



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE**  
**Beaufort County**  
**Grades: 9-11** Enrollment: 401  
**Principal: Priscilla Drake**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale**  
**Board Chair: Fred Washington**

## 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	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	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
2	2	20	0	2

\*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	N/A	53.6%	71.1%	68.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	29.1%	15.5%	18.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	17.3%	14.5%	13.0%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	N/A	88.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	3	177
Number of Diplomas	0	129
Rate (%)	0.0%	71.3%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.2	70.3
English 1	66.1	57.1
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	48.1	55.6
Physical Science	56.5	46.0
US History and the Constitution	20.8	34.1
All Tests	50.3	50.8

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

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

### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



## 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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# WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE [Beaufort County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=401)</b>				
Retention rate	0.0%	N/A	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	98.8%	N/A	95.3%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.5%	N/A	12.2%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.1%	N/A	11.1%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	11.1%	N/A	8.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2%	N/R	0.7%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	N/R	8.5%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	29.9%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	27.7%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	N/A	N/A	2.8%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	6.5%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	270	N/A	270	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	77.0%	N/A	79.1%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=23)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	N/A	60.0%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	26.1%	N/A	73.3%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	84.0%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	N/R	94.9%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,545	I/S	\$46,807	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.7%	N/A	4.3%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	N/R	9.5 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/R	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.4 to 1	N/R	24.3 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	N/R	90.0%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$8,317	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	54.4%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	59.4%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/R	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.8%	N/R	96.7%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	N/R	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	50.0%		57.1%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our inaugural year is now under our belt. There are many things that we are proud to highlight. Our students have experienced many successes this year both academically and athletically. Students are motivated and excited about learning.

We are honored to be partnering with the Technical College of the Lowcountry. This partnership has allowed our students to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to complete college credits right here on our campus. The number of students qualifying to take college courses has increased tremendously. There are students who have earned as many as 24 credits this year. They are aspiring to complete many more in the coming year.

We very proudly cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of our REAL Center (Reimaging Education And Learning). This is a high tech technology center that we hold the unique honor of having in our school. This is one of three REAL Centers in the world. Our center is the only one in the world housed in a school building. This center will allow our students as well as students across our district to experience technology at a new level. It's a place where learning can really come alive.

Our athletes experienced successes as well during our inaugural year. Our football team made it to the first round of the play-offs and our volleyball team made it to the 3rd round of the play-offs. Members of our track team also made it to the state level with several bringing home awards.

Parent and community involvement have been something that we have treasured. Our parents have strongly supported the efforts of our faculty and staff. Because of their strong support we have had a successful and rewarding first year as Whale Branch Early College High School.

As we continue to build a legacy for future students, we will continue to hold fast to the belief that all children can learn given the right environment, support and tools.

Priscilla Drake, Principal  
Marilyn Fields, School Improvement Council President

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	97	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.3%	75.3%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	78.4%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.6%	84.2%	83.3%

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

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