



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Great Falls High School
CHESTER COUNTY

Grades: 6-12

Enrollment: 417

Principal: Brenda S. Fort

Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman

Board Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hensley

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	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	GOLD	D	N/A
2012	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
9	19	9	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 (%)	82.3%	70.0%	77.9%	70.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.7%	22.0%	13.8%	19.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.1%	8.0%	9.4%	11.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.5%	90.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	70	169
Number of diplomas	51	132
Rate (%)	72.9%	78.2%

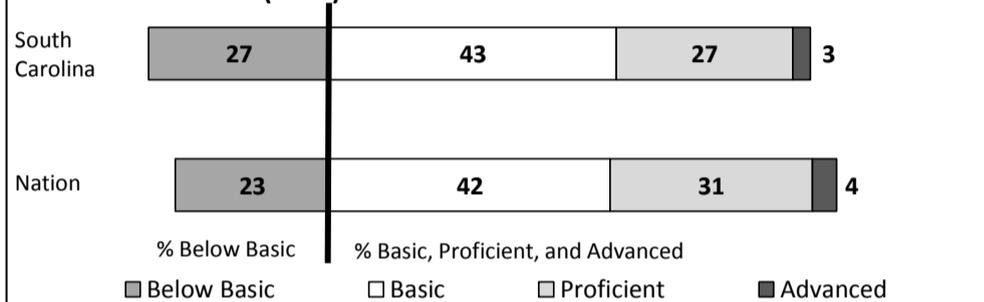
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	73.7%	77.0%
English 1	65.2%	65.0%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	68.1%	70.7%
US History and the Constitution	59.7%	56.4%
All Tests	65.9%	67.2%

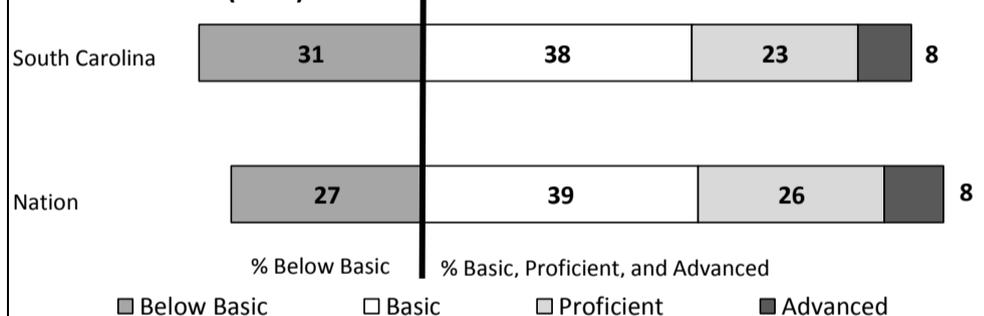
NAEP*

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

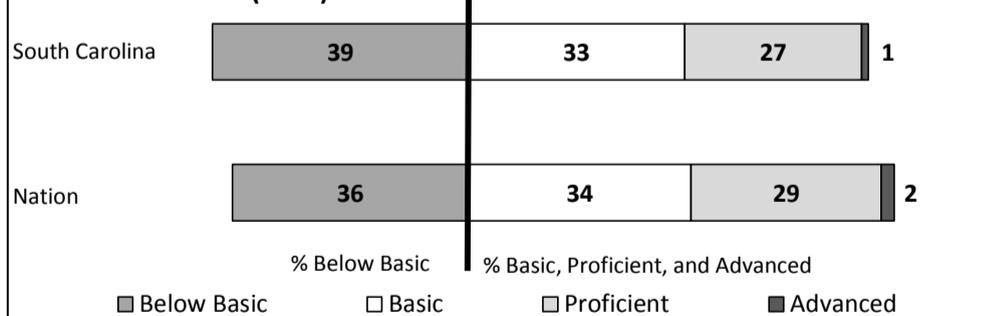
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 417)				
Retention Rate	4.7%	Down from 5.6%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	95.4%	Up from 94.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.3%	Up from 19.0%	17.8%	17.7%
With disabilities	14.5%	Down from 14.6%	12.2%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	10.8%	Down from 14.1%	8.3%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 1.8%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No change	11.0%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	37.5%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.8%	Down from 29.5%	30.3%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	10.3%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	98	Down from 102	323	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.4%	Down from 85.3%	83.4%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.1%	Down from 4.1%	2.4%	2.1%

Teachers (n = 33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 68.8%	61.8%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	69.7%	Up from 59.4%	77.3%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.6%	Up from 80.9%	84.0%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.9%	94.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,472	Up 0.5%	\$47,911	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.0%	Down from 7.5%	1.9%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Up from 8.6 days	10.2 days	10.0 days

School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Down from 21.4 to 1	25.0 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 89.0%	89.8%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,215	Up 5.2%	\$9,008	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.7%	Down from 57.0%	54.7%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.1%	Down from 58.0%	55.9%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.1%	Down from 99.4%	99.4%	98.7%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	53.2	Down from 62.2	82.1	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	43	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	76.7%	68.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.6%	83.4%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	50.0%	92.9%	63.6%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Great Falls Middle/High School is located in the Southeast corner of Chester County, and bordered by the Catawba River, Stumpy Pond, and Fairfield County, is a combined campus of grades 6-12. The school shares a media center, Little Theatre, gym, lunch room, JROTC Program, ISS room along with teachers in fine arts, ELA, social studies, PE and health, and a media specialist. Demographics: The school is composed of 408 students. African-American students comprise 37.9% of the student population, while Caucasian students represent 60.3% with other 1.8%. Free and reduced lunch students are 62.8 of the population. Great Falls Middle/High Advantages: Great Falls 9-12 successfully completed its 7th year in the High Schools That Work Initiative Program. The middle school grades (6-8) are now in its 4th year of the Making Middle Grades Work Initiative Program. The Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Program supported financially by a partnership with Arrowpoint Federal Credit Union offers rewards for following school rules and exhibiting positive behaviors and is now in its 4th year of implementation. Dual credit courses from USCL are available to our juniors and seniors. Students can recover grades during a summer program using APEX and PLATO internet based courses. Seniors must complete Senior Projects based on service learning, community outreach, and student initiative which adds rigor to their courses and prepares them for college, the military, workforce training, or work. High school students meet each school day during a "Pride" period which has mentor/mentee components, character development components, and college/career components. Great Falls 9-12 must participate in and graduate from Alive at 25, a nationally recognized car safety program, in order to drive on campus. Annual Summary Report: Approximately 1/3 of our graduating seniors will qualify for LIFE Scholarships, and 22 juniors will be Jr. Marshals with a 3.75 GPA. There were 24 senior honor graduates, and 1 senior was recognized for his high ACT scores. Grades 6-12 collaborated on the High School Musical Jr. play "Honk." GFM/HS maintains its partnership with Winthrop University and the NetSCOPE and NetLEAD network and training programs. The combined school offers a summer JUMPSTART Program for transitioning 5th to 6th graders and 8th to 9th graders. The JROTC Program maintains its Honor Unit with Distinction Award. Great Falls Middle/High School teachers completed a book study: Teach Like a Champion by Doug Lemov. Athletics has 43% participation from the student body, and the GFHS Golf Team had the #4 senior player in the state. A girl's JV and Varsity golf team was initiated. One Great Falls Junior Scholar was recognized for his outstanding academic success on the PSAT by the Old English Consortium. The school maintains an excellent website with a Parent Portal available 24 hours a day. The "Pro Team" course continued in grades 6-8 in collaboration with Winthrop University. All 8th grade boys continue with a "Real Men" mentoring program for middle school males and the 8th grade girls had a leadership/etiquette program culminating in a formal tea. The Principal is Brenda S. Fort and Glenn Ross is the President of the SIC at GFH 6-12 School.

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