



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**CAMDEN HIGH**  
**Kershaw County**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 968  
**Principal: Daniel H. Matthews**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan**  
**Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.**

## 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	Silver	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
11	8	18	1	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 (%)	72.0%	77.8%	78.5%	78.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.4%	14.9%	11.6%	12.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.6%	7.2%	10.2%	9.6%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	86.7%	91.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

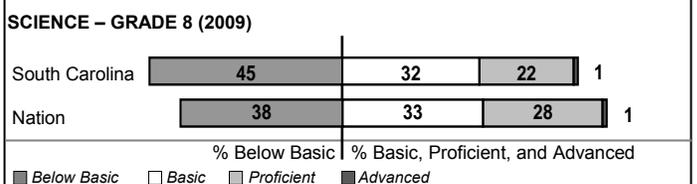
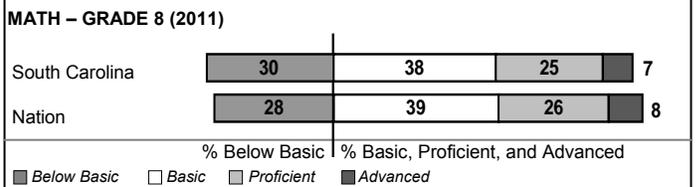
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	279	275
Number of Diplomas	205	196
Rate (%)	73.5%	72.2%

## 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	76.4	77.1
English 1	67.0	65.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	68.1	67.6
Physical Science	57.9	56.0
US History and the Constitution	35.1	45.8
All Tests	59.9	62.4

## 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
<b>Students (n=968)</b>				
Retention rate	7.8%	Up from 5.3%	3.7%	3.4%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Down from 96.6%	95.2%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	24.6%	Down from 24.8%	14.5%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.2%	Down from 10.5%	10.8%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	11.2%	Down from 11.4%	7.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.6%	Down from 7.1%	0.7%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.8%	Up from 19.7%	13.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	37.1%	Down from 43.6%	51.1%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.1%	Down from 43.2%	30.2%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.3%	Down from 1.7%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	2.0%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	315	Up from 274	369	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	71.4%	Up from 64.3%	81.7%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=58)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Down from 63.0%	59.8%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	74.1%	Down from 76.7%	85.0%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.5%	Down from 90.5%	87.7%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 97.0%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,383	Down 4.6%	\$47,113	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8%	Down from 10.8%	1.8%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.6 days	Up from 5.6 days	10.7 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 16.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.2 to 1	Up from 17.8 to 1	27.7 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Down from 93.3%	89.9%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,278	Down 0.4%	\$7,397	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.9%	Up from 52.3%	56.6%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.2%	Up from 53.7%	60.0%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.8%	Up from 93.1%	97.0%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	No Change	66.0%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	181	41
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.3%	83.4%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7%	81.8%	84.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.3%	89.3%	89.7%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been a year of transition and success at Camden High School. The CHS family welcomed new principal Dan Matthews and two new assistant principals: Lesley Corner and Dr. Tylisa Hill. The Commitment to Excellence is still the foundation of Camden High. It was evident throughout the year in academics, athletics, and community activities. Camden High was named a Summa Cum Laude recipient for high ACT performance. CHS was also named a Silver Award winner by the SC Department of Education for Closing the Achievement Gap with underperforming subgroups. The effective use of technology is one of the lynchpins to student engagement. Our district is in the 8th year of its innovative I-Can initiative, which places a laptop in the hands of every high school student and teacher. All teachers are expected to use technology as an integral part of their daily plan. Teachers are trained to integrate the use of digital projectors and Promethean Boards, as well as make full use of our E-Chalk webpage as part of their daily lesson planning. Camden High proudly recognizes the accomplishments of our seniors: 13 Palmetto Fellows winners, 33 Life Scholarship recipients, 33 members of the SAT/ACT Honor Court, and 11 members of the Upchurch & Jowers All-County Academic Team. There were numerous other scholarships to our seniors totaling over \$1,000,000. The Commitment to Excellence extended to our athletic programs as well. Our Spring Sports Complex was finally completed with an eight-lane track being the final piece of the facility to be completed. Seventeen student-athletes were named by the SCHSL as Scholar Athletes. Additionally, CHS teams won 6 Region Championships; 48 athletes were named All-Region; 5 students were named Region 6 3A Players of the Year; 5 were named All State; and 4 were named to state wide All Star teams. The Performing Arts Auditorium continues to be source of pride for the school and community. Our drama department produced two remarkable productions: a Kabuki Theater presentation and a critically acclaimed production of "A Raisin in the Sun." The JROTC program, the Bulldog Battalion, had its 5-year inspection, and maintained its designation of being an Honor Unit with Distinction, a designation only held by 10% of all ROTC units in our nation. As part of the Bulldogs Give Back program, our student body gave back to our community over 2000 hours of community service as well as raised over \$22,000 for Relay for Life, the United Way, and other community-based charities including Habitat for Humanity, Food for the Soul, and two of our own students who suffered devastating home fires. The Hearts of Gold program recognized over 180 student volunteers. Camden High enjoys the support of the Academic Booster Club, The Bulldog Club, the CamBand Club, the School Improvement Council, and the CHS Alumni Association. These parents and community enrich the fabric of our school by their gifts and their service. Camden High continues its Commitment to Excellence.

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