



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Calhoun County High School  
 Calhoun County Public Schools  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 447  
 Principal: Cynthia Johnson  
 Superintendent: Dr. Steve Arron Wilson  
 Board Chair: Mrs. Joyce Parrish

## 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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Good	Good	Silver	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	3	15	4	10

\* 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 (%)	77.2%	84.5%	61.6%	65.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	18.5%	9.7%	19.6%	18.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	4.3%	5.8%	18.8%	18.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.2%	80.5%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

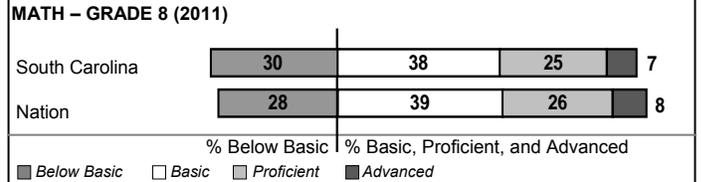
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	123	123
Number of Diplomas	105	85
Rate (%)	85.4%	66.9%

## 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	79.3	56.5
English 1	51.2	49.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	64.9	56.8
US History and the Constitution	30.7	28.2
All Tests	56.3	47.1

## 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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**[Calhoun County Public Schools]**

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=447)</b>				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 5.6%	3.5%	3.0%
Attendance rate	99.8%	Up from 98.9%	94.6%	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	6.5%	Up from 5.7%	1.4%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 51.0%	3.9%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	17.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 28.9%	27.8%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 1.1%	1.9%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.3%	Down from 5.3%	3.9%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	289	Down from 320	200	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	67.8%	Down from 71.9%	79.9%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=27)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	77.8%	Up from 64.3%	61.5%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Up from 83.2%	80.9%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	99.2%	Up from 96.1%	95.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,164	Up 5.6%	\$43,819	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1%	Up from 0.0%	5.1%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	7.6 days	Up from 6.1 days	9.1 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.9 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	21.1 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	97.3%	Up from 94.2%	89.5%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,090	Down 6.7%	\$9,746	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.0%	Up from 55.8%	54.1%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8%	No Change	57.9%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Up from 92.1%	96.9%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	94.7	N/A	50.4	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

**REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Calhoun County High School-“Offering The Total Package”

Calhoun County High School is a small rural school serving approximately 447 students in grades 9-12. The school has an 85.2% graduation rate with a 92.1% poverty index. Our March Toward Excellence continues as our school community continues to focus on “Offering The Total Package-Taking It To The Next Level”. Calhoun County High School received several accolades this school year because of teamwork and our collaboration with parents and the community. We were recognized by US News and World Report as One of America’s Best High Schools. The high school also received the Palmetto Gold Award for excellent results in closing the achievement gap and the Palmetto Silver Award for general performance from the South Carolina State Department of Education. We were elated to have State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Mick Zais to visit our school and give the teachers praise for doing such an outstanding job in educating the students of Calhoun County. The dedication of the teachers, hard work of the students, and support of the community continues to bring pride and positive recognition to Calhoun County High School.

Our learning community continues to work together with the belief that everyone on the campus is responsible for student achievement. The passion for teaching and learning at Calhoun County High School has fostered a climate of high academic expectations for every student. Our ongoing effective staff development has insured high-quality, rigorous, and appropriate instruction for the 21st Century Learner. Initiatives that have contributed to our progress include: PLATO, APEX Learning, USA Test Prep, Achieve 3000, writing across the curriculum, grade level parent nights, SAT/ACT preparation sessions, data-driven curricula, service Learning projects, SMARTBoard technology, continuation of the seven period traditional schedule, credit recovery, HSAP/EOC tutorial sessions, common departmental planning periods, an award winning ROTC program, active School Improvement Council; PTA; Band Booster Club, and after school homework program.

Sharing in the vision of “Offer The Total Package-Taking It To The Next Level:” our athletic department continues to do well. Our varsity boy’s basketball, varsity girl’s basketball and track teams earned the title of Class A Region champs. Our varsity football; volleyball; baseball, softball; and soccer teams all advanced to the playoffs. We will continue to openly solicit parent, community, business and educational partnerships in planning for the future success of our school.

Cynthia T. Johnson, Principal  
 Robinson, SIC Chair

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**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	61	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.7%	80.3%	82.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.1%	86.9%	68.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.7%	85.2%	75.6%

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

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