



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**James Island Charter High School**  
**CHARLESTON**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: **1,473**  
**Principal: Richard Gordon**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats**

## 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
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	GOLD	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	0	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	84.4%	86.5%	88.5%	85.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.2%	9.6%	8.8%	9.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	4.4%	3.9%	3.8%	4.8%

### HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.5%	96.0%

### ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	319	336
Number of diplomas	283	291
Rate (%)	88.7%	87.0%

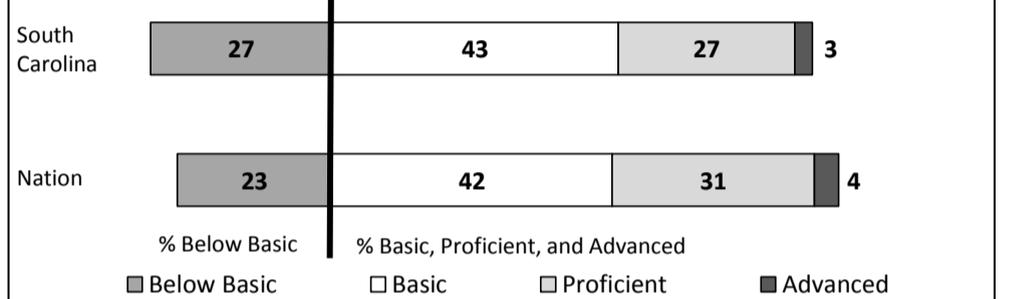
### END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	94.6%	86.5%
English 1	88.6%	77.2%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	91.6%	87.9%
US History and the Constitution	65.8%	72.4%
All Tests	86.0%	81.9%

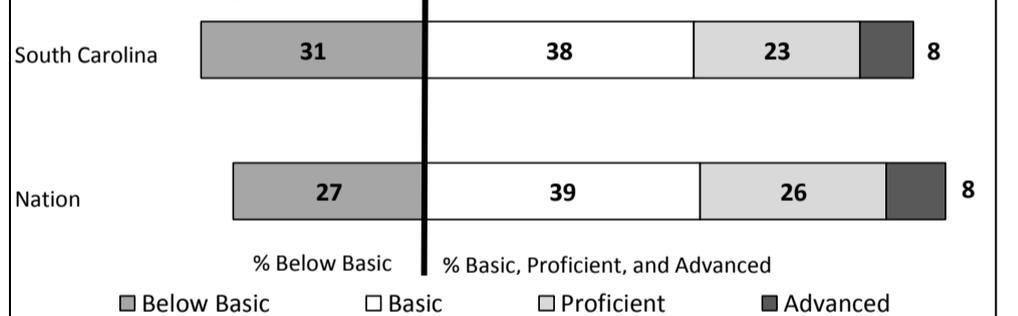
### NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

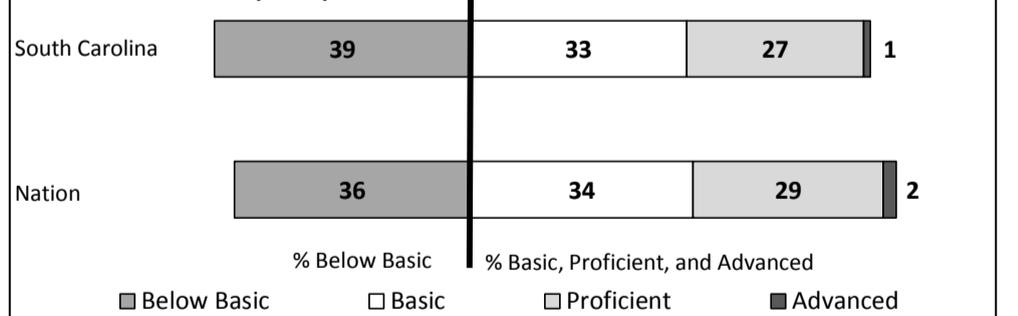
#### READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



#### MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)



#### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)



### 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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CHARLESTON**

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n = 1,473)</b>				
Retention Rate	1.3%	Up from 0.7%	2.5%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	99.0%	Up from 98.7%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.7%	Up from 13.4%	31.8%	17.7%
With disabilities	6.4%	Down from 8.0%	8.6%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.7%	Up from 4.1%	6.3%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Down from 4.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.2%	Up from 16.0%	44.0%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	67.9%	Up from 52.4%	57.4%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.3%	Down from 30.1%	32.0%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	11.1%	Up from 9.5%	2.5%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	935	Down from 950	632	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	89.1%	Up from 87.4%	88.6%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	Down from 1.2%	1.9%	2.1%

**Teachers (n = 88)**

Teachers with advanced degrees	64.8%	Down from 68.8%	66.7%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.7%	Down from 88.2%	77.1%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.1%	Down from 92.5%	85.7%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.5%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,695	Down 2.3%	\$48,812	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.2%	Up from 0.5%	1.2%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	5.3 days	Down from 6.8 days	8.1 days	10.0 days

**School**

Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.1 to 1	Up from 29.5 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.5%	Up from 93.4%	90.4%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,009	Up 11.3%	\$7,631	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.1%	Up from 52.0%	57.8%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.8%	Down from 63.0%	58.5%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 98.3%	97.7%	98.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	92.5	Up from 89.6	90.8	84.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	91	263	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.5%	66.6%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.6%	77.4%	68.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	72.8%	79.6%	52.2%

\* 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**

The mission of James Island Charter High School is to develop confident, responsible, life-long learners who can excel in society by creating a diverse curriculum and extracurricular experiences in a safe, nurturing environment supported by faculty, parents and community. We firmly believe that all students can learn, that a safe environment will promote positive educational experiences, that challenging expectations increase individual student performance, and that teachers, administrators, parents, students and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission. Our philosophy is based on the fundamental belief that the school provides an environment for the intellectual, social, and physical development of our students.

James Island Charter High School is beginning its twelfth year of operation as a charter school. Our charter status allows us to expand our curriculum and staffing to become a truly comprehensive high school. Our Program of Studies has been created with our motto of "Achievement for All" in mind, and is designed to provide all students with a wide variety of challenging courses in all curricular areas, including Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, Dual-Credit, Career and Technical, Teacher Cadet, and Applied Technology courses. Our Freshman Academy concept focuses on a successful transition from middle to high school, starting with our "Trojan Transition Summer Camp" in the summer preceding high school. Our extra-curricular programs and activities, both academic and athletic, have earned numerous state championships and national awards and recognitions. Additionally, James Island Charter High School is the only high school in the Charleston County School District authorized to offer IB diploma courses and to present candidates for the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

JICHS is a community within itself that offers personal growth opportunities for students, faculty, and community members alike. JICHS values diversity, and our goal is to educate each student to learn and live productively as a critically-thinking, responsible citizen. Our highly-qualified and diverse faculty and staff recognize the wide range of student interests, abilities, and aptitudes and provide a meaningful educational experience for all students. We look forward to our close working relationship and continued support with the James Island community we graciously serve.

JICHS is a fully-accredited school through The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the South Carolina State Department of Education

Richard Gordon, Principal  
Keith Bolus, Chairman, JICHS Board of Directors

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