

## Branchville High School

1349 Dorange Road  
Branchville, SC 29432



# 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>	7-12 Middle	<b>Principal:</b>	David B. Hess
<b>Enrollment:</b>	294 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. Tim Newman
<b>School Phone:</b>	803-274-8875	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Peggy Tyler
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://blsh.orangeburg4.schoolfusion.us/">http://blsh.orangeburg4.schoolfusion.us/</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

### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing a high quality education that consist of high rigor in a small rural environment where children are more than a number. Branchville High School (BHS) serves the Branchville area of Orangeburg County as a 7-12 school with an approximately 294 student body located in a rural setting. The faculty and staff of BHS is made up of dedicated individuals who have high expectations for all students to learn and grow in a positive, safe and warm educational environment. We believe all students can learn and that parents should be involved in the education of their children. Our goal is to educate students who will be prepared to either excel in post-secondary education, be productive in the workforce, and become lifelong learners. Branchville High School has had many academic successes this year. We saw gains in our 2014-2015 End of Course test scores in Algebra 1, and Biology. Branchville High School had 78% of the 2014-2015 senior class accepted into post-secondary education with 45% of the class eligible for the Life Scholarship. This year South Carolina has removed the HSAP test and now 11th grade students will be taking the ACT test and Work keys. The high school students with the assistance of the 5th graders put on Aladdin, under the direction of Mrs. Toni Ott. Branchville Middle School had an absolute rating of Average for the 2014-2015 school year, but did see some gains made on the PASS Science scores from the previous year. This year Middle School Math and ELA state testing will be replaced by the ACT Aspire test.

In sports BHS captured the region championship in Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball. Furthermore, BHS had it's first every wrestling team. The two mottos that we, at Branchville, believe in is "Only the Best at BHS" and "Branchville is a Rayl Rode School (RRS) Respect, Responsibility, and Safety". BHS must provide students with academic rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. Through the combined efforts of students, parents and teachers, Branchville High School strives to help all students reach their full potential. We encourage all students to build positive memories while preparing to be productive citizens for the future.

We thank you for your continued support.

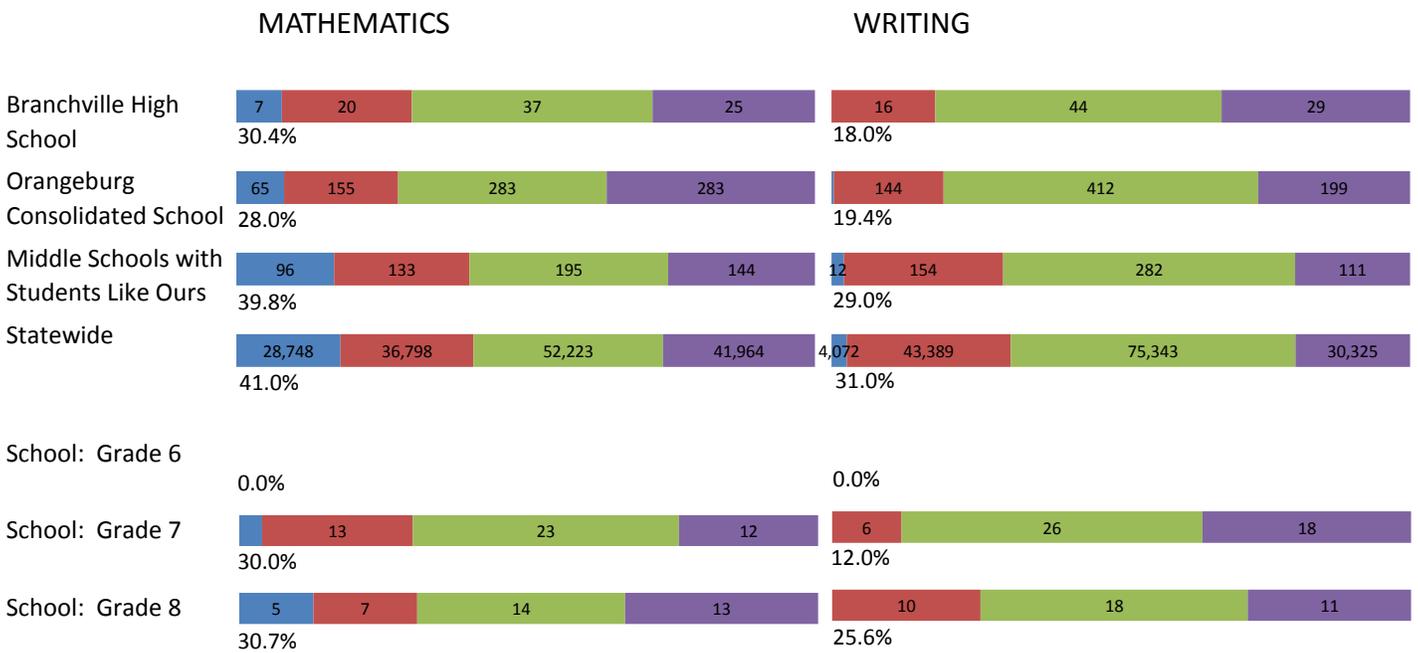
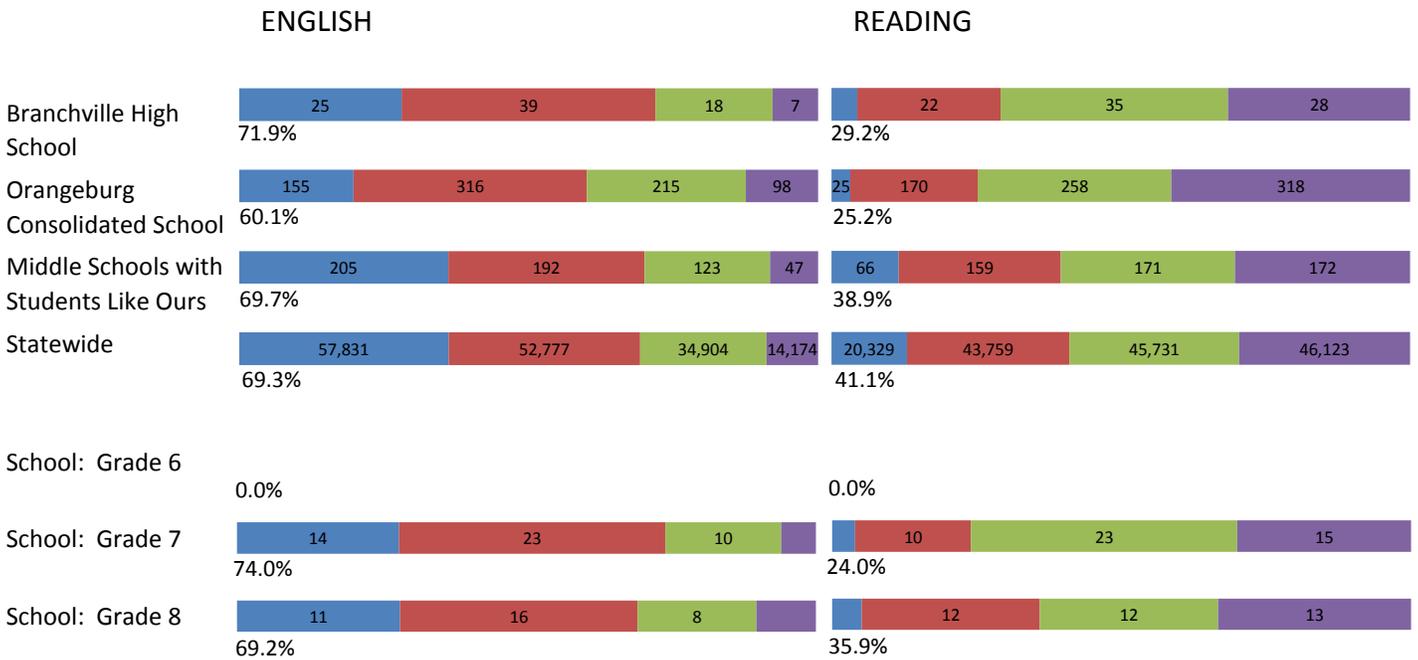
David B. Hess Principal

Jennifer Wimberly SIC Chairperson

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

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



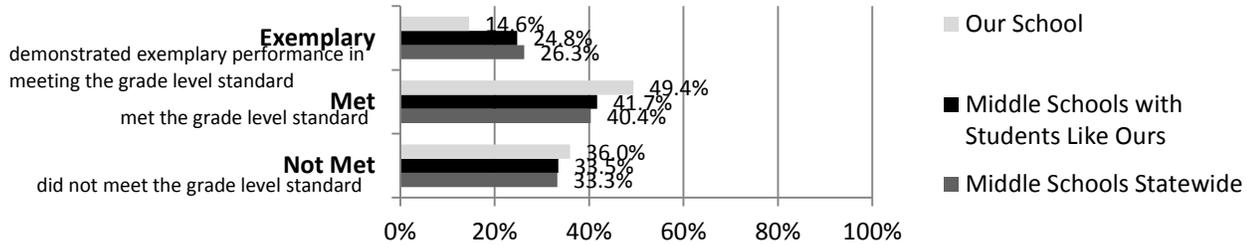
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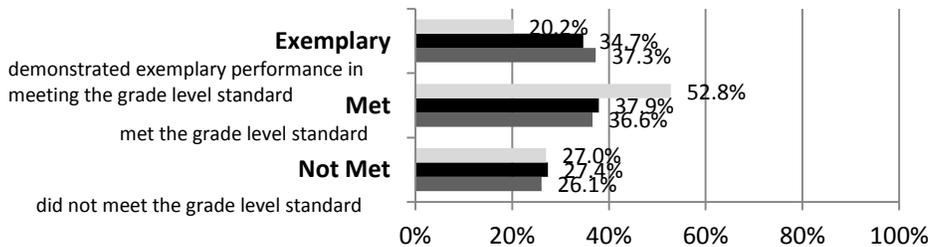
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science**



**Social Studies**



Science SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	66.0	61.5

Social Studies SCPASS		
Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
N/A	76.0	69.2

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	<b>"Exemplary"</b> : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	<b>"Met"</b> : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	<b>"Not Met"</b> : student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests		
Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	95.2	95.3
English 1	51.4	91.8
Biology 1	58.6	75.4
US History and the Constitution	37	47.8
All Subjects	55.6	93.7

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

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 294)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	68.4	Down from 69.0%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	7.4	Down from 22.9%	28.6
Attendance Rate	97.7	Up from 95.3%	95.4
With disabilities	7.9	Down from 8.8%	13.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	13.7	Up from 13.0%	23.9
Percentage of students retained	2.4	Up from 1.8%	0.6
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
<b>Teachers (n = 19)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	68.4	Down from 75.0%	62.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	94.7	Up from 75.0%	80.8
Teachers returning from previous year	81.6	Up from 65.0%	87.3
Teacher attendance rate	95.9	Up from 95.2%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$49,545	Down 1.4%	\$48,990
Professional development days / teacher	28.2 days	Up from 17.1 days	11.1 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5
<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	7.0	No change	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Up from 23.7 to 1	23.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8	Up from 89.3%	88.7
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.7
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	12.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	14.2	N/A	20.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.9	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.4	N/C	1.9
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1	Down from 14.1%	2.2
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,318	Up 7.2%	\$7,633
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.5	Up from 50.0%	62.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	51.7	Up from 50.6%	63.9

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

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students*</b>	<b>Parents*</b>
Number of surveys returned	21	37	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.2	91.8	84.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2	91.9	84.6
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7	86.5	76.9

\* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

**State Ratings History of School**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Absolute Rating</b>	<b>Growth Rating</b>
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	At-Risk
2012	Average	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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