



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwestern High
 York 3 - Rock Hill
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,734
 Principal: James Blake II
 Superintendent: Dr. Lynn P. Moody
 Board Chair: Jim Vining

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
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Good	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
26	2	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. 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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	81.0%	88.6%	84.9%	86.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.2%	7.0%	9.4%	9.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.8%	4.4%	5.9%	5.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.7%	95.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

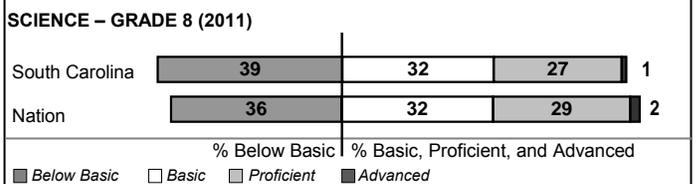
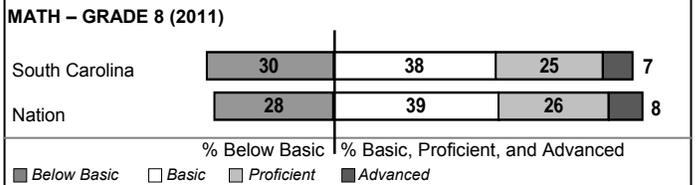
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	423	339
Number of Diplomas	351	276
Rate (%)	83.0%	81.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.0	79.7
English 1	72.5	76.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	83.8	83.3
US History and the Constitution	65.4	67.9
All Tests	75.6	76.7

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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Northwestern High [York 3 - Rock Hill]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,734)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 3.1%	2.1%	2.9%
Attendance rate	95.1%	No Change	95.6%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	29.1%	N/A	25.3%	17.5%
With disabilities	14.6%	N/A	10.1%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	6.0%	N/A	6.0%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 0.6%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	27.3%	Down from 41.3%	23.6%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	43.8%	Down from 53.4%	53.9%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.6%	Down from 55.3%	34.0%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 3.0%	2.2%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers (n=95)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Up from 54.5%	66.7%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	74.7%	Down from 79.8%	79.7%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.4%	Down from 89.6%	87.9%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.1%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,851	Up 3.7%	\$49,444	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.1%	Down from 1.4%	1.4%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	8.3 days	Down from 14.5 days	11.0 days	9.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	6.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.8 to 1	Up from 28.2 to 1	27.8 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.2%	89.0%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,683	Up 0.5%	\$6,762	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	Up from 60.9%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Up from 61.8%	61.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.3%	Up from 95.8%	98.0%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	87.1	Up from 83.1	81.1	77.4

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwestern faculty and staff provide world class instruction to a diverse group of young adults. Their overall dedication to their profession earned the staff acclaim noted by three finalist for and two fellow colleagues being named as South Carolina's State Teachers of the Year. Our school site program of studies offerings like CATE, Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way gained school wide award and recognition. Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the High School That Works Technical Assistance Visit team, Northwestern has been annually recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for academic excellence. Our student's talents are always showcased with state honors being recognized for "Visions" literary magazine. In the 2013 graduating class, twenty seniors graduated with Highest Honors, twenty-six graduated with Honors, fourteen completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, thirty six took three or more Advanced Placement Exams, one hundred and one were awarded a Gold Seal diploma, eight were awarded the SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, and fourteen were recognized as Palmetto Fellows. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2013 exceeded \$9.3 Million.

Northwestern's performing and visual arts program produced many Allstate performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions with many pieces receiving top honors. Our schools orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring superior rating on the highest level of performed music in the SC Music Educators Association competition. The choral students entertained our community with a winter holiday and spring concerts, along with other many requested community events. Our theater department preformed multiple shows for the school and community as well. The Purple Regiment Marching Band advanced through state and regional competitions, and finished as bronze medalist for the 2012 marching season, which helped our total band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the SC Band Director's Association for the 24th consecutive year.

As a result of the competitive spirit of our student/athletes and twenty Varsity teams, Northwestern continues to perform well in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition which recognizes the classifications most competitive athletic programs. Over ninety percent of our varsity teams were successful in gaining a birth in post season play. Northwestern finished the school year with six region championships (girls basketball, baseball, boys and girls track, boys and girls soccer) and a state runner up finish in football. The SC High School League recognized and awarded Northwestern athletes and coaches, a state leading fifty-three Scholar athletic certificates, sixty-three All Region athlete awards, five Region Coaches of the Year awards, eighteen All State Athlete certificates and medallions, six North All Star athlete selections, one Shrine Bowler, and one Individual State Champion Athlete award. Seventeen seniors in this year's graduating class have been offered athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

It is Northwestern's mission to provide the greatest educational experience for its students, staff, and community.

Ms. Gwendolyn Conner – SIC □ Mr. James Blake II - Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	97	285	181
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.8%	78.2%	84%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.9%	88.6%	84.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.6%	81.9%	80.4%

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

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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