



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Battery Creek High  
 Beaufort County School District  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 757  
 Principal: Edmond Burnes  
 Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale  
 Board Chair: Fred Washington

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2010	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
8	14	17	0	3

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	66.5%	78.7%	72.6%	75.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	19.1%	11.5%	16.8%	15.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.5%	9.8%	11.2%	12.1%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.4%	90.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

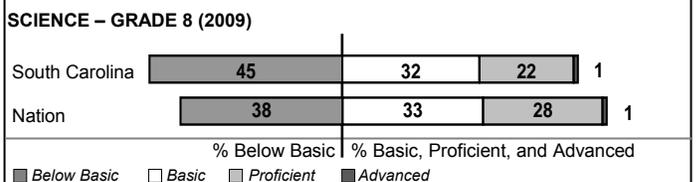
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	215	251
Number of Diplomas	153	170
Rate (%)	71.2%	72.0%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	65.6	74.7
English 1	71.6	63.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	77.1	73.3
US History and the Constitution	31.6	45.7
All Tests	64.0	64.0

## 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.*

### Abbreviations Key

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# Battery Creek High [Beaufort County School District]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=757)</b>				
Retention rate	4.5%	Up from 3.7%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 99.6%	95.5%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.4%	Down from 47.8%	11.3%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	19.2%	Down from 29.5%	39.4%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	30.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Up from 2.3%	2.8%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.3%	Down from 5.0%	3.2%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	499	Down from 580	327	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	73.2%	Down from 75.7%	81.8%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=54)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Up from 53.1%	60.9%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	72.7%	Down from 75.3%	87.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	No Change	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,741	Down 0.8%	\$47,148	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.2%	Up from 9.3%	3.6%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	15.3 days	Down from 16.2 days	10.8 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.7 to 1	Up from 25.2 to 1	26.7 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.6%	Down from 92.4%	89.8%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,999	Up 26.0%	\$8,013	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.3%	Down from 62.6%	57.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.8%	Down from 65.4%	59.6%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.2%	Up from 80.9%	98.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	91.6	N/A	77.9	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	106	16
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.4%	49.0%	62.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.3%	61.0%	56.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.8%	81.6%	46.7%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Battery Creek High School (BCHS) – Where Dolphins Make A Wave Every Day, is located in a rural area that is north and west of the city of Beaufort, . We are one of the five public high schools in Beaufort County that is demographically 49.0% Black, 38.2% White, 9.3% Hispanic, and 3.5% Other. While we continue to predominately operate on an AB block schedule, we also have a few classes that meet daily. Our basic structure is driven by a focus on the selection of career majors.

For the fourth consecutive year, we have honored parents for making our “Parent Honor Roll.” Parents, by continuing to fulfill criteria established in support of discipline, attendance, and academics, were recognized during each of our school’s two semesters. More than three hundred parents were honored for making the honor roll for positively impacting the lives of students by supporting our school’s efforts or by simply being supportive of their children.

Driven by the pursuit of providing an optimal learning environment that will promote the greatest opportunities for students to achieve his or her intellectual and creative potential to graduate with a clear path of action to become a productive citizen, our Leadership Team and all staff members have worked diligently to implement the concepts of career academies. While implementing the TAP program at BCHS for the first time this past year, we also intend to build on our successes. Among the successes were impressive improvements in end-of-course exam results in Biology and English 1. Also impressive was a significant High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exit Exam first-attempt passage rate improvement. To enhance the likelihood of successes, we continued to employ our quarterly celebrations of student achievement, utilized pull-out programs, analyzed benchmark testing data to develop strategies for addressing areas of academic challenges, and offered extra help after school hours via Alternative Technical Assistance (ATA) funding. We implemented a new initiative known as “Biology Blast” and continued the execution of our Drop Everything and Do Math program. Stakeholders are continually invited to share in the recommendation of the most effective use of funds to improve student achievement. Our School Improvement Council (SIC) and PTSO, in particular, continue to be deeply involved in decision making.

Extracurricular activity participation, with renewed high-level student desire to participate in our student activity programs, was remarkable. Many of our seniors earned academic scholarships, and a good number of seniors were offered scholarships to participate in collegiate athletics. Two of our seniors were State champions. David Ratiiff, for the second year in a row was our State’s AAA heavyweight wrestling champ, and Gretchen Brown was our State’s AAA high hurdles champ. Gretchen was also recognized as the SC Women’s Coaches Association AAA Female Track Athlete of the Year. Our MCJROTC program maintained its recognition as a flagship cadet training organization throughout our State and was proud to be informed that the program was recognized as an honor school for the nineteenth consecutive year. With pride, our motto: The Creek – Where Dolphins Make A Wave Every Day, continues to be an expectation.

Edmond Burnes, Principal  
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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status