



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Chester Senior High School
 Chester County School District
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 879
 Principal: Leonard J. Gardner
 Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman
 Board Chair: Mrs. Maggie James

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	Below Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	5	14	0	0

* 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 (%)	71.1%	68.1%	69.6%	74.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.2%	17.4%	17.8%	14.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.7%	14.5%	12.6%	11.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.0%	90.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	257	198
Number of Diplomas	178	148
Rate (%)	69.3%	74.7%

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	78.7	72.5
English 1	43.9	58.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	44.6	68.8
US History and the Constitution	39.9	43.0
All Tests	49.8	60.5

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=879)				
Retention rate	10.8%	Up from 10.2%	4.1%	3.0%
Attendance rate	92.9%	Up from 92.5%	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	2.6%	Up from 0.1%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.3%	Up from 8.8%	7.7%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	39.0%	Up from 38.2%	31.1%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.1%	Down from 36.9%	27.7%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	5.5%	Down from 7.7%	3.1%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.5%	Down from 2.8%	5.1%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	77	Down from 95	352	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	61.0%	Down from 64.2%	82.0%	84.0%
Teachers (n=44)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.7%	Down from 53.1%	61.5%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	80.4%	Up from 79.1%	85.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 99.7%	95.7%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,405	Down 3.8%	\$46,141	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.8%	Up from 3.4%	4.0%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	12.6 days	Down from 13.3 days	11.5 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.1 to 1	Up from 24.6 to 1	25.2 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.3%	Down from 91.8%	89.8%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,570	Down 0.7%	\$8,232	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.6%	No Change	53.8%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.4%	Down from 54.7%	56.0%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.3%	Down from 99.3%	97.3%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	48.0	N/A	79.0	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	149	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.8%	68.9%	78.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7%	75.0%	66.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	56.0%	87.1%	67.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Chester High School is the largest of the three public high schools in Chester County. In 2011-12 Chester High served over 875 students from the City of Chester and the surrounding rural areas. CHS graduated 188 students in 2012. Of those students, 43 were Honor Graduates and 26 were BETA Club members. The graduates of Chester High were awarded numerous scholarships totaling \$3,170,502. Of this total, \$53,600 were awards to Palmetto Fellows recipients and \$1,077,500 were Life/Hope Scholarships. Twenty-seven of our Juniors qualified as Junior Marshalls. These students qualified by maintaining a minimum 3.75 GPA. In addition, the BETA Club maintained a membership of 70 students and the Spanish Honor Society had 15 inducted members.

In 2011-12 Chester High School offered AP and Honor courses in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Many students took advantage of strategies classes and Plato labs. In addition to the outstanding efforts of individual teachers, the Guidance Department also identified struggling students and provided extra academic help and remediation during and after school. Chester High Athletics continued to produce excellent athletes and outstanding results in region and state competition. The CHS Wrestling Team were Co-Region Champions and our coach was named Co-Region Coach of the Year. Two students were State Champions in their weight divisions and three athletes were named North/South Wrestlers. Chester High Athletics had 16 South Carolina High School League Scholar Athletic Award recipients. Chester High has over twenty extracurricular activities and clubs, including Academic Challenge, Army JROTC Color Guard and Drill Team, Junior Civitans, Technology Club, Drama Club, and others. In 2012, the FCCLA won Gold for their entry in the Life Event Planning STAR Event Competition at the State Leadership conference.

The CHS facility received numerous improvements and updates in 2011-12. The gymnasium area was modernized with a new air conditioning system and lighting. Classroom floors were updated and security was upgraded with a new key system which replaced every interior and exterior lock. The School Improvement Council succeeded in securing an award of \$10,000 from the Lutz Foundation to improve the student courtyard area. The award will improve safety and provide outdoor tables and seating. In addition, the SIC was instrumental in organizing two Parent Student days in which over 140 parents attended class with their child.

Chester High continued to give back to the community through numerous charities in 2011-12. \$1523 was donated to the pennies for patients campaign and CHS was named a Red Cross Heroes School. Once again, Chester High School has continued to produce well rounded graduates that are prepared for the times they face as they embark upon the rest of their lives.

Jeff Gardner, Principal
 Chairperson

Tara Park, SIC

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