



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Silver Bluff High
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 808**
Principal: Todd Bornscheuer
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Dr. Christine Sanders

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Good	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	6	21	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	82.3%	84.6%	76.8%	79.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.1%	9.0%	13.1%	11.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.6%	6.4%	10.4%	9.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	91.9%	93.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	197	218
Number of Diplomas	134	160
Rate (%)	68.0%	73.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.6%	71.9%
English 1	55.6%	57.7%
Physical Science	60.0%	49.6%
All Tests	63.5%	59.8%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=808)				
Retention rate	6.6%	Up from 6.1%	6.3%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.2%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	3.1%	Down from 17.3%	10.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Up from 8.7%	13.3%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Down from 2.9%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.3%	Up from 6.9%	8.6%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	44.0%	N/A	51.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.5%	Up from 30.9%	31.2%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	5.0%	Down from 5.3%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.9%	Down from 4.5%	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	502	Up from 482	509	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.2%	Down from 74.6%	77.8%	79.6%
Teachers (n=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.9%	Down from 51.1%	51.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Up from 70.2%	74.4%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.0%	Down from 12.2%	7.9%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.0%	Up from 86.9%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$48,363	Up 5.8%	\$45,960	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 7.8%	3.6%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.0 to 1	Down from 29.5 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 89.8%	88.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,656	Up 4.9%	\$7,277	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.7%	Down from 55.6%	54.1%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	58.9%	Down from 59.5%	59.4%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	94.1%		92.3%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	154	73
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.5%	73.4%	87.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.5%	79.2%	79.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.0%	83.6%	77.8%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Silver Bluff High School provides educational opportunities for the students of Aiken County who reside in the Beech Island, Jackson, and New Ellenton areas. An established twenty-seven year tradition of excellence is the driving force behind the school's accomplishments. Accredited by the State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Silver Bluff High School provides all students with opportunities to become responsible lifelong learners.

The faculty, staff, and administration of Silver Bluff remain committed to maintaining high academic expectations for all students. In 2007-2008, we continued work on our highly successful "Freshman Academy." Another area of emphasis included an across-the-curriculum focus on reading and writing. We further continued to emphasize communication with parents through newsletters and an automated phone calling system. For the 2008-2009 school year, these will continue to be areas of concentration, along with strengthening the Honors and Advanced Placement programs with the addition of two new Advanced Placement offerings.

The 2007-2008 school year brought recognition for programs through awards and accolades. Silver Bluff was the only high school to make the Riley School Improvement Award Honor Roll for the work by the school improvement council to improve transition programming from middle school to high school. Silver Bluff was one of eight high schools in the state to be named a Red Carpet Award Winner for our efforts to reach out to the community.

Research indicates that schools with strong extra-curricular involvement foster positive academic environments as well. The rich tradition of success in these areas continued in 2007-2008. The band won the lower-state and state championships. The football team won nine games and the region title. The girls' basketball team had their first ever twenty-win season and won the region. The golf team and girls softball teams won region championships. The NJROTC program was ranked in the top 20 nationally. The Key Club was recognized internationally for the third year in a row for service to the community and fellow man. Students also represented Silver Bluff nationally in academics, with six students representing us in the national level of History Day competition.

We are poised for continued success in 2008-2009 and look forward to working with you to maximize your child's high school experience.

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Anna Johnson, SIC Chairperson

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