



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Cheraw High
Chesterfield County
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 873**
Principal: Henry L. Cobb
Superintendent: Dr. John E. Williams
Board Chair: Chad Vick

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	9	17	3	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 (%)	71.2%	76.2%	75.5%	78.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.7%	13.9%	13.9%	11.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.1%	9.9%	10.9%	10.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	95.4%	93.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

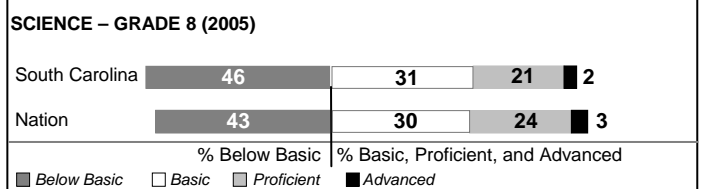
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	216	195
Number of Diplomas	171	147
Rate (%)	79.2%	76.3%

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	64.6%	68.9%
English 1	65.8%	58.9%
Physical Science	42.6%	47.1%
All Tests	57.6%	57.5%

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=873)				
Retention rate	7.1%	Down from 8.8%	6.5%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.2%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	17.1%	Down from 18.7%	14.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 5.8%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.2%	Up from 8.6%	9.3%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	78.9%	N/A	40.4%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.6%	Up from 28.5%	29.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	Up from 1.7%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.9%	Up from 4.2%	4.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	660	Up from 646	499	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	70.8%	Up from 70.0%	82.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=58)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.4%	Up from 49.1%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.0%	Up from 68.4%	69.5%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	13.0%	Up from 9.3%	9.9%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Up from 90.3%	84.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 96.3%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,893	Up 2.7%	\$46,024	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.8%	Down from 8.0%	5.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.8 to 1	Up from 26.1 to 1	26.2 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.8%	Down from 90.8%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,568	Up 9.0%	\$7,406	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	61.4%	Down from 65.7%	56.6%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	65.1%	Down from 70.1%	60.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	At-Risk	Down from Below Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%		89.5%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	58	145	20
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.5%	72.0%	73.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.4%	78.3%	70.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	61.4%	79.9%	57.9%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The theme for Cheraw High School continues to be "Failure is Not an Option." Accomplishment and expectations combined to make 2007-2008 a good year for Cheraw High School. Cheraw High School underwent visits and evaluations by the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc. and High Schools That Work Technical Assistance Team. The year was also marked by numerous accomplishments by both students and faculty.

Emphasis continues to be placed on student achievement. High Schools That Work will continue to be a school-wide initiative for 2008-2009. The students were involved directly with faculty advisors through an advisor/advisee program. The students also participated in the Accelerated Reading Program and other Literacy Across the Curriculum Programs. Wal-Mart and Sentry Bank, both of Cheraw, recently donated to the math department at Cheraw High School to help purchase new calculators.

Some of the accomplishments for Cheraw High School are as follows: Fifty-eight seniors were eligible for a Life Scholarship and 30 students were eligible for a HOPE Scholarship from the State Department of Education. The State Department of Education named five students as Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients. Two seniors were named South Carolina Teaching Fellows by the South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment. The Academic Bowl Team won the Overall District Championship. Two seniors received Athletic Scholarships. The Varsity Football team won the 2A State Championship for the second year in a row. The Cheraw High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC Air Rifle team finished second in the annual NRA National JROTC Postal Match. The MCJROTC received a grant from the NRA Foundation to support its Marksmanship Program. One senior has been selected as the top Career and Technology Education student in the Pee Dee Region (Chesterfield, Dillon, Darlington, Florence and Marion Counties) and as a result has been designated as the region's Technology Champion and was joined by 11 other regional Technology Champions from across the state for a recognition ceremony during the opening session of the SC Education and Business Summit at the Carolina First Center in Greenville on June 22. The Summit is attended by more than 1,500 South Carolina educators and business partners annually.

There is much at Cheraw High School of which to be proud. However, there is still much to be done to insure that Cheraw High School is one of the "best high schools" in South Carolina.

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Laura Barber, SIC Chairperson

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