



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge High School
GREENVILLE COUNTY
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: **1,182**
Principal: Reena Watson
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster
Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

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

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	2	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 (%)	87.6%	85.0%	85.5%	83.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.0%	10.4%	9.5%	10.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.4%	4.6%	4.9%	5.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.4%	95.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	304	354
Number of diplomas	256	302
Rate (%)	84.2%	85.3%

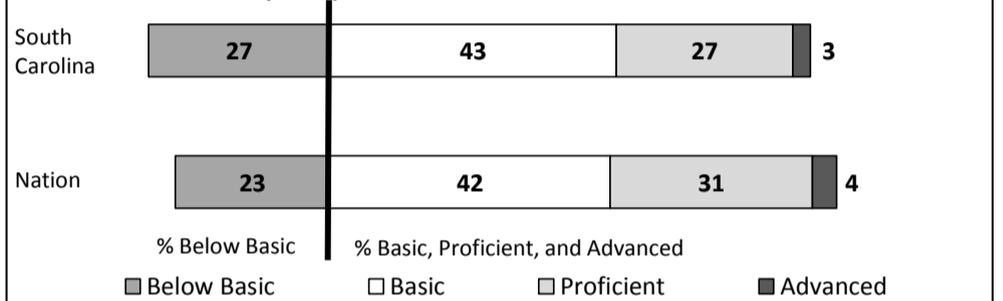
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	77.7%	85.6%
English 1	73.9%	76.1%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	86.1%	86.8%
US History and the Constitution	69.6%	70.5%
All Tests	77.4%	80.6%

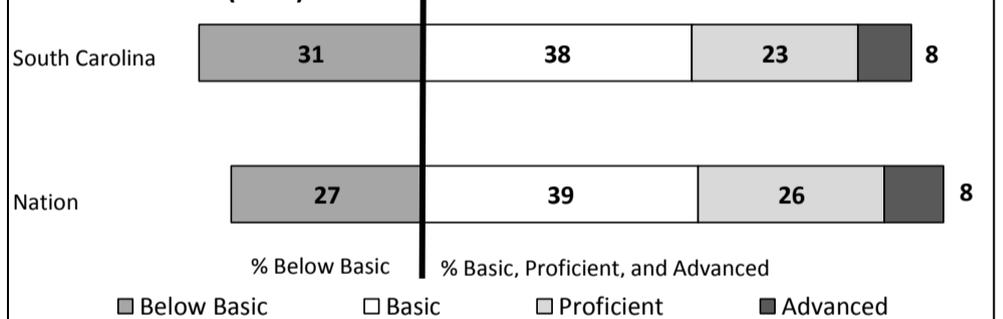
NAEP*

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

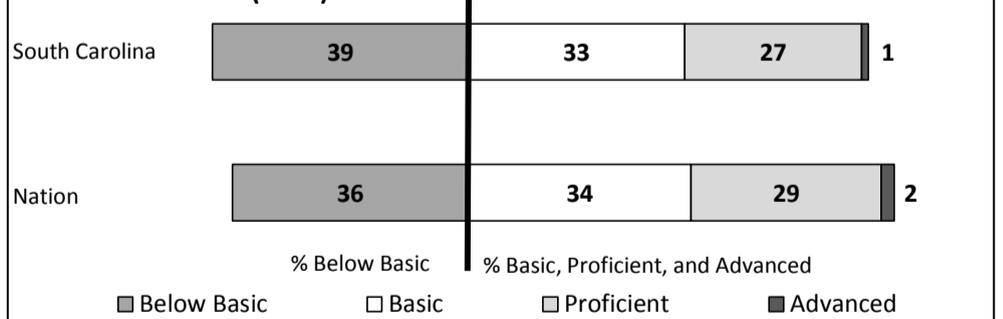
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



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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GREENVILLE COUNTY**

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 1,182)				
Retention Rate	1.5%	Down from 1.7%	2.2%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	95.7%	Up from 95.0%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	26.6%	Down from 30.2%	26.1%	17.7%
With disabilities	11.2%	Down from 11.3%	9.5%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	5.0%	Down from 5.2%	6.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Up from 2.3%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.9%	Down from 50.5%	28.9%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	28.0%	Up from 25.0%	60.1%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	12.3%	Down from 12.5%	31.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.1%	Down from 12.5%	10.1%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	632	Up from 578	742	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	87.7%	Down from 91.3%	85.5%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 2.6%	2.1%	2.1%

Teachers (n = 61)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.7%	Down from 57.4%	63.9%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 77.0%	77.9%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.6%	Down from 85.4%	86.0%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.1%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,812	Up 0.2%	\$48,754	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	Down from 2.6%	1.0%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 7.2 days	8.3 days	10.0 days

School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	6.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.8 to 1	Up from 30.8 to 1	28.1 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.6%	90.3%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,430	Up 3.7%	\$6,821	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.6%	Up from 57.0%	59.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Down from 59.0%	60.2%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Up from 94.2%	98.2%	98.7%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	88.1	Up from 81.8	91.2	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	60	197	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	85.3%	63.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.7%	88.4%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.7%	92.6%	55.6%

* 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

Blue Ridge High School is proud of the ancestral, rural community it serves in Greenville County. The area is steeped in tradition, family values, and support for the school. As the school's population has continued to grow, so has the desire for the best education for the students. The students, faculty, staff, parents and community work together to provide a safe environment for students to develop to their maximum potential in academics, extra-curricular opportunities, athletics, and fine arts.

Success is evident at Blue Ridge: state championships in band and chorus, "Excellent" rating on 2013 school report card, region wins for fine arts and athletics, and significant contributions to local charities through clubs and organizations. The Advanced Placement program continues to grow, as well as offering classes that will benefit students for the future in college, military, or work. Four different foreign languages and a release time Bible class are among the unique courses students can take at Blue Ridge that most schools do not offer in the area.

Parents and the community are very involved with the success of student programs. The high level of involvement and participation on SIC, PTSA, Athletic Booster Club, Band Booster Club, and many other organizations and clubs contributes to positive experiences both in the classroom and outside the classroom. As a result of the combined efforts, the students receive a high quality education and experiences that benefit them throughout their high school experience and beyond. Over six million dollars was awarded to the senior class in scholarships. Eighty-five percent of the graduating class plans to attend college or enlist in the military. Preparing students for success in high school and beyond has always been the core of Blue Ridge High.

Reena Watson, Principal

Victor Horne, SIC Chair

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