



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

NORTHWESTERN HIGH
York 3
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,718
Principal: James A. Blake II
Superintendent: Lynn P. Moody
Board Chair: Bob Norwood

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	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	6	5	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 (%)	83.9%	83.9%	80.9%	83.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	9.3%	8.2%	11.3%	10.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.8%	7.9%	8.6%	6.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.5%	93.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	487	416
Number of Diplomas	372	320
Rate (%)	76.4%	77.5%

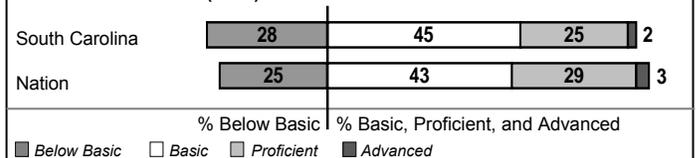
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	67.4	78.6
English 1	61.0	70.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	76.9	75.3
Physical Science	57.0	64.0
US History and the Constitution	53.8	55.7
All Tests	63.2	68.9

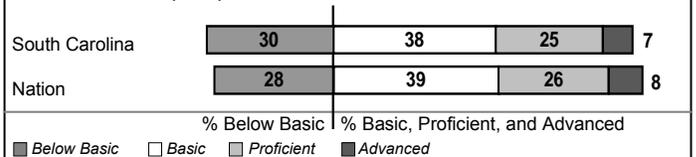
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

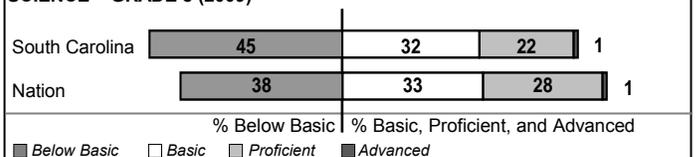
READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,718)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 4.4%	2.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 97.9%	94.7%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.0%	Up from 0.3%	18.4%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.1%	Down from 14.7%	8.4%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	5.3%	Down from 9.4%	5.0%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	No Change	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.3%	Up from 18.3%	20.4%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.5%	Down from 61.3%	56.8%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.0%	Up from 28.9%	35.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.9%	Up from 2.1%	2.6%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	3.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	826	Up from 771	751	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.8%	Up from 78.4%	83.3%	83.0%
Teachers (n=95)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.6%	Down from 53.8%	63.6%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	81.1%	Up from 73.1%	83.6%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Up from 88.8%	88.2%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.1%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,870	Down 5.9%	\$48,479	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Up from 0.9%	1.4%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	12.6 days	Up from 8.6 days	11.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.7 to 1	Down from 30.5 to 1	29.9 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 93.4%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,784	Down 2.3%	\$6,802	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.2%	Down from 63.5%	60.8%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.6%	Down from 65.7%	62.7%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Up from 94.9%	98.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 81.0%	76.2%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwestern prides itself in providing opportunities for students to be successful artistically, athletically, and academically. Our students experienced success in all three areas.

Artistically, Our visual arts program placed exhibits in school, local, and state competitions with multiple award winners. Northwestern's performing arts program lead by our award winning "Purple Regiment" Band produced over 40 Allstate performers.

Northwestern 20 athletic teams experienced success earning state and national recognition. Our nationally ranked and undefeated football team showcased its talents in our opening game on ESPN. The historical season ended with our schools third football championship and one player being named the Gatorade "Player of the Year". Northwestern teams won two region championship with 77 all region award recipients. Our teams were lead by 60 seniors recognized as Scholar Athletes, of which 21 signed letters of intent to compete at the next level with colleges and universities .

Instructed by a highly qualified and dedicated staff of professional educators, one of which was selected to represent the state as "Teacher of the Year", Northwestern High School earned the Palmetto Silver Award for Academic Excellence. Northwestern's student body continues to perform at or above state and national levels on standardized test. In 2011, Four hundred thirty Northwestern graduates earned a South Carolina High School Diploma. Of those graduates, thirty seniors graduated With Highest Honors having maintained a 4.5 or higher GPA. Sixteen seniors completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma. Ninety eight members of the Class of 2011 were awarded the Gold Seal diploma for having earned a minimum of 28 units in grades 9-12 with no grade lower than a C, or having a cumulative GPA of 4.2 or higher. The State of South Carolina awarded eleven South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Diplomas based upon criteria established by the State Board of Education. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2011 exceeds \$6.2 million dollars.

James Blake II - Principal
William Ray - SIC President

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	85	311	33
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.2%	85.1%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.8%	91.5%	78.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.5%	91.3%	68.8%

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

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