



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

THE ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMICS
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 475
Director: David E Stoudenmire Jr
Board Chair: Will Garland
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

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		
2011	Excellent	N/A	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	14	3	4	1

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/18/2011. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
447	96.6%		87.6%

GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
199	98.0%		94.7%

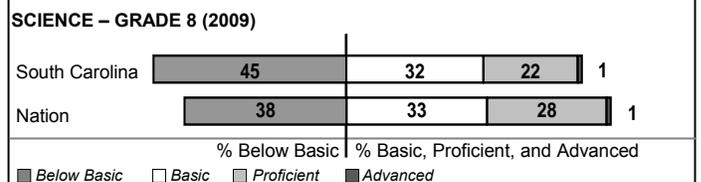
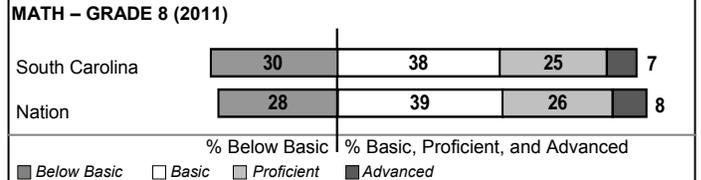
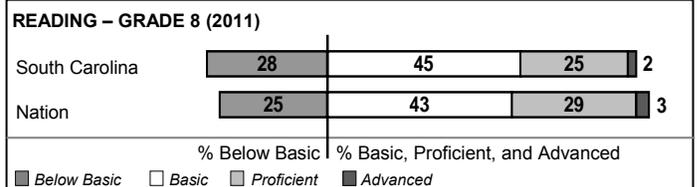
PLACEMENT RATE

The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)	
n	%	n	%
388	99.7%		96.3%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



SC PERFORMANCE 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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THE ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMICS

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=475)			
With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	N/A	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	41.3%	Down from 50.3%	21.6%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	475	Up from 455	608
Students participating in work-based experiences	21.9%	Down from 39.1%	16.2%
Teachers (n=40)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Down from 63.2%	23.8%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Down from 84.2%	76.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	67.7%	Up from 65.5%	90.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 94.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,383	Down 5.4%	\$46,840
Professional development days/teacher	22.5 days	Down from 23.2 days	10.9 days
Center			
Director's years at Center	12.0	Up from 11.0	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,332	Down 3.0%	\$3,211
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.2%	Up from 57.1%	58.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.9%	Up from 63.9%	66.9%
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	79.8%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	0	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.4%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.8%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.1%	N/R	N/R

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2010-11 school year, the Academy for Technology and Academics was again an exciting place to be. Our faculty and staff, who led us through an impressive High Schools That Work Technical Assistance Visit, had a great year as well. ATA continues to offer students opportunities to grow and prepare themselves for future challenges both locally and globally.

We continue to diversify our career and technology offerings at ATA. We were pleased to kick off our new Emergency and Fire Services Management Program. This program is the result of a strong partnership with and through the generosity of Horry County Fire and Rescue. Improvements for 2010-2011 school year at ATA include academic offerings. Students successfully completed Advanced Placement (AP) and College level courses offered in cooperation with HGTC.

Students continue to achieve numerous state and national certifications. Our graduate placement rate continues to be over 99%. Pre-med students for the first time participated in Anatomy in Clay and CyberSurgery. Digital Arts and Design's "Who we Are" video won first place at the Horry County Schools Technology fair.

Connect Program students continue to have tremendous success in meeting the challenges of secondary education, and successfully completing state graduation requirements in order to move into the next phase of life, post-secondary education, work force, or the military. Also, more and more our Connect students are electing to remain for an optional fourth year so that they may complete a career major.

Service learning projects for ATA students have included "Think Pink" cancer awareness, an anti-smoking campaign "Rage Against the Haze", and cooking and serving the less fortunate at The Shepherd's Table soup kitchen, just to name a few.

On May 19, we celebrated a "Night to Remember" for our seniors at ATA's annual Senior Awards and Reception. We celebrated their status as completers and concentrators in each area, recognized district, state and national competitive events participants, year-long perfect attendance and state/national certifications/achievements. We also honored our academic successes for the year-long Principal's List, A/B Honor Roll, and Top 10% of the Class of 2011. We concluded our ceremony by announcing winners for various scholarships.

ATA will continue to seek new ideas to market the enormous "app-ortunities" we offer Horry County students. Even a partial listing of our many successes may seem boastful. At ATA we offer students real life opportunities to grow and become the future leaders of our communities. We believe, "It's not bragging if it's true!" Please feel free to come and visit our school, its programs and our students and allow us the opportunity to show you all what we have to offer!

Teresa Houston, School Improvement Council Chair
David E. Stoudenmire, Jr., Principal

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