

York Preparatory Academy

1047 Golden Gate Ct.

Rock Hill, SC 29732



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:	K-12 High	Principal:	Dr. TK Kennedy
Enrollment:	1,431 students	Superintendent:	Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.
School Phone:	803-324-4400	Board Chair:	Warren Engle
School Website:	http://www.yorkprepsc.org		



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

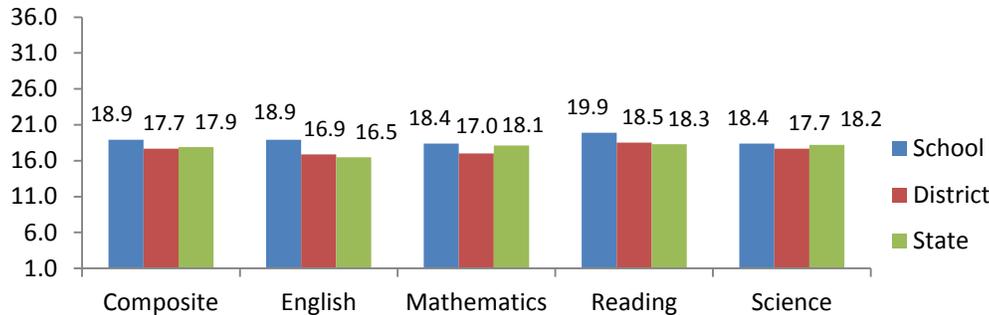
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

The 2014-15 school year was the fifth year of operations on York Preparatory Academy's ten-year charter. The school year began with two new principals and the departure of the school's fourth managing director. At the time of this report, the school has received only embargoed data on its performance, so no formal discussion can be presented here. That said, the embargoed data suggests significant improvements in student results in several key areas. The school ended the year with an enrollment of about 1,390 and a waiting list of about 370. In the coming year, the school's focus will be on incorporating data-driven instruction.

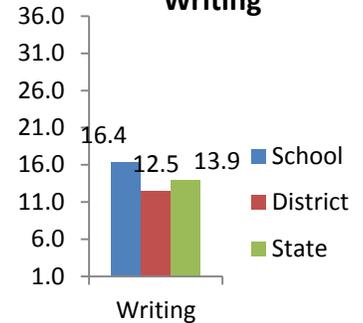
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

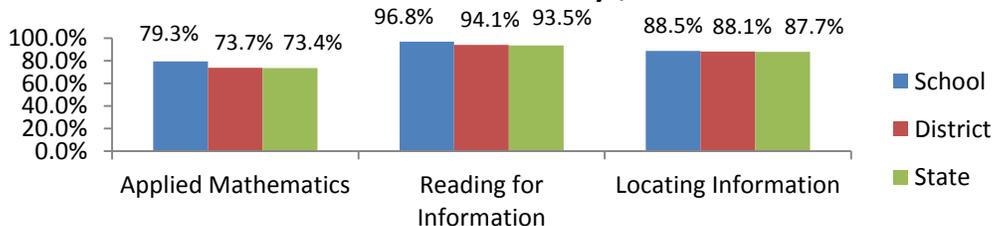


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
59.7	24.2	32.3	14.5	9.7

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
60.0	500	453	484	1437

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	87.7	88.7	85.7
English 1	81.7	71.2	75.1
Biology 1	77.2	79.9	77.8
US History and the Constitution	82.3	78.1	69.1
All Subjects	82.5	81.5	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
90.9	N/A	N/A	N/A

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
62.7	29.6	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
N/A	N/A	N/A

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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 = 1,431)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	43.4	Down from 43.5%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.5	Up from 95.3%	94.8
With disabilities	9.0	Up from 8.7%	7.9
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3	Up from 0.0%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	9.5	Up from 7.7%	28.2
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.2	Up from 15.2%	26.9
Successful in AP/IB programs	65.2	N/A	65.1
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	N/A	1.7
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1304	Up from 78	1124
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0	Down from 1.3%	4.3
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	5	N/A	218
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	89.1	N/A	81.8
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	18	N/A	46
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	94.0	N/A	83.6
Annual dropout rate	1.3	Up from 0.9%	1.3
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	6.3
Percentage of students retained	0.7	Down from 0.8%	1.7
Teachers (n = 87)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	42.5	Up from 40.3%	67.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	60.9	Up from 51.9%	78.6
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8	Up from 77.2%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	95.7	Up from 95.6%	95.5
Average teacher salary*	\$40,214	Up 3.3%	\$49,084
Professional development days / teacher	2.5 days	Down from 17.3 days	6.7 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.3	Up from 9.3%	1.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	6.0	N/A	0.9

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	47	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.7	70.2	85.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6	78.7	82.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5	89.1	81.6

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	No change	2.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.0 to 1	Up from 24.2 to 1	29.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1	Up from 88.4%	89.1
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	8.0	N/A	11.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	66.0	Down from 98.8%	99.1
Character development program	Poor	Down from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	5.0	N/A	12.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	7.6	N/A	18.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	0.3	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.1	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,953	Down 34.4%	\$7,384
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	43.5	Up from 42.5%	58.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	51.3	Up from 47.9%	60.0

* 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	N/A	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A

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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