

West Florence High School

221 North Beltline Drive
Florence, SC 29501

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	1,724 Students	
Principal	Pamela D. Quick	843-664-8472
Superintendent	Dr. Cleo Richardson	843-669-4141
Board Chair	Porter Stewart	843-669-6395

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	At-Risk
2013	Good	At-Risk
2012	Excellent	Good
2011	Good	Average
2010	Good	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA 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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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
23	5	0	0	0

NOTE: Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

Percent	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Passed both subtests	79.7%	80.1%	76.6%	84.2%	85.9%	82.4%
Passed one subtest	12.5%	12.6%	14.3%	10.1%	9.4%	12.3%
Passed no subtests	7.8%	7.3%	9.1%	6.5%	5.2%	5.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014

	Our High School	High Schools w/ Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.5%	95.1%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014*	2013	2014
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	439	411	332	346
Number of Graduates in Cohort	368	342	268	288
Rate	83.8%	83.2%	80.9%	85.0%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Number of Students in Cohort	423	437	330	342
Number of Graduates in Cohort	380	378	272	284
Rate	89.8%	86.5%	83.4%	84.3%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	80.7%	85.4%
English 1	71.4%	77.2%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	72.1%	84.2%
US History and the Constitution	65.2%	72.6%
All Subjects	72.2%	80.1%

* High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 1,724)				
Retention Rate	2.0%	No change	2.0%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	98.5%	No change	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.7%	Down from 19.5%	26.8%	17.7%
With disabilities	14.3%	Down from 14.6%	10.0%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.2%	Down from 6.9%	5.7%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.0%	Up from 1.2%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.6%	Down from 15.5%	24.5%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.3%	Up from 57.0%	53.1%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	N/A	35.1%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.4%	Up from 1.2%	4.1%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	996	Up from 977	786	423
Students participating in work-based experiences	24.4%	Up from 7.1%	21.1%	13.1%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.8%	Down from 83.0%	86.1%	84.5%
Career/technology students completers placed	100.0%	No change	98.9%	98.7%
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	No change	2.0%	2.1%
Dropout Recovery Rate	12.5%	N/A	4.0%	4.0%
Teachers (n = 96)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.2%	Down from 59.4%	65.2%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Down from 86.5%	78.5%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Down from 92.7%	86.8%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 94.3%	95.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,831	Down 0.1%	\$49,207	\$48,414
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Up from 7.2 days	10.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.3 to 1	Up from 7.8 to 1	27.9 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.6%	Up from 92.3%	90.5%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,458	Up 5.3%	\$7,135	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.9%	Down from 65.0%	59.9%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Down from 66.0%	60.5%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.3%	Down from 100.0%	98.9%	98.7%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2014	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	361	92.5%	1,552	72.2%	411	83.2%
Gender						
Male	160	90.6%	808	71.8%	182	78.0%
Female	201	94.0%	744	72.6%	229	87.3%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	181	97.2%	733	86.8%	192	91.1%
African American	152	88.2%	733	56.6%	185	75.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	100.0%	41	80.5%	14	85.7%
Hispanic	12	75.0%	38	78.9%	14	78.6%
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	51	66.7%	195	43.1%	50	50.0%
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	42	78.6%	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	153	86.9%	720	60.7%	169	72.2%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School

West Florence High School serves approximately 1,750 students in grades 9-12. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to enabling all students to become confident, self-directed, and lifelong learners. We are also committed to providing a healthy school environment for both our students and our staff. This year’s academic achievements were outstanding for our students. Sixty-six percent of our student body ended the year with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Juniors and seniors earned 939 hours of college credit. Our seniors received over 5 million dollars in scholarships, and 66% graduated with honors. Five of these graduates were given the South Carolina Board of Education Academic Honors Award. One hundred and fifteen seniors received Life Scholarships, and 13 were named Palmetto Fellows. Our students continue to excel on standardized tests, often exceeding the state average. Our student athletes experienced many accomplishments as well. We won Region titles in girls’ tennis, golf, girls' basketball and boys’ tennis. Four of our athletes were named North/South All Stars, and fourteen received athletic scholarships. nineteen were named Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League. West Florence High School is also fortunate to have a faculty that is committed to improving their content knowledge and instructional skills through staff development, further certification, and advanced degrees. Seventy-three percent of our teachers have advanced degrees, and ten of them are National Board certified. Our Teacher of the Year was named District Honor Roll Teacher. West Florence High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our goals for the future continue to be to increase student achievement, to prepare students for the technological advances in our society, to reduce the retention rate in all grades, and to assist students with career choices in preparation for the workplace or post-secondary education.

Pamela D. Quick, Principal

Sissy Smith, Chairman, School Improvement Council

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	108	269	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.0%	67.7%	75.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	84.3%	71.0%	70.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.4%	83.1%	59.5%

* Only students at the highest High school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal High and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	85.5
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

West Florence High School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.7	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	98.5%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all High and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all high and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 9-12								
All Students	231.0	220.0	79.1	74.7	99.1	98.9	100.0	83.2
Male	225.6	217.9	78.0	75.7	99.1	98.7	100.0	78.0
Female	236.7	222.3	80.2	73.7	99.1	99.1	100.0	87.3
White	240.9	232.0	86.6	78.4	99.1	98.6	100.0	91.1
African American	219.0	205.1	70.8	69.8	99.0	99.0	100.0	75.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.7
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With disabilities	200.7	193.1	65.0	67.8	96.5	96.5	100.0	50.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	221.9	208.6	73.1	70.4	99.5	99.5	N/A	72.2
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two-Year High School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	16	204.6	90.9	16	199.0	90.9
10	389	233.0	98.3	388	223.7	98.0	
11	1	I/S	I/S	1	I/S	I/S	
12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
9	73	N/A	100.0	2	I/S	100.0	
10	392	82.4	100.0	41	73.4	100.0	
11	17	70.1	100.0	348	73.4	100.0	
12	6	I/S	100.0	23	72.3	100.0	

2014	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	17	212.4	90.5	17	195.9	90.5
10	397	231.8	99.5	397	221.1	99.3	
11	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
9	22	69.7	100.0	2	I/S	100.0	
10	416	79.7	100.0	19	69.9	100.0	
11	6	I/S	100.0	353	75.1	100.0	
12	8	I/S	100.0	25	73.2	100.0	

NOTE: ELA and Math N-counts are based on number of students. Science and History N-counts are based on number of End-of-Course Biology 1 and US History and the Constitution tests administered. Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	641.9	636.4	631.0	641.0	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	638.0	636.2	631.2	643.1	99.6	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	646.1	636.7	630.8	638.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	659.8	656.9	653.4	658.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	626.2	617.7	610.8	625.3	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	668.2	683.6	661.4	672.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	642.1	640.8	629.3	642.5	99.1	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	604.9	599.9	597.5	610.4	99.1	99.7	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	648.2	658.8	641.2	653.3	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	629.0	620.8	614.8	627.1	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	626.1	625.8	637.2	636.9	99.3	99.3	99.3	N/A
Male	618.9	622.9	636.2	638.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	N/A
Female	633.6	628.8	638.2	635.5	99.3	99.4	99.5	N/A
White	645.5	641.7	659.0	655.1	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
African American	608.3	609.9	616.4	619.7	99.1	99.1	99.1	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	655.7	679.6	685.0	674.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	632.2	630.9	639.4	645.0	98.7	98.7	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	583.4	589.0	594.0	598.6	97.1	97.3	98.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.1	639.6	651.1	655.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	611.1	612.8	621.3	622.2	99.0	99.0	99.3	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	228.3	218.5	79.8	74.4	99.3	99.4	100.0	80.0
Male	224.4	217.5	79.5	75.6	99.3	99.5	100.0	73.4
Female	232.3	219.5	80.0	73.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	86.4
White	238.3	229.2	86.3	78.4	99.4	99.4	100.0	85.6
African American	218.9	207.9	73.4	70.4	99.1	99.3	100.0	74.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	93.5	80.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	87.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	82.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	87.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.5	194.3	66.1	66.9	98.4	98.4	100.0	39.2
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.6
Subsidized Meals	220.0	209.0	74.5	70.4	99.3	99.5	100.0	72.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)

4/27/2015

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
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All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
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Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Key

- NSLP National school lunch program
- SD Student with disabilities
- ELL English language learner
- NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

	Our School
Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments	0

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