



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

EASLEY HIGH
Pickens
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,577**
Principal: Danny Merck
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	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 (%)	82.7%	83.4%	80.3%	82.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	7.7%	10.0%	11.2%	10.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.6%	6.6%	8.5%	7.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.2%	93.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

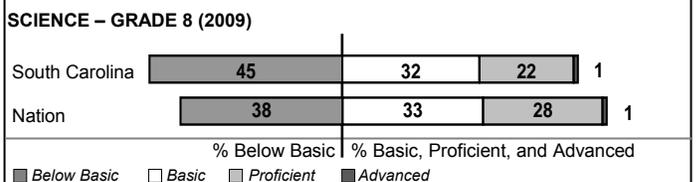
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	440	404
Number of Diplomas	316	307
Rate (%)	71.8%	76.5%

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	71.8	78.7
English 1	71.7	68.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	68.4	73.6
Physical Science	67.1	61.6
US History and the Constitution	48.5	54.3
All Tests	65.9	67.4

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=1,577)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 3.7%	2.7%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 92.4%	94.7%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.7%	Down from 14.4%	17.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Down from 12.1%	9.2%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Down from 9.3%	5.3%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.6%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.1%	Up from 22.5%	20.2%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.4%	Down from 65.5%	56.1%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	52.4%	Up from 34.4%	36.9%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	5.1%	Up from 4.5%	2.7%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	2.7%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	716	Up from 674	720	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	87.0%	Up from 83.6%	82.5%	83.0%
Teachers (n=95)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.1%	Up from 59.4%	63.3%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	85.3%	Up from 74.3%	83.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Up from 85.1%	88.0%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 97.5%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,398	Up 2.0%	\$48,319	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.1%	1.9%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	11.9 days	Up from 6.6 days	11.4 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.4 to 1	Down from 29.6 to 1	29.8 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	No Change	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,829	Down 4.8%	\$6,908	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.8%	Up from 52.3%	61.0%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.5%	No Change	62.7%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	96.4%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%	Up from 70.6%	73.4%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

With 1,575 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve, Easley High School offers a variety of special programs including 15 advanced placement courses involving 290 students participating in 510 AP exams; honors courses in English, math, science, social studies, fine arts, NJROTC and foreign languages; a strong fine arts program involving art, band, chorus, strings, drama and creative writing; dual credit opportunities through Tri-County Technical College; a teacher cadet leadership program for college credit; and courses offered through our district's career and technology center. These varied academic offerings have produced highly competitive students including two national silver and two national bronze awards winners on the National Spanish Exam; two students participating in the American Chemical Society test; two students accepted to the Governor's School of Math and Science; and two students attending the Performing Arts Academy.

Easley High School students performed above state and national average scores on the ACT and SAT earning the school both an ACT and SAT performance award and a cum laude award for excellent performance on both assessments. Students also performed above state average on both the Physical Science and U.S. History state exams.

Easley High School students not only excel in the classroom, but also in their extracurricular activities. The NJROTC program was selected as a Distinguished Unit for a unprecedented 17th consecutive year. The NJROTC Academic Team finished 1st in all of North and South Carolina (Area Six) and 12th in nation out more than 1600 teams that participated. The boy's cross-country, baseball and golf teams were region champions in their regular season with a combined eight students named all-region players. Football, baseball and boys basketball all finished their regular season undefeated at home with a combined record of 33-0. With the support of active booster clubs in NJROTC, band, strings, and athletics, the variety of extracurricular activities offered at Easley High School showcase our school motto, "Character first, then scholarship."

Chris Morgan, SIC Chair
Danny Merck, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	80	256	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.5%	76.9%	85.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.2%	85.6%	93.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.6%	85.2%	81.8%

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

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