

## Tamassee-Salem Middle & High School

4 Eagle Lane  
Salem, SC 29676



# 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.

<b>Grades:</b>	6-12 High	<b>Principal:</b>	Steve M. R. Moore
<b>Enrollment:</b>	301 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. Michael Thorsland
<b>School Phone:</b>	864-886-4545	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Andy Inabinet
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/TamasseeHS.cfm">http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/TamasseeHS.cfm</a>		



### 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.

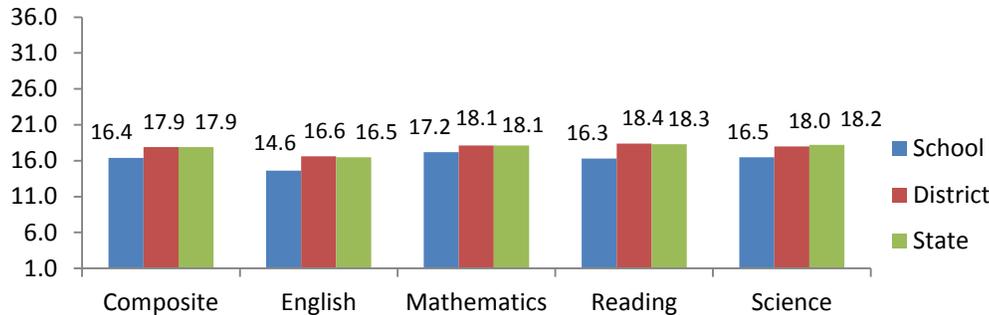
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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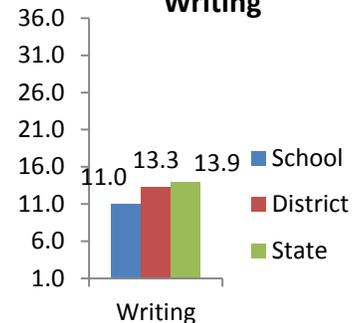
“Our school (TSMHS) is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing rigorous educational experiences which develop college and career ready individuals in partnership with home, business and community.” TSMHS continues to work toward the development of our students in the area of academics, citizenship, and service to the community and school. We focus not only on student graduation but also toward the development of career-ready young men and women who will be productive citizens beyond their high school years. At TSMHS, students are encouraged throughout high school to explore career possibilities and visit colleges and technical schools to see what is available for them in the post-secondary years. Job shadowing for high school and middle school students is highly encouraged for student growth and knowledge for the career and work-ready world. This year, students classified as third year high school students took the ACT and SC WorkKeys Assessment to provide individuals and school level persons with information regarding student progress and work readiness. Students were encouraged to be part of the extracurricular program and a career exploratory program in partnership with the Hamilton Career Center focused on careers in health science, mechatronics and engineering as well as many others. Student work is constantly reviewed to identify those needing to participate in an academic program for assistance utilizing APEX online courses. Some students took the opportunity to participate in an accelerated program through the SC Virtual School Program. Character education is embedded throughout the school year through guidance and advisory lessons as well as for our young men through the program, “Coaching Boys into Men.” The mission of Tamassee-Salem Middle and High School, in partnership with home, business and community, is to provide rigorous educational experiences which develop college and career ready individuals. The SIC, faculty and staff of TSMHS extend a thank you to all who volunteer and give selflessly to work with students and athletic teams as well as our parents and students for their diligent work in representing TSMHS. Steve M. R. Moore, Principal Kim Alexander, SIC

**KNOWLEDGE**

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



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**

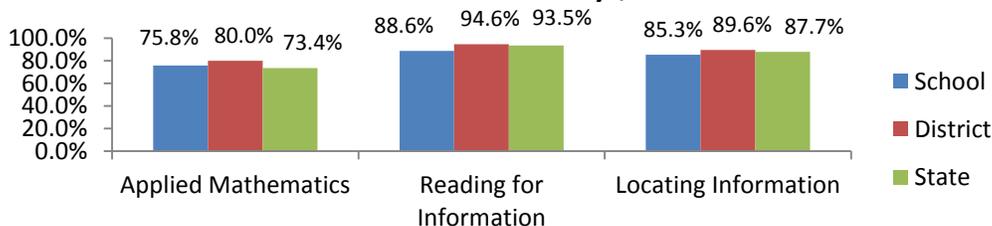


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
28.1	12.5	9.4	12.9	3.1

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.

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
12.2	512	534	496	1542

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	90.6	79.6	85.7
English 1	87.9	61.4	75.1
Biology 1	87.8	72.7	77.8
US History and the Constitution	42.4	60.9	69.1
All Subjects	81.1	68.8	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
71.7	86.8	82.4	82.1

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
86.8	82.4	80.0	70.3

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
70.0	56.1	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
51.5	76.1	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
<b>Students (n = 301)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	76.0	Up from 75.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.1	Down from 95.7%	94.1
With disabilities	16.7	Down from 18.8%	12.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.7	No change	0.9
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.5	Down from 20.9%	16.3
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.3	Up from 0.0%	10.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	36.7
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	8.6
Enrollment in career/technology courses	282	Up from 65	643
Students participating in work-based experiences	7.8	Down from 53.8%	9.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	16	N/A	145
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	75.7
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	53
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	99.1
Annual dropout rate	5.6	Up from 2.5%	2.4
Dropout recovery rate	11.1	N/A	3.1
Percentage of students retained	1.7	Up from 1.4%	3.1
<b>Teachers (n = 24)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	50.0	Down from 72.7%	59.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	54.2	Down from 77.3%	76.5
Teachers returning from previous year	73.7	Down from 86.7%	84.4
Teacher attendance rate	95.4	Up from 90.1%	95.4
Average teacher salary*	\$44,961	Down 9.1%	\$47,501
Professional development days / teacher	9.0 days	Down from 9.5 days	11.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.9	Up from 0.0%	3.7
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	4.5	N/A	0.4

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	30	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0	96.7	85.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.8	96.7	75.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3	96.5	77.2

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

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<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Up from 20.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5	Up from 83.4%	87.9
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	N/A	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.7	Down from 100.0%	99.9
Character development program	Good	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	10.0	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	21.8	N/A	24.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	3.1	N/C	1.9
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.6	N/C	0.9
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,038	Down 1.0%	\$8,986
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.8	Up from 56.3%	56.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.0	Up from 56.7%	57.9

\* 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	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	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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