



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

ST. JAMES HIGH
 Horry
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,375
 Principal: Van Pennell
 Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
 Board Chair: Will Garland

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	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	Gold	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
16	7	7	0	0

*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 (%)	82.5%	88.2%	80.7%	83.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.2%	8.7%	10.9%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.4%	3.1%	8.7%	7.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.0%	93.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	374	367
Number of Diplomas	292	278
Rate (%)	78.1%	71.9%

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	86.2	79.2
English 1	72.4	71.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	82.7	73.2
Physical Science	65.6	62.5
US History and the Constitution	65.9	51.4
All Tests	73.4	66.4

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=1,375)				
Retention rate	4.1%	Up from 2.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.4%	94.7%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	34.7%	Up from 29.9%	17.3%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.3%	Down from 13.3%	9.8%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	4.2%	Down from 4.8%	5.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Down from 1.4%	1.3%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.6%	Down from 27.2%	17.3%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	67.0%	Up from 63.8%	51.0%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	65.0%	Up from 28.8%	35.4%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 4.8%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.7%	Up from 3.0%	1.9%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	751	Up from 748	705	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.8%	Up from 76.0%	82.5%	83.0%
Teachers (n=73)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.0%	Up from 62.3%	63.3%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 80.5%	85.2%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.9%	Up from 87.0%	88.4%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.6%	95.7%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,873	Down 1.5%	\$47,754	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.4%	Down from 2.8%	1.9%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	15.1 days	Up from 13.9 days	11.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.1 to 1	Up from 28.9 to 1	29.2 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 88.0%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,051	Down 0.4%	\$7,066	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.0%	Up from 54.3%	60.2%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.2%	Up from 59.5%	62.3%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.5%	Up from 55.6%	96.6%	97.3%
Character development program	Below Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 86.7%	73.2%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

St. James High School understands that "rigor is challenging students beyond their comfort zone to become lifelong learners in an environment where: "I can't" is not accepted; "I will" is expected; and [student] success is celebrated" (from the SJHS Definition of Rigor). It is this understanding and consistency of high expectations that inspires greatness in our students. The SJHS community, faculty, and students strive for success and are committed to excellence in academics, arts, and athletics. In just this year alone, this high school has earned such accolades as being named a 2011 National Outstanding High Schools that Work site, earning a Palmetto Gold award for improvement in end-of-year performance and a Palmetto Silver award for general performance, winning state and regional championships in both baseball and wrestling, and achieving numerous recognitions in HOSA, JROTC and the arts. SJHS is dedicated to preparing students for the world beyond its academic halls, and committing as sharks to move in only one direction—forward.

Van Pennell, Principal
Janice Morreale, SIC Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	76	198	91
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	75.5%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.3%	83.2%	83.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.7%	83.2%	80.9%

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