



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**MARLBORO COUNTY HIGH**  
**Marlboro**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 1,248  
**Principal: Kenneth Lance Bowen**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Helena Tillar**  
**Board Chair: Lucy Parsons**

## 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	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	At-Risk	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 (%)	60.7%	65.2%	63.1%	64.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.9%	16.0%	18.7%	19.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	21.4%	18.8%	20.2%	16.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	79.5%	83.8%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	369	158
Number of Diplomas	227	110
Rate (%)	61.5%	69.8%

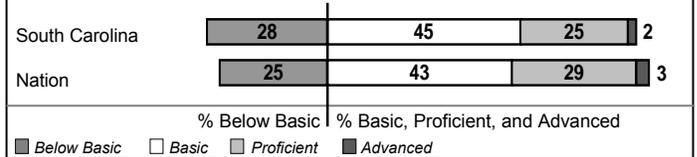
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	64.2	63.9
English 1	41.1	50.1
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	39.8	47.6
Physical Science	33.8	43.0
US History and the Constitution	29.0	30.1
All Tests	41.5	46.0

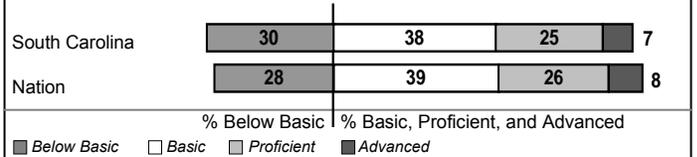
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* 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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# MARLBORO COUNTY HIGH [Marlboro]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,248)</b>				
Retention rate	5.9%	Down from 7.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 93.6%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.5%	Down from 14.3%	6.8%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Down from 13.2%	12.2%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	9.8%	Down from 13.8%	10.0%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 7.4%	1.1%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	3.8%	Up from 2.6%	5.7%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	14.5%	Down from 50.0%	16.8%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.1%	Up from 26.8%	27.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 3.9%	2.2%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.2%	Up from 7.6%	4.7%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	873	Up from 870	254	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.4%	Down from 75.7%	77.9%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=72)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.6%	Up from 50.0%	59.3%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	80.6%	Up from 69.2%	70.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.1%	Up from 75.6%	81.0%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 96.6%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,700	Down 1.6%	\$44,669	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	22.4%	Down from 23.4%	3.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.1 days	Up from 6.0 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.7 to 1	Up from 27.5 to 1	22.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.3%	Up from 90.0%	89.1%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,084	Down 6.6%	\$9,740	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.5%	Down from 52.7%	56.2%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.6%	Down from 55.0%	59.2%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	79.3%	Down from 87.3%	96.8%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	52.6%	Up from 47.4%	53.8%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	184	121
Percent satisfied with learning environment	69.0%	37.2%	58.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	65.1%	50.3%	48.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.4%	76.6%	57.1%

\*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

Marlboro County High School continued to strive for excellence in the 2010–2011 school year with the theme “We are Making A Difference” and the transition to a traditional 7-period day schedule. We saw a continuation of concerted efforts in the correlation between programs such as HSTW, STEM, Project Lead the Way, and Robotics along with Academic and Service Learning projects. The high school’s involvement with two 21st Century Community Learning Center grants is a testimony to the advancement of these programs and the establishment of positive working relationships with the middle schools and the community. Academic excellence was evident with the percentage of students passing AP Tests increasing to 50% which was very close to state and national rates. EOC scores increased in Algebra I, Physical Science, and U.S. History. SAT and ACT scores also saw significant increases largely due to the initiative of Mr. Kenneth L. Bowen in obtaining qualification for MCHS teachers to instruct classes for North Eastern Technical College on the MCHS campus and increasing the number of AP and rigorous course offerings, thus establishing a new post secondary school climate. Mr. Bowen’s initiative is now providing the opportunity for both juniors and seniors, upon graduation, to also earn 12+ college credits. The on campus dual enrollment initiative is ground breaking and sets an example for all high schools in South Carolina to emulate. Excellence in Character Education was evident with MCHS winning a prominent national award for the BRIDGE Program (Bringing Rigorous Instruction, Determination, & Guidance to Everyone); this program was another initiative of Principal Bowen that has helped improve the achievement of at-risk students and earned the school The 2011 National Promising Practice Character Education Award. The MCHS Bulldog Student Relay for Life Team received the award for obtaining the largest number of youth supporters on a team in the county and for placing fourth in the county for raising more than \$7,000. Our JROTC Department earned the status of Honor Unit with Distinction, placing the unit in the top 10% of Army JROTC units worldwide. Also, one instructor was recognized as the Scotland County, NC, Veteran of the year and one instructor earned recognition as a SC State School Board Volunteer of the year and has also earned the Great Comebacks 2011 National Tony Snow Award for Public Service. Excellence in our CATE, Fine Arts, & Athletic programs was evident this year as well. We had several CATE completers; many CATE programs and students earned regional and state recognition and awards for excellence. Our Gold Rush dance team continued to enter many competitions and win a number of awards, band students placed in many regional and state competitions, and our chorus and art students continued to excel throughout the district and community. One football player represented the school in the U. S. Army All-American Football Game which was nationally televised on NBC, one male and one female athlete won Lower-state Championships in Track, and the Varsity Softball Team won the Lower-state Championship for the first time in the school’s history. The results you see on this report card are directly related to the efforts of faculty & staff, students, parents, and the community. We will continue to focus on raising the expectations of all stakeholders, thus raising the performance of our school in all areas. At Marlboro County High School, “We are Making A Difference!”

Kenneth Lance Bowen, Principal Lt. Col. (Ret.)  
Justin F. Blum, SIC Chair

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