



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CHESTER SENIOR HIGH
Chester
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 914
Principal: Leonard J. Gardner
Superintendent: Mr. John Taylor
Board Chair: Mrs. Maggie James

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	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	3	19	0	1

*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 (%)	79.8%	71.1%	73.6%	69.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.3%	14.2%	14.3%	17.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.8%	14.7%	12.1%	12.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	86.9%	88.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	283	180
Number of Diplomas	192	131
Rate (%)	67.8%	72.2%

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	82.5	72.9
English 1	37.9	56.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	40.1	56.5
Physical Science	73.5	48.3
US History and the Constitution	34.9	36.0
All Tests	47.8	52.4

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=914)				
Retention rate	10.2%	Up from 9.0%	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	92.5%	Up from 91.2%	95.2%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.4%	Down from 14.5%	14.8%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	No Change	10.3%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	13.5%	Down from 16.0%	9.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 7.2%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.8%	Up from 7.7%	6.7%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	38.2%	Down from 38.3%	33.7%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.9%	Up from 28.7%	27.9%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	7.7%	Up from 5.9%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.8%	Up from 1.0%	6.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	95	Down from 114	256	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	64.2%	Down from 74.7%	83.3%	83.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.1%	Up from 47.1%	60.6%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	83.7%	Up from 76.5%	78.5%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.1%	Up from 77.9%	84.3%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	99.7%	Up from 94.7%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,179	Up 3.4%	\$46,880	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	Down from 3.6%	3.9%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.3 days	Up from 10.1 days	9.7 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.5	Up from 3.5	4.8	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.6 to 1	Down from 25.1 to 1	24.7 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Up from 85.2%	90.6%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,617	Down 0.3%	\$8,103	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.6%	Up from 51.5%	55.8%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.7%	Up from 53.8%	59.9%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.3%	Down from 100.0%	97.0%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	47.1%	Down from 64.7%	58.8%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2010-2011 school year was an amazing demonstration of the character and resilience of all stakeholders at Chester High School. Despite difficult cutbacks and loss of revenue, the impact of our current economic times was softened by the efforts of dedicated faculty, staff, and community. Chester High continues to lead in contributions to charities and other service organizations. We were once again a "Heroes School" for the Red Cross and records were broken in the contributions to numerous worthy charities. Academically, recipients of Life Scholarships increased by more than 15% and graduates were awarded scholarships totaling more than 4 million dollars. Our Valedictorian, Tyreke White, received a full academic scholarship to Harvard University. Chester High continues to produce champion athletes. Students from Chester High participated in the Shrine Bowl and the North South Game in football, and wrestlers qualified 3rd in the Individual State Tournament and sent two members to participate in the North South Classic. Athletic scholarships were awarded in baseball, football, softball, and track. The School Improvement Council continued their efforts to remodel the courtyard area of the school grounds. Grants were written, and to this date \$1500 has been awarded. The SIC was also active in efforts to make Parent Day a success. In 2010-2011 Chester High continued to produce well rounded, creative, independent graduates that are prepared for the challenging times they face as they embark upon the rest of their lives.

Jeff Gardner, Principal
Tara Park, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	166	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	53.7%	74.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.2%	66.3%	59.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	44.0%	72.0%	71.4%

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

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