.6%	6.6%	10.2%	9.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	3.4%	4.9%	7.9%	7.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	N/A	93.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

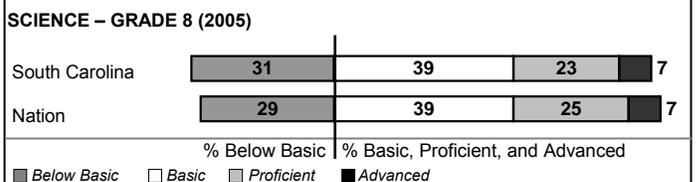
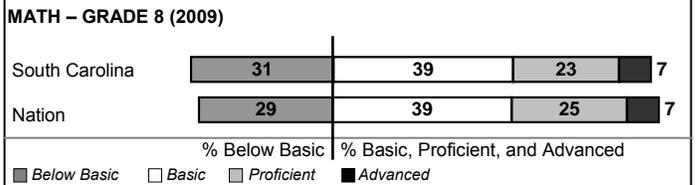
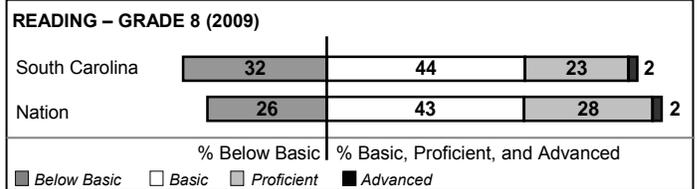
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	31	377
Number of Diplomas	2	287
Rate (%)	6.5%	74.9%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	83.0	79.4
English 1	76.6	77.4
Physical Science	68.5	66.4
US History and the Constitution	68.9	55.5
All Tests	73.7	68.8

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



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=1,191)				
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 5.2%	2.8%	3.7%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.0%	96.4%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.9%	Down from 13.2%	16.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.6%	Up from 9.9%	9.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.1%	Down from 9.4%	7.2%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	8.4%	Up from 6.7%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.2%	Up from 0.0%	22.3%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	64.7%	Up from 56.1%	59.3%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	33.4%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	N/A	2.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.9%	Up from 1.3%	3.2%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	577	Up from 426	738	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.6%	Down from 85.8%	82.2%	78.7%
Teachers (n=63)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 70.0%	64.6%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Down from 80.0%	76.7%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.5%	Up from 2.2%	5.4%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.4%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 94.0%	95.9%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,703	Down 3.1%	\$48,949	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	2.0%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 7.5 days	8.6 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.7 to 1	Up from 24.6 to 1	28.5 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 90.1%	91.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,123	N/A	\$7,187	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.6%	N/A	58.3%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.1%	N/A	62.4%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	96.3%	96.0%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	70.6%	Down from 76.5%	70.6%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The second year at Ashley Ridge High School has been as exciting as the first. No longer an untried, unproven entity, Ashley Ridge High School emerged as a force to be reckoned with. It is a place where people of all backgrounds come together to work, to learn, and to grow into individuals with attainable goals and dreams. We have gained a closeness and a spirit seldom seen in a high school of our size. We are "AR," a rare and wonderful collection of lives and experiences that are strong, proud, and one of a kind.

Ashley Ridge High School continues to celebrate our many honors and student "firsts." We earned the distinction of being a "Red Carpet School." The AFJROTC program was named a Distinguished Unit for the second year, and one of our AFJROTC instructors was named an Outstanding Instructor by the Air Force. The Ashley Ridge Level 3 Quest team placed first in the Low Country. We earned our first two state championships in winter percussion and winter color guard. The band program earned their first SCBDA "Outstanding Performance Award," based upon their accomplishments during the marching season, the concert festivals, as well as their region participation. The AR guidance director was named the Dorchester Two Guidance Counselor of the Year. We fielded nineteen athletic teams at Ashley Ridge. Sixteen out of the nineteen teams competed in the post season. Ashley Ridge earned three region titles: boy's golf, softball, and wrestling. A wrestler at AR earned our first athletic state championship in the Individual State Wrestling Meet. The competitive cheerleaders earned a Lower State Championship.

At Ashley Ridge High School, we are committed to producing good citizens that are productive members of our community. Our clubs, leadership classes, and student government contributed hundreds of hours and donated thousands of dollars to local and national organizations. We hosted our first Red Cross blood drive. Ashley Ridge hosted the second annual Swamp Fest for over 170 special needs students. The local SPCA, the Low Country Food Bank, Children in Crisis, Trident United Way, Water Missions International, Courageous Kids, and the Cancer Society have all benefitted from the generosity of the students at Ashley Ridge.

Ashley Ridge High School will face many challenges as we continue to focus on academic excellence. We will be applying to become a member of the High Schools that Work coalition. We will have our first graduating class in 2010-2011. The graduation rate will be a focal point for all of our school-wide planning. We are committed to providing educational opportunities in a safe, supportive environment that fosters pride, inspires excellence, promotes respect, and builds strong relationships.

Karen Radcliffe, Principal
Lynn Gerken, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	72	295	100
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.6%	81.3%	94.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	87.1%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.6%	86.3%	86.0%

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

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