



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

RIDGELAND HIGH
Jasper
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 557
Principal: Cassandra Jennings
Superintendent: Dr. Vashti K. Washington
Board Chair: Kathleen Snooks

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	At-Risk	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	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
5	3	18	8	8

*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 (%)	47.2%	50.8%	64.9%	64.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	27.3%	27.4%	18.1%	19.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	25.6%	21.8%	17.5%	16.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	79.1%	84.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

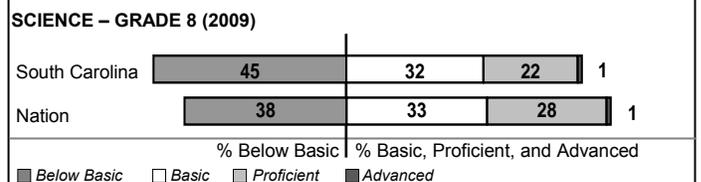
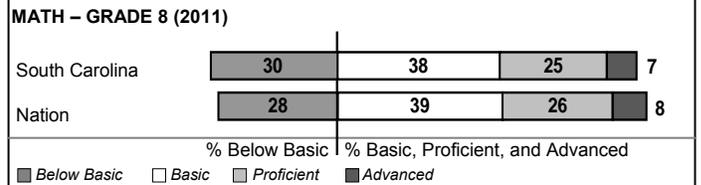
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	119	156
Number of Diplomas	91	109
Rate (%)	76.5%	69.7%

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	41.5	63.6
English 1	42.3	50.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	37.8	47.1
Physical Science	2.6	42.5
US History and the Constitution	20.0	29.7
All Tests	33.3	45.9

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=557)				
Retention rate	9.3%	Up from 6.2%	4.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	99.7%	Down from 99.9%	95.1%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.6%	Up from 4.1%	6.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	15.3%	Down from 16.1%	12.2%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	9.7%	Down from 10.5%	9.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.7%	1.2%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	3.2%	Down from 3.4%	5.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.8%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.3%	Up from 20.0%	27.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Up from 1.4%	2.2%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.9%	Up from 0.0%	4.6%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	397	Up from 380	258	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.6%	Up from 64.9%	78.3%	83.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 52.8%	59.5%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	60.5%	Down from 66.7%	71.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.1%	N/A	81.2%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 99.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,632	Up 1.6%	\$45,028	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.6%	Down from 14.2%	3.0%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 9.8 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.1 to 1	Down from 27.5 to 1	21.8 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.3%	Down from 97.5%	89.6%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,723	Down 9.9%	\$9,755	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Up from 51.0%	56.5%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Up from 59.6%	59.5%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	82.4%	Up from 81.1%	96.7%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	69.2%	Up from 46.2%	53.8%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	53	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	34.3%	45.3%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	63.9%	54.7%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	37.1%	69.8%	I/S

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ridgeland High School was established in 2008 and has a student population of 540 students in grades nine through twelve. The dedication of teachers and staff, commitment and support of the community, and academic and athletic achievements of the students have driven Ridgeland High School to unparalleled status in the district as well as the state. This is evident by one of our student receiving the Gates Millieum Scholarship. Our Varsity Girls Basketball team won the first State Championship in the history of Jasper County. Our continued vision is to challenge and empower students to be successful in a competitive world.

Therefore, it is imperative that we make every effort to surpass these standards and build upon our accomplishments. Additional accomplishments this year included; Track team won state;

- Girls Track Team — Region Champs 2011
- Adaisha Beasley (Senior) won the 200 & 400 meters.
- Goldy Cohen (Sophomore) — Gold Medalist — 1600 meters.
- Region-Wide Poetry-Out Loud Winner: Adam Carter (Senior).
- State Champ 2X Weight Lifting Recipient: Wesley Scott (Junior).
- RHS Band (104 members strong) won 1st Place in the MLK Parade, Ridgeland & Savannah, GA, the Shrimp Festival Parade, Yemassee, SC, and the Heritage Day Parade, St. Helena Island, SC; came in 2nd Place in Columbia High School Drumline Competition and Eau Claire High School Drumline Competition, Columbia, SC, and participated in numerous other parades, programs and football games.
- Bre'Anna Orr (Sophomore), was selected as "Senator for a Day," by Senator Clementa Pinckney.
- Low Country Region Winners — Manufacturing Design Contest: Chori Murdaugh (Senior) and Alexis Deloach (Junior).

The curriculum at Ridgeland includes Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory courses designed to challenge and augment student proficiency in all areas. During the 2010-2011 school years, the curriculum included United States History Advanced Placement, Teacher Cadet, and dual credit course in English through Trident Technical College, a wide array of elective courses, and more.

Our graduates, the Class of 2011, will explore opportunities and meet academic challenges that will launch them into successful careers and post secondary education. Through "High Schools That Work", a school improvement model, Ridgeland High School continues to embrace research-based best practice strategies and ideas. Employment of this model allows for common assessments in all courses; collaboration and teamwork among teachers, departments, and grade levels; standards-based instruction; and differentiated instruction. Next year we will implement a Four Block Schedule. Ridgeland High School has triumphed, as true champions, in every avenue of school life; this is evident through the numerous accomplishments and achievements of the school and community. As we move forward, we will continue to embrace the spirit of victory in all endeavors for the sake of student success.

Cassandra N. Jennings, Principal
Gladys Williams, SIC Chairperson

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