



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**FORT MILL HIGH**  
 Fort Mill  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,511  
 Principal: M. Dee Christopher  
 Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr  
 Board Chair: Patrick White

## 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	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	0	0	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 (%)	95.1%	95.6%	97.3%	96.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	3.1%	2.5%	2.4%	3.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	99.1%	99.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

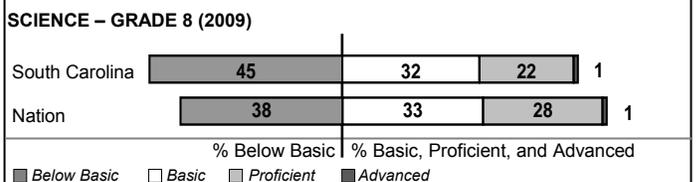
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	357	170
Number of Diplomas	329	159
Rate (%)	92.2%	76.1%

## 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	95.3	94.3
English 1	91.4	93.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	95.1	94.3
Physical Science	83.7	86.9
US History and the Constitution	82.9	71.5
All Tests	89.0	88.6

## 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
<b>Students (n=1,511)</b>				
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.7%	1.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.8%	98.3%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	26.7%	Up from 26.0%	26.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.8%	Down from 7.1%	4.8%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Down from 2.6%	2.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	No Change	1.0%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.1%	Up from 20.4%	25.1%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	92.8%	Up from 83.9%	78.2%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.8%	Down from 65.3%	43.8%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	0.0%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	13.5%	Up from 11.2%	0.0%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1081	Up from 1071	173	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	1.0%	Down from 88.5%	97.7%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=91)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.0%	Down from 69.0%	67.0%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	90.1%	Up from 85.0%	84.7%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.8%	Up from 80.2%	91.4%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 93.4%	96.9%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,750	Down 2.7%	\$46,560	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	8.7%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.2 days	Down from 8.0 days	6.2 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.1 to 1	Down from 29.9 to 1	26.4 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 87.0%	93.8%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,169	Down 6.7%	\$7,169	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.7%	Up from 59.6%	63.0%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.5%	Up from 61.9%	65.0%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.2%	Up from 92.1%	99.3%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	No Change	100.0%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	91	336	185
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.8%	92.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.9%	95.5%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.8%	93.8%	83.4%

\*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

Fort Mill High School is committed to continuing our strong tradition of academic excellence. The faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to seeing every student succeed in a great school culture. We continue to integrate core academics, arts, and career education in to relevant learning experiences for our students.

The Class of 2011 achieved at a very high level during their time at Fort Mill High School. The Class of 201 was offered over \$5.7 million in scholarship awards for post-secondary education. Over eighty percent of our seniors reported they will attend college in the Fall of 2011. Four seniors were recognized as National Merit Finalists and a student was recognized as a member of the Presidential Scholars Program. Seventy-three percent of our seniors will receive either Hope, Life, or Palmetto Scholarships.

State and Federal accountability continue to be important measurements of how our students are doing in comparison to the rest of our state and nation. Our students historically achieve at high levels on the national tests such as the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement tests. Achievement on End of Course tests and HSAP continue to rank in the top five in our state. Our End of Course passage rate is the highest in the state for the fourth straight year. Our graduation rate remains around 90% as we continue to make efforts to engage students in relevant learning experiences.

Fort Mill High School students again achieved success in extra and co-curricular activities during 2010-2011. Our athletic department had another banner year. Boys Swimming, Girls Cross Country, Girls Track and Field, and Boys Lacrosse won state championships. These were the first female state titles in school history. Further, the Girls Soccer Team played for the state title in May. Overall our school finished 2nd in AAA in the Athletic Directors Cup – awarded for overall athletic excellence. The Marching Band continued a fine tradition by finishing 2nd in the state in Marching Band. Model United Nations won the Winthrop Cup and Mock Trial won the district tournament for the fifth year in a row.

Mr. Gales Scroggs was recognized as Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Libby Freeman was recognized as our Support Staff of the Year. At the end of the 2011 school year, five long time educators retired from Fort Mill High School. This group will be missed by their Fort Mill Family.

Fort Mill High School continues to be challenged with growth even in a challenging economy. Economic and budgetary issues will continue to be a challenge to our school. However, our commitment and high expectations for students will not change. Our faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to continuing the legacy of academic excellence established over the past eighty years at Fort Mill High School.

We Are...Fort Mill!!!

M. Dee Christopher, Principal  
Mrs. Pam Martin, School Improvement Council President

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