



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

COLUMBIA HIGH
Richland 1
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 727
Principal: Shenequa Coles
Superintendent: Dr. Percy A. Mack
Board Chair: Dwayne Smiling

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	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	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
3	3	19	4	3

*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 (%)	66.9%	61.1%	70.0%	66.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.7%	21.1%	16.2%	18.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	17.4%	17.9%	13.8%	14.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.6%	86.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	204	192
Number of Diplomas	145	138
Rate (%)	71.1%	71.3%

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	84.2	67.6
English 1	58.8	53.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	40.0	50.1
Physical Science	30.3	43.9
US History and the Constitution	20.0	31.7
All Tests	44.9	48.7

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=727)				
Retention rate	5.5%	Down from 7.7%	5.0%	3.4%
Attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.5%	Down from 12.3%	8.1%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.8%	Down from 14.1%	12.1%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	10.4%	Down from 13.0%	9.8%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.7%	Up from 4.3%	0.7%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.5%	Up from 24.1%	6.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	13.9%	Up from 8.8%	18.7%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	23.0%	Down from 25.2%	27.7%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 3.6%	2.5%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.4%	Down from 9.0%	5.4%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	465	Down from 495	373	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	70.5%	Up from 63.7%	77.0%	83.0%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.0%	Down from 70.6%	59.1%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	68.0%	Up from 60.8%	73.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.1%	Up from 79.1%	82.6%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 94.2%	95.2%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,752	Down 2.7%	\$45,233	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 4.4%	3.3%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.2 days	Down from 12.0 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.4 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	24.2 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.8%	Down from 88.0%	90.3%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,595	Down 6.8%	\$8,451	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.0%	Up from 56.4%	55.9%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.2%	Down from 62.1%	59.6%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	82.2%	Down from 82.4%	96.5%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	46.2%	No Change	53.6%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	79	65
Percent satisfied with learning environment	55.8%	55.7%	73.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	68.6%	64.6%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	36.5%	81.0%	66.7%

*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

As we continue to strive for excellence, Columbia High School has upheld our mission of preparing every student to be successful by providing challenging, educational experiences for all students in a positive learning environment. Under our current dedicated leadership team, we have renewed our commitment to capitalizing on the collective efforts of our students, staff, and community members to face our challenges with optimism and pride and emerge as a beacon for academic excellence and educational opportunities.

During this school year, we have worked diligently to enhance our programs of study as we fortify our status as Richland County School District One's premier Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEMs) theme school. We have continued to provide our students with real-world experiences to enhance their preparedness for our global 21st century with access to advanced coursework in the following academies: Biomedical and Health Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Finance. Through the ongoing, collaborative efforts of our stakeholders, we have strengthened our partnerships with local businesses and organizations and will continue to foster more for the benefit of our students.

With academic excellence being our primary focus, Columbia High School has incorporated and refined our professional learning teams and has provided site-specific professional development opportunities to ensure a viable and effective, technology-infused instructional program where all students can be successful at high levels of expectations. We have continued to embrace the High Schools That Work school-reform initiative, focusing on the ten key practices for increasing student achievement.

Throughout the year, we have maintained our focus on improving student performance on all standardized tests such as HSAP, EOC, SAT, ACT, and PSAT tests. We have incorporated a variety of opportunities to address the diverse needs of our students such as regularly scheduled enrichment and test preparation sessions, after-school tutorials, small group sessions, in-class emphasis, online resources as well as Saturday sessions.

We understand the importance of a comprehensive high school experience, and encourage our students' participation in co-curricular activities. Their outstanding levels of participation in FBLA, JROTC, Student Council, wrestling and other athletics have garnered several awards, recognitions and opportunities for national competition.

We appreciate the assistance of our community stakeholders in making 2010-11 an outstanding school year. Many challenges and opportunities still lie ahead of us. We are committed to the team effort of pursuing all avenues that will help us to realize our school's mission and achieve our organizational goals.

Bernadette Thrower, SIC Chairperson
Shenequa Coles, Principal

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