



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Pelion High School**  
**LEXINGTON 1**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 755  
**Principal: R. Clark Cooper**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward**  
**Board Chair: Cynthia S. Smith**

## 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	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Average	GOLD	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	B	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	18	9	0	1

\* 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 (%)	81.7%	72.1%	77.6%	70.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.6%	14.2%	13.8%	18.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.7%	13.7%	9.7%	11.0%

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

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.5%	90.8%

### ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	180	201
Number of diplomas	145	151
Rate (%)	80.6%	77.8%

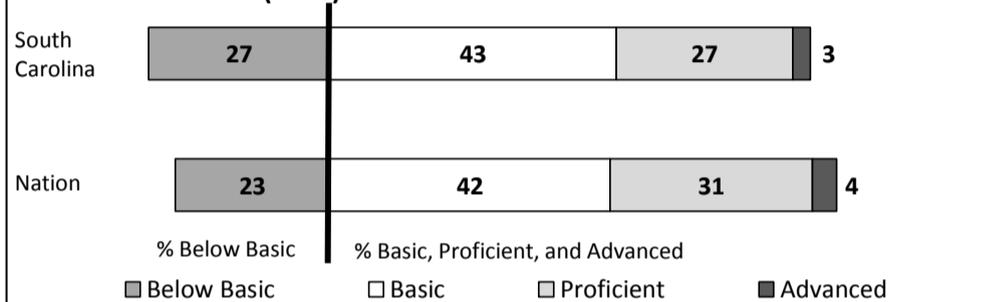
### END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	86.7%	76.0%
English 1	67.6%	65.2%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	76.3%	72.4%
US History and the Constitution	62.1%	55.8%
All Tests	74.7%	67.1%

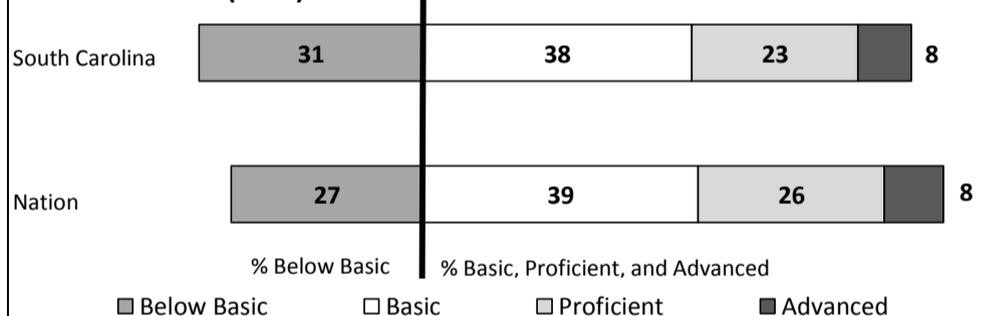
### NAEP\*

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

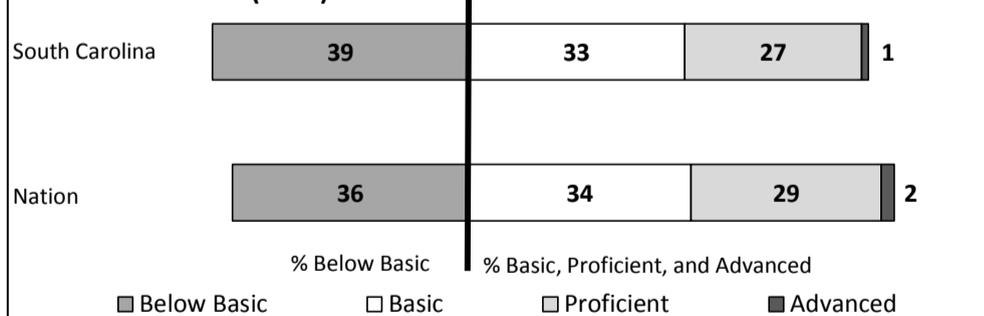
#### READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



#### 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
<b>Students (n = 755)</b>				
Retention Rate	6.3%	Up from 3.6%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	93.7%	Down from 94.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.8%	Up from 17.7%	17.5%	17.7%
With disabilities	13.2%	Down from 13.9%	12.3%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	9.8%	Up from 7.9%	8.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.3%	Down from 2.5%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.4%	Down from 14.0%	12.6%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	36.4%	Down from 54.0%	41.7%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	56.3%	Up from 54.4%	30.3%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	34.7%	Down from 37.3%	8.5%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	527	Up from 490	352	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.3%	Up from 77.2%	83.8%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	Up from 0.9%	2.4%	2.1%

<b>Teachers (n = 56)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	Down from 65.6%	63.8%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	71.4%	Down from 80.3%	78.0%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Down from 90.2%	84.6%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	No change	95.0%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,810	Down 4.5%	\$47,973	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	2.0%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	No change	9.8 days	10.0 days

<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.5 to 1	Down from 28.9 to 1	25.3 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.4%	90.4%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,600	Down 0.9%	\$8,804	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.8%	Down from 61.0%	56.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.3%	Down from 63.0%	57.4%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Up from 98.2%	99.7%	98.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	86.6	Up from 79.5	82.0	84.1

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

**EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	59	114	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.3%	79.9%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.7%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.5%	86.1%	I/S

\* 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**

Pelion High School continued to build upon a tradition of excellence during the 2013-2014 academic year. The entire administrative team returned from the previous school year, providing continuity of leadership as our learning community embraced exciting educational innovations.

Our senior class this year included one National Merit Commended student, six Palmetto Fellows, 83 winners of state merit scholarships, and 24 students with 4.0 or higher GPAs. The class of 2014 received \$4.1 million in college scholarships. Our average composite SAT score for 2013 was 1509, well above the state average and 58 points above our average for 2012.

Our athletic teams won region championships in eight sports: boys cross country, girls cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, golf, boys track and girls track. We had two state champions in boys track. The PHS football team went three rounds deep into the state playoffs. Five of our senior athletes signed scholarship agreements to play college sports.

In performing arts, our Winterguard ("Aureate") won the SCBDA State AA Championship. Our chorus received straight superior ratings at the SCMEA State Choral Festival. Our marching band placed seventh at the AA Lower State competition.

In Career and Technology classes and clubs, our FFA soil judging team won their state competition. PHS culinary arts students won numerous first- and second-place awards at the S.C. State Fair competition. Several of these students gained certificates of achievement from the National Restaurant Association, and eight students received their ServSafe Manager Certification.

In the fall of 2013, we implemented grading policies to give more accurate feedback to students and parents. We have tweaked these policies with input from our learning community stakeholders. We now have a grading system that uses both traditional and innovative practices to provide feedback through formative and summative assessments, and a behavioral report card that quantifies anecdotal evidence about students' time management and persistence. The We Care committee involved guidance counselors, teachers, administrators and support staff to develop interventions for students struggling with grades, absences, discipline issues and socio-economic obstacles to learning.

With the accomplishments and challenges of this school year, we look with optimism to the future of Pelion High School's learning community. Our team members are determined and confident that we will continue to produce rigorously independent-thinking, lifelong learners with skills to thrive in our postmodern global economy.

Principal Clark Cooper and SIC President James Atwood

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