

Pickens County Career & Technology Center

990 Chastain Road

Liberty, SC 29657



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades: 9-12 Career Center

Principal: Ken Hitchcock

Enrollment: 1106 students

Superintendent: Dr. Daniel B. Merck

School Phone: 864-397-4500

Board Chair: Dr. Brian Swords

School Website: <http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/pcctc>



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

The 2014-2015 school year has been exciting and filled with many successes and challenges. The School District of Pickens County is planning a STEM initiative that will touch every student. The PCCTC will be helping provide resources for our students at all grade levels. The PCCTC partnered with Alliance Pickens, Tri-County Technical College, the MCPC, and other industries to help provide a highly skilled work force for the future of Pickens County. We have offered more CTE programs for 9th graders this year. Our student organizations made a huge mark at the State and National level. FFA (Agriculture Science) finished in the top three in many competitions and participated in the State Convention at Clemson University and the National Conference in Louisville this past October. HOSA (Health Occupations) dominated the State Competitions in North Charleston and made a strong showing at the National Conference in Orlando. Skills USA had six State Champions that will attend the National Competition in Louisville in June. The PCCTC Electricity Instructor Brian Stewart was selected as the WYFF Golden Apple Award Winner for 2015. Many other instructors have been awarded grants to fund special projects and experiences for their students. We are proud of our parent and community support. We will continue to build relationships and opportunities with businesses in Pickens County. Our vision is 100% placement with our graduates into a career or college. Ken Hitchcock-Director Jeromy Arnett-School advisory Chairman

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. This table below shows the number of certificates at what level earned by **Career and Technology Education (CATE) completers at this Career Center**. Note that these data are self-reported by the Career Center.

In order to receive the National Career Readiness Certificate, a measure that indicates a student has the foundational workplace skills to succeed, a student must take three subtests in WorkKeys: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information.

Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments. A designation can only be earned after a student has taken the three subtests required for the National Career Readiness Certificate. The table to the right show the level score requirements for each certificate level.

Number of CATE completers at Career Center earning the National Career Readiness Certificate by Level	
Platinum	1
Gold	26
Silver	91
Bronze	24
Attempted, but no certificate earned	11

* The three core WorkKeys subtests are: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information.

Certificate Level	Level Score Requirements
Platinum	Minimum score of 6 on each of the three core subtests*
Gold	Minimum score of 5 on each of the three core subtests*
Silver	Minimum score of 4 on each of the three core subtests*
Bronze	Minimum score of 3 on each of the three core subtests*

Performance of all students at Career Center compared to State Center Average

	Technical Skill Attainment			Graduation Rate			Placement Rate		
	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %
	n	%		n	%		n	%	
All Students	1040	94.2%	90.4%	219	97.7%	97.1%	556	94.8%	97.1%

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

Definitions of Performance Rating Terms

* Technical Skill Attainment - The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at the center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

* Graduation Rate - The percentage of 12th grade career and technology students who graduate in the spring.

* Placement Rate - The percentage of career and technology completers available for placement over a 3-year period who are actually placed in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment. Note: these data are self-reported.

Number of students at Career Center Earning National Industry Certifications
TBD

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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I/S-Insufficient Sample

OPPORTUNITIES

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n = 1,106)			
Attendance Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
With disabilities	11.6	No change	11.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	49.0	Down from 60.8%	49.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1106.0	Up from 979.0%	1106.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	48.2	Up from 15.1%	48.2
Teachers (n = 31)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	29.0	Up from 25.8%	29.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	83.9	Up from 80.6%	83.9
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1	Up from 88.3%	90.1
Teacher attendance rate	93.7	Down from 96.0%	93.7
Average teacher salary*	\$46,043	Up 0.6%	\$46,043
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Down from 22.2 days	13.8 days
Center			
Director's years at center	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
Bandwidth capacity per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Evaluation by Teachers, Students, and Parents

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	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	251	52
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.0	89.0	87.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.0	83.0	89.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.0	88.0	79.0

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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State Ratings History of Center

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good

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Additional Resources

- SC State Content Standards
- [Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
- [2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
- [Report Card Data Files](#)
- [ESEA Data Files](#)

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