

Hillcrest High School

3665 S. Industrial Dr
Simpsonville, SC 29681



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 High	Principal:	G. Bryan Skipper
Enrollment:	2,106 students	Superintendent:	Mr. W. Burke Royster
School Phone:	864-355-3500	Board Chair:	Mrs. Lisa Wells
School Website:	http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/hillcrest/index.asp		



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

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

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

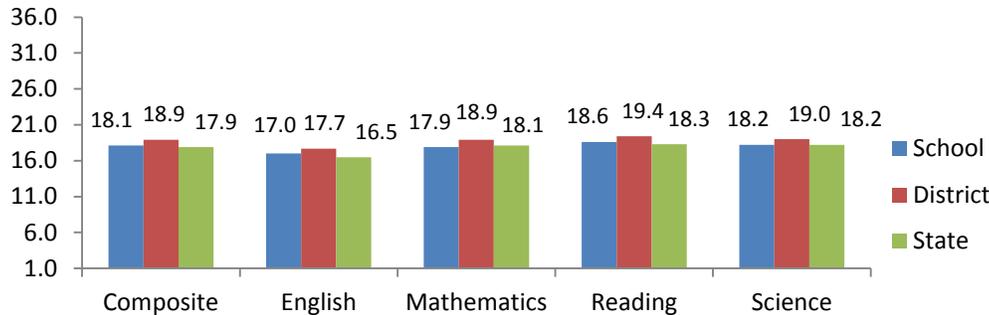
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn Community for almost sixty years. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Hillcrest HS teachers are highly qualified in their subject areas. Many of our teachers hold masters degrees, masters plus thirty, as well as additional degree certifications such as National Board, Advanced Placement, and Gifted and Talented. The quality of teachers at Hillcrest is shown in the increase of student test scores. Hillcrest offers many opportunities for its students beginning with the Freshman Academy for first-year ninth grade students. The Academy offers a separate location for all freshmen core classes. For the second time, the Academy held a Freshman Day prior to the start of school. Approximately 400 of our new ninth grade students attended this event making it a great success. They toured the building, met their teachers, heard about clubs and athletic opportunities. The teachers in the Academy meet regularly to plan activities and monitor the progress of our freshmen. Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Hillcrest has a Speech and Debate program that continuously has district, state and national winners. Hillcrest's Fine Arts Department is also a leader in our school district. Hillcrest students were selected for All State Chorus, All State Band, and All State Strings. Hillcrest also has one of the top athletic programs in the state with 22 varsity and 24 Sub Varsity teams that are consistently some of the top athletic teams in our state. The 2014-15 Hillcrest High School Football Team won the State Championship and Coach Porter was named statewide High School Football Coach of the Year.

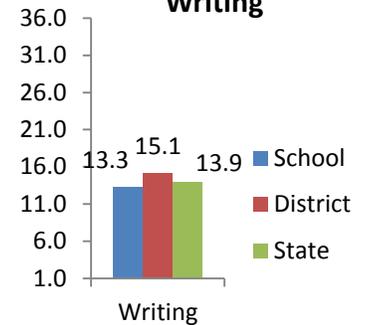
In addition, Hillcrest offers a variety of extracurricular and academic clubs to students. Once again, our student body in partnership with the community raised over \$83,000 in one week in support of the Fountain Inn Kid Enrichment Center. Students are also active in other charities such as hosting food drives and natural disaster relief for various areas in need. The local community strongly supports Hillcrest HS in these endeavors. The Greenhouse Industries program at Hillcrest sponsors plant sales throughout the year, offering student-grown plants and flowers to the public. The program has earned over \$20,000 since its inception and is recognized by the state as an exemplary program. Our Guidance Department works with students and parents to ensure students' needs are met and that students are on track for graduation. Counselors meet annually with students to develop and review each student's Individual Graduation Plan. Both academic and athletic booster clubs are strong and actively involved in providing support in the form of time and money for our students. Our PTSA offers grant opportunities to our teachers. Hillcrest is dedicated to providing a safe, positive learning environment which brings together the resources of staff, family, and our community to create the best future possible for our students.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

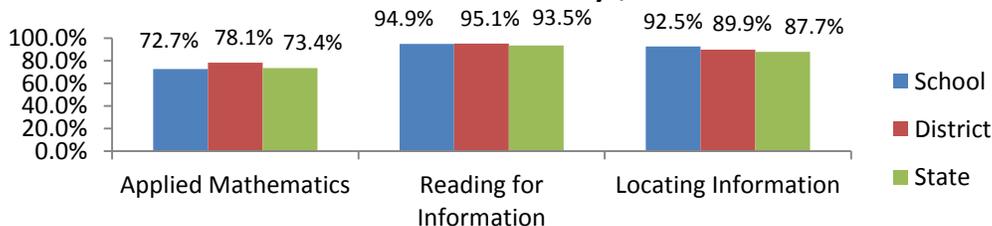


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
44.9	19	26.1	16.8	9.1

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.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
55.2	475	463	451	1389

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	83.7	83.0	85.7
English 1	82.2	75.1	75.1
Biology 1	88.1	79.5	77.8
US History and the Constitution	82.0	74.0	69.1
All Subjects	84.2	79.2	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
87.4	82.1	79.4	73.9

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
84.1	81.6	77.1	74.0

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
64.1	39.0	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
80.0	79.2	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 = 2,106)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	50.3	Down from 56.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.1	Up from 94.3%	94.8
With disabilities	9.4	Up from 9.3%	9.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7	No change	1.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	24.8	Down from 25.6%	24.9
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	28.9	Down from 40.4%	22.0
Successful in AP/IB programs	49.6	Up from 39.6%	60.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	11.6	Down from 18.7%	1.8
Enrollment in career/technology courses	2026	Up from 1174	1421
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.7	Down from 82.0%	7.5
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	283	N/A	269
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	80.5
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	57
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	82.8
Annual dropout rate	2.7	Up from 2.0%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	1.8	N/A	4.0
Percentage of students retained	2.5	Up from 2.2%	2.1
Teachers (n = 104)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	66.3	Up from 65.4%	64.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	84.6	Up from 78.5%	79.4
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8	Down from 91.2%	86.9
Teacher attendance rate	93.7	Down from 94.8%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$49,249	Up 1.2%	\$49,281
Professional development days / teacher	12.0 days	Up from 9.4 days	9.2 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	Down from 0.7%	1.0
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.3

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	92	323	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.8	77.1	87.1
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.9	71.3	70.9
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.0	88.1	73.4

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 11.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.6 to 1	Up from 30.2 to 1	28.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7	Down from 88.1%	88.7
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	N/A	N/A	12.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 35.4%	99.7
Character development program	Good	Up from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	13.2
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	7.9	N/A	17.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.0	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	1.4
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,783	Down 10.5%	\$8,226
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.7	Up from 60.2%	58.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	61.9	Up from 61.1%	60.1

* 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	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Good	Below Average

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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