



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

GAFFNEY SENIOR HIGH
Cherokee
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,051
Principal: Ms. Marlene Davis
Superintendent: Dr. Edgar C. Taylor
Board Chair: Mr. Donnie Smith

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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
10	7	24	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 (%)	77.4%	74.7%	76.9%	74.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.8%	12.9%	12.2%	15.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.8%	12.3%	11.8%	10.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.9%	90.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

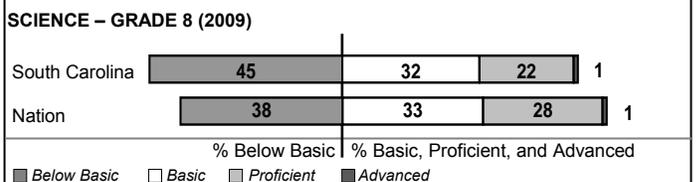
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	501	263
Number of Diplomas	395	180
Rate (%)	78.8%	71.7%

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	73.9	73.3
English 1	64.3	60.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	38.2	61.4
Physical Science	44.5	52.2
US History and the Constitution	36.4	42.2
All Tests	50.2	58.0

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=2,051)				
Retention rate	5.2%	Down from 6.9%	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.3%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.6%	Up from 21.3%	13.6%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.1%	Down from 7.4%	10.6%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	6.5%	Down from 8.1%	7.5%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Up from 1.2%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.7%	Up from 12.0%	10.0%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	53.4%	Up from 47.4%	44.5%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	49.6%	Up from 48.6%	30.0%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	0.9%	Down from 2.5%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.0%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	863	Down from 888	373	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.2%	Up from 83.7%	81.9%	83.0%
Teachers (n=107)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.8%	Down from 61.6%	59.8%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	92.5%	Down from 94.6%	80.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.6%	Up from 86.3%	86.3%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.1%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,073	Down 4.5%	\$46,546	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 3.7%	2.0%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.4 days	Up from 5.6 days	10.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.8 to 1	Up from 29.9 to 1	26.5 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.1%	89.4%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,617	Down 6.3%	\$7,940	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.9%	Up from 59.1%	57.8%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.7%	Up from 59.9%	61.1%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.2%	97.3%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.9%	Down from 76.5%	61.9%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Facing economic challenges throughout the county, state and nation, Gaffney High School adopted the theme of "Survivor" for the 2010-11 year. By working together we developed goals and achieved success by doing more with less.

We expanded our credit recovery program to help students get back on track to graduate on time. Many students took advantage of the OdysseyWare program to recoup up to 4 credits during the year. Senior students were given extra tutoring opportunities prior to HSAP testing in fall and spring. This resulted in all of our diploma track special needs students earning a state diploma and only 7 of our other seniors needing a final chance at the test in the summer.

Our Project Lead the Way engineering classes continued to grow. Students presented several news broadcasts each month through our WGHB classes. United States history students participated in the History Day competition for the first time and placed third in the state. Service organizations provided more than 5000 hours of community support as well as impressive donations of canned goods, toys and blood. The senior class accumulated in excess of 6.7 million dollars in scholarships, topping last year's amount, including an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, 207 S.C. Life Scholarships and 13 S.C. Palmetto Fellows.

Our faculty also excelled academically. Three teachers and administrators earned doctorates, with several others currently enrolled in doctoral programs. Several region coaches of the year were named from among our ranks.

As the year came to a close we were reminded of the saying: "Tough times don't last; tough people do"

Marlene Davis, principal
Shella Blanton, SIC

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	72	345	109
Percent satisfied with learning environment	75.0%	71.9%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.3%	79.5%	73.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	59.4%	80.7%	69.7%

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

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