



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BLUE RIDGE HIGH**  
**Greenville**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 1,153  
**Principal: Reena Watson**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher**  
**Board Chair: Megan Hickerson**

## 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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	13	3	0	0

\*Ratings are calculated with data available by 09/29/2011. 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 (%)	75.5%	80.7%	82.8%	83.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.3%	12.3%	10.1%	9.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.2%	7.1%	7.9%	7.4%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.0%	93.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

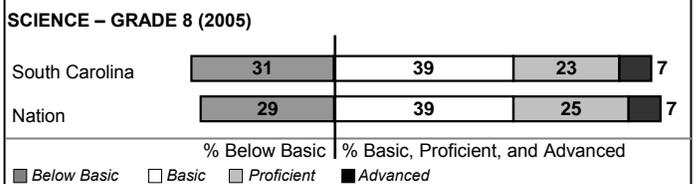
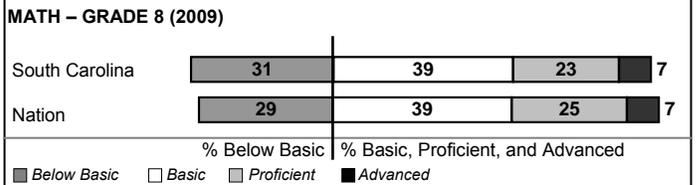
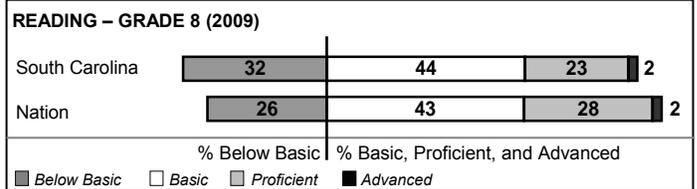
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	344	362
Number of Diplomas	252	276
Rate (%)	73.3%	75.1%

## 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	82.1	78.4
English 1	76.6	75.6
Physical Science	59.1	65.9
US History and the Constitution	38.7	55.0
All Tests	63.2	67.9

## 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
<b>Students (n=1,153)</b>				
Retention rate	5.7%	Up from 5.3%	2.8%	3.7%
Attendance rate	96.4%	No Change	96.2%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.6%	Up from 16.0%	16.6%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Down from 12.5%	9.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.5%	Up from 8.8%	7.1%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.1%	Up from 15.9%	21.1%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.0%	Down from 56.0%	59.6%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Down from 58.6%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Down from 4.2%	2.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.4%	Up from 3.1%	3.1%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	598	Down from 748	657	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.1%	Up from 81.3%	82.1%	78.7%
<b>Teachers (n=63)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.1%	Down from 65.2%	61.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	90.5%	Up from 85.5%	77.8%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 1.6%	5.1%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 88.8%	87.6%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 95.7%	95.9%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,706	Up 1.0%	\$48,892	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.2%	Down from 7.0%	1.8%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	4.8 days	Down from 5.2 days	8.6 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.6 to 1	Up from 30.5 to 1	28.3 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.4%	Up from 92.3%	90.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,428	Up 2.7%	\$7,277	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.4%	Up from 57.3%	58.2%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.3%	Up from 60.1%	61.3%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	96.5%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	Down from 84.6%	70.6%	69.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge High School continues to maintain high expectations for all its students. The 2010 graduates earned nearly 5 million dollars in scholarships for higher education. We received the Palmetto Silver Award this year. We were also recognized as Summa Cum Laude for High Improvement on the SAT and the ACT. Induction was held for the first National Honor Society. AFJROTC earned Distinguished Unit Award with Merit.

The tradition continues with the Men's Ensemble taking 2nd place at the 2010 AAA SC State Chorus Festival; the BRHS Corps of Cadets capturing a silver medal at the 2009 AAA State Marching Band competition; and Strings receiving Excellent rating at South Carolina Music Educator's Association's Concert Festival.

The athletic program was exceptional this year. Softball won the District 3 championship. Girls and boys soccer qualified for the second round of State playoffs. Volleyball and baseball were region runner-ups. The State AAA Champion Golfer was a member of the BRHS men's golf team.

With student achievement as the focus in our building, improvements strategies have been developed and ongoing. During the 2009-2010 school year, Blue Ridge continued its after-school tutoring program for Mathematics and English. Efforts are ongoing to develop strategies to improve our HSAP results. Our character education program is now school-wide.

Blue Ridge High School fosters a climate where learning must be shared by the home, school, and community. Exhibiting southern hospitality at its best, our community prides itself on its open and welcoming atmosphere. As the school's population has continued to grow, so has the cultural and ethnic diversity, thus illustrating our commitment to educate students from all backgrounds.

Reena Watson, Principal  
Teresa Bennett, SIC Chair

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	65	197	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.6%	83.2%	81.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.4%	90.3%	86.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.6%	90.3%	68.2%

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

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