



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Latta High
Dillon 3
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 446**
Principal: George H. Liebenrood, Jr.
Superintendent: Dr. John M. Kirby, Jr.
Board Chair: Betty Jo Johnson

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	9	16	4	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 (%)	86.0%	89.4%	75.3%	77.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	6.1%	7.1%	13.9%	12.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.9%	3.5%	11.1%	10.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	97.5%	92.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

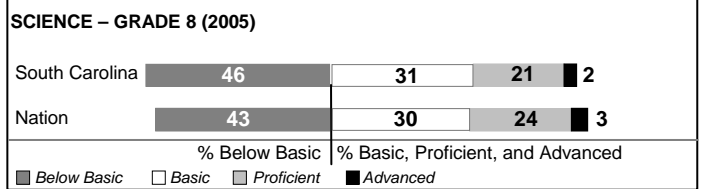
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	87	184
Number of Diplomas	75	137
Rate (%)	86.2%	76.4%

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	97.9%	67.8%
English 1	77.9%	56.9%
Physical Science	62.4%	45.4%
All Tests	78.1%	55.7%

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=446)				
Retention rate	6.7%	Up from 6.3%	6.3%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.2%	94.3%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.9%	Down from 16.3%	9.7%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	Up from 9.3%	14.3%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	4.5%	Down from 5.2%	9.2%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	39.3%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.2%	Down from 60.2%	29.9%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Down from 2.6%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	16.4%	Down from 17.5%	4.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	278	Up from 272	483	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.5%	Up from 82.0%	82.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.6%	Down from 62.1%	53.4%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.0%	Down from 72.4%	69.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 8.7%	8.7%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.1%	Down from 84.3%	85.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.7%	95.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$39,900	Up 0.8%	\$46,441	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.0%	Down from 6.2%	5.7%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.3 to 1	Up from 28.6 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 90.7%	88.0%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,105	Down 6.4%	\$7,553	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	50.0%	Down from 50.1%	56.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	52.4%	Down from 53.6%	59.9%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	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	100.0%		87.0%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This past school year was another banner year for Latta High School.

Latta High School has been recognized in U.S. News and World Report in its first ranking of "America's Best High Schools." Latta High School received recognition in the report as a Bronze Medal winner.

With the help of our students and parents, we continued a trend of strong performance on the Exit Exam. On HSAP, we had an 89.2% first attempt pass rate in English language arts and a 91% first attempt pass rate in mathematics.

Latta High School continues to be above the state average in the pass rate in all areas of the End-of-Course Tests.

The number and kinds of scholarships awarded to Latta students has been a continuing encouragement. We have produced one Palmetto Scholar, twenty-two Life Scholarship recipients, and a number of students gaining an assortment of other kinds of scholarships.

We were able to achieve these levels because of the efforts of an excellent teaching faculty, the support of our parents, the efforts of our students, and the trust that exists between the schools and the people of our community. The high expectations of the aforementioned groups have greatly enhanced our ability to compete academically.

While we have accomplished a great deal this past academic year, we look forward to the challenges of the 2008-2009 school year.

George H. Liebenrood, Jr.
Principal

Valerie McClain
SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	80	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.6%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.1%	92.3%	90.9%

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

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