



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BLYTHEWOOD HIGH
Richland 2
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 2,072**
Principal: G. Keith Price
Superintendent: Katie Brochu, Ed.D.
Board Chair: Stephanie Burgess, Ph.D.

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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	Gold	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
17	1	3	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 (%)	79.4%	82.5%	84.2%	85.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.7%	11.5%	9.2%	9.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.9%	6.0%	7.3%	6.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.2%	94.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

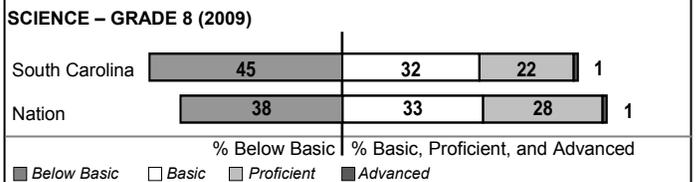
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	548	353
Number of Diplomas	464	279
Rate (%)	84.7%	80.1%

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	87.2	82.4
English 1	78.3	74.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	79.7	78.9
Physical Science	65.7	66.0
US History and the Constitution	52.6	60.1
All Tests	72.0	72.5

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=2,072)				
Retention rate	3.2%	Up from 2.4%	2.3%	3.4%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.5%	94.9%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.9%	Down from 12.5%	17.6%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 9.8%	7.6%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Down from 6.8%	5.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Up from 4.1%	1.2%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.3%	Up from 18.3%	27.3%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.9%	Up from 64.1%	61.8%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.7%	Up from 33.3%	33.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 3.1%	2.4%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	8.2%	Up from 6.1%	4.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1013	Down from 1018	627	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	3.0%	Down from 83.8%	84.9%	83.0%
Teachers (n=134)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.9%	Up from 64.4%	66.5%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	70.9%	Up from 63.6%	81.5%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Up from 87.7%	88.4%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 96.5%	95.2%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,391	Up 1.7%	\$48,846	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	Down from 1.4%	0.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	8.3 days	Down from 9.8 days	10.5 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.4 to 1	Up from 26.7 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 92.0%	89.1%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,932	Down 1.2%	\$7,229	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.6%	Up from 62.9%	59.6%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.1%	No Change	63.6%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Up from 97.0%	98.2%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	78.9%	Up from 66.7%	76.5%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	375	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.0%	75.1%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.5%	81.7%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.6%	81.3%	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

Blythewood High School was recognized as one of two finalists for the Palmetto's Finest Award for the 2010-2011 school year. The Bengals earned a finalist award with effective programs, innovative curriculum and a positive school climate supported by campus and community populations. The school achieved Palmetto Gold and Silver status while enrollment and facilities expanded. Blythewood High School graduated the largest senior class since its opening in 2005-06. National Merit program finalists were joined by increased numbers of career and technology completers and scholarship recipients. Curriculum innovation included programs such as a biotechnology fuel partnership, cutting edge technology in the chemistry classroom and small animal care in the agricultural science program.

The Army JROTC program received its second consecutive Honor Unit recognition as a result of the inspection conducted for units every three years. In April, the Blythewood High School African Drum and Dance Ensemble traveled to San Francisco as a featured performing group at the annual conference for the National School Boards Association. Members of the BHS choral music program performed at Walt Disney World. Students and staff hosted visitors from China, Germany and Colombia. In addition, they skyped with Colombian educators and students initiating an on-going cultural exchange with global partners.

One hundred percent of our students participated in extracurricular activities while sports teams earned seven region championships including titles for boys' bowling, girls' bowling, boys' golf, girls' golf, softball, baseball and girls' tennis; a member of the boys' golf team is the 2011 individual state champion. A bass fishing team joined the athletic program as a club sport this year. Individual and group programs and competitions for students recognized Blythewood students in the visual arts, criminal justice, drama, mock trial, band, orchestra, Virtual Enterprise, Future Business Leaders of America and Health Occupation Students of America. Two Bengals were recognized at the SCASC summer leadership camp.

The Bengal faculty continues to expand and includes 39 National Board certified teachers and one of the finalists for the Richland School District Two Teacher-of-the-Year. Blythewood High is home to the 2010-2011 South Carolina Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year and the HOSA Teacher of the Year. Students and staff strengthened bonds with the Town of Blythewood and the surrounding community through participation in events including the Blythewood Tournament of Bands, Blythewood Bounty and the Chic-fil-A Basketball Tournament. Student-led service initiatives continued to support community agencies and activities including the Souper Bowl of Caring, Relay for Life, Children's Garden, Camp Discovery, God's Storehouse, Sister Care, SCDSS foster children, and fundraising efforts for earthquake relief in Japan.

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