



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fairfield Central High  
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 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 989  
 Principal: Sterling Harris  
 Superintendent: Dr. Samantha J. Ingram  
 Board Chair: Mr. Harold C. Heath

## PERFORMANCE

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

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	5	11	4	4

\* 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 (%)	68.4%	74.9%	65.4%	69.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.7%	12.3%	18.7%	16.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	18.0%	12.8%	16.0%	14.2%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	88.0%	91.6%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	247	144
Number of Diplomas	161	104
Rate (%)	65.2%	71.1%

## 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	44.9%	62.5%
English 1	38.4%	47.3%
Physical Science	82.8%	31.5%
All Tests	46.9%	47.0%

## 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
<b>Students (n=989)</b>				
Retention rate	6.9%	Up from 5.8%	8.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	93.7%	Up from 93.4%	94.1%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.1%	Down from 23.7%	5.7%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	18.2%	Up from 17.2%	14.1%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.4%	Up from 0.5%	1.8%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.3%	Down from 14.1%	6.8%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	9.1%	N/A	21.2%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	9.0%	Down from 30.1%	25.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Down from 5.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.5%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	736	Up from 321	408	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	73.0%	Down from 78.0%	74.2%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=73)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.2%	Up from 39.2%	50.0%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	57.5%	Down from 58.7%	57.1%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	25.4%	Down from 27.9%	15.8%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.5%	Down from 82.2%	79.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	98.3%	Up from 95.8%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,375	Up 4.2%	\$45,552	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.5%	Up from 7.0%	9.8%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.2 to 1	Down from 30.1 to 1	23.3 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 87.5%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,574	Up 7.1%	\$8,538	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.0%	Up from 48.0%	53.1%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.5%	Up from 58.4%	59.9%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Below Average	N/A	Below Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%		86.4%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	125	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	40.8%	50.8%	43.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	62.0%	57.7%	52.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	22.9%	70.5%	48.9%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fairfield Central serves all areas of Fairfield County as a 9–12 high school. The school is comprised of approximately 962 students. We have a student body that is very diverse in culture, with 93% of the student body being African-American, 4% being white, and 3% being of Hispanic heritage. The faculty is made up of dedicated educators who strive to provide all students with the opportunity to learn each day without regard to prior academic achievement. We are committed to the belief that every child can learn.

Proper preparation for higher education and careers is a goal of the school. The school encourages all students to prepare for post secondary education. We also help prepare students for vocational careers by providing instruction by partnership with the Fairfield County Career and Technology Center. We have experienced a significant increase in the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) scores in both language arts/reading and mathematics. In addition, we have had 59 students recognized as life scholarship recipients and one student to receive the prestigious "Palmetto Fellows" scholarship. We also were a recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for improvements in our test scores.

Fairfield Central High School is a Learning Focused Project School whereby instruction each day incorporates "best practices" research. All teachers are trained to use the Learning Focused strategies as they teach. All students participate in the Academic Enrichment block each day, designed to address individual weaknesses students have that may hinder their academic potential. Our students also use the Reading Counts Program extensively to improve overall literacy proficiency.

We hope to increase our reading and math skills, as well as our test performance through these innovative programs. We plan to use additional funds in the upcoming years to make our school completely standards-based, through extensive faculty and staff development, and training in content areas as well as teaching strategies.

In addition to academic performance, students at North High School excel in extracurricular areas as well. Our varsity football, track, and boys/girls basketball teams competed in the state playoffs. Our award winning Griffin Band was chosen the top performing group at the 2007 state sponsored Carolina Carillon parade. Our mission is to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities to our community.

Sterling Harris- Principal

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