

Cross High School

1293 Old Hwy. 6

Cross, SC 29436



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:	7-12 High	Principal:	Adrian Busch
Enrollment:	322 students	Superintendent:	Mr. Michael Turner
School Phone:	843-899-8900	Board Chair:	Mr. James Hayes
School Website:	http://www.bcsdschools.net/chs		



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

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Showing in numerous ways how our schools mantra "Education is The Key That Unlocks the Doors to a Brighter Future" is a part of daily life in our institution. Continuing our emphasis on improving the quality of instruction and strengthening relationships between adults in our school and our students, our Trojan learning community celebrated receiving a "Bronze" rating for "Best High Schools" in this year's U.S. News and World Report. Our students continue to benefit from our comprehensive curriculum which includes college preparatory, honors, Advanced Placement, and quality (CTE) courses with an emphasis on careers via an academy approach. Students were able to take courses not only through the traditional format, but through virtual, on-line, and blended learning formats as well. South Carolina Virtual Schools, A Plus, and USA Test preparation were all utilized to provide opportunities for students to recover lost credits and content to remain on track for graduation, for benchmarking, and for remediation/acceleration.

As we watch the graduation rate and test scores improve incrementally in our school, we are very cognizant of the fact that the reason for the increases are directly related to the efforts of our students and staff, and to the support of parents, and the community at large. Not only was our school recognized as a whole for performance, our students continued to excel and many were recognized individually for both academic and athletic excellence. Our achievement luncheons, academic and athletic award celebrations, and marching band superlatives are only a few of the many ways our students are recognized and rewarded for their efforts.

We continue to acknowledge that, while we as a faculty and staff are all working diligently at Cross High to ensure every child reaches her/his potential and has a quality education, we need and welcome the help of parents and the community. Many efforts, including but not limited to our annual "Kids/Community Day", Title-1 parent education sessions, and our school/community based literacy forums/initiatives foster stronger relationships between the community and the school—relationships that we value and see as essential in the education of our students.

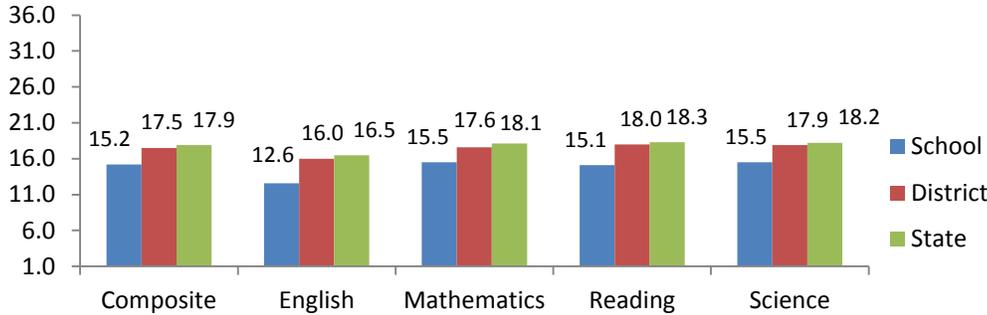
Adrian Busch- Principal

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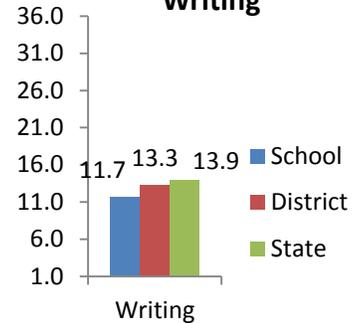
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

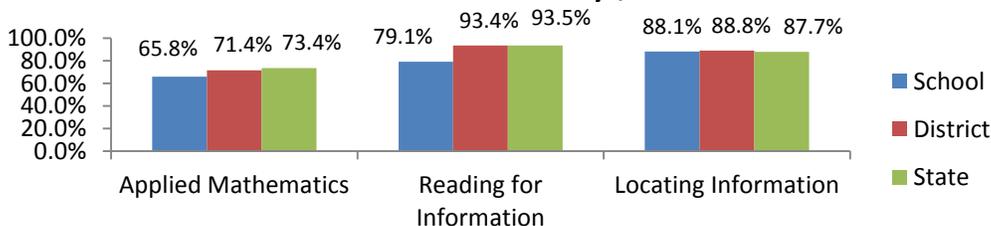


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
10	0	7.3	2.9	0

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
19.5	438	419	445	1301

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.8	62.8	85.7
English 1	69.0	50.5	75.1
Biology 1	77.4	55.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	71.8	40.8	69.1
All Subjects	72.9	52.7	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
84.8	73.2	75.6	72.7

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
75.6	73.9	80.0	72.7

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
22.5	32.0	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
50.0	64.5	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 322)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	94.9	Down from 98.6%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.0	Down from 98.0%	92.7
With disabilities	20.4	Up from 18.1%	15.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9	Down from 1.7%	2.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	12.4	Down from 16.3%	10.3
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	32.6	Down from 42.3%	6.9
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	44.5
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	19.1	Down from 34.5%	0.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	282	Up from 145	341
Students participating in work-based experiences	5.0	Up from 0.0%	11.6
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	19	N/A	55
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	83.6
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	8	N/A	24
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	93.3
Annual dropout rate	2.0	Down from 4.7%	2.1
Dropout recovery rate	25.0	N/A	4.8
Percentage of students retained	0.3	Down from 0.7%	4.5
Teachers (n = 31)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	64.5	Down from 70.0%	61.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	58.1	Down from 70.0%	59.0
Teachers returning from previous year	84.0	Down from 86.0%	74.6
Teacher attendance rate	95.2	Up from 95.0%	95.5
Average teacher salary*	\$47,380	Down 2.1%	\$45,673
Professional development days / teacher	9.3 days	Down from 10.4 days	7.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.1	Down from 8.5%	14.2
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	1.9

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	26	10
Percent satisfied with learning environment	75.0	46.2	80.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	79.2	68.0	90.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.5	88.0	77.8

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Up from 16.2 to 1	19.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4	Down from 91.3%	87.0
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	3.0	N/A	4.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4	Down from 100.0%	99.4
Character development program	Fair	Down from Good	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	N/A	N/A	15.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	N/A	N/A	33.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.1	N/C	2.1
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.5	N/C	0.8
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$13,882	Up 4.8%	\$12,918
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.8	Up from 62.3%	53.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	63.1	Up from 62.8%	55.2

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

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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