



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Florence High
 Florence 1
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,571
 Principal: Neal Vincent
 Superintendent: Larry Jackson
 Board Chair: Porter Stewart

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	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	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	7	26	1	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 (%)	73.8%	75.2%	78.0%	79.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.0%	14.5%	12.2%	10.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.2%	10.4%	9.8%	9.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	92.1%	93.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	335	238
Number of Diplomas	251	173
Rate (%)	74.9%	72.7%

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	69.3%	72.3%
English 1	60.5%	60.0%
Physical Science	46.6%	52.2%
All Tests	58.8%	61.2%

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=1,571)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Down from 9.2%	6.4%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.0%	No Change	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.2%	Up from 8.3%	11.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	17.8%	Up from 15.7%	13.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.7%	Down from 3.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.0%	Down from 11.7%	10.6%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	56.1%	N/A	47.4%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.9%	Up from 21.1%	32.7%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	4.1%	Down from 6.0%	3.9%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	809	Up from 13	551	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.6%	Down from 100.0%	77.1%	79.6%
Teachers (n=89)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Up from 59.3%	55.1%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	89.9%	Up from 85.7%	73.7%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.5%	Up from 2.4%	8.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.4%	Up from 87.9%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.2%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$45,960	Up 3.0%	\$46,527	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.6%	Down from 13.9%	2.3%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.7 to 1	Up from 23.7 to 1	26.2 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.3%	88.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,140	Up 2.4%	\$7,132	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.2%	Up from 58.5%	55.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	63.4%	Up from 60.4%	60.5%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	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	71.4%		92.8%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year at South Florence High School was filled with success. We embraced our Good/Excellent report card rating from the 2006-2007 school year as a tribute to the hard work that our parents, business and community partners, and faculty members invested into the South Florence students. We celebrated our commitment to excellence as we received recognition as a 2008 Red Carpet School.

SFHS's class of 2008 earned over \$3,310,300 in scholarship offers, including eight Palmetto Fellows recipients, one recipient of the SC Association of Counties 2008 Presidential Scholarship, and one NASSP Leadership Award and Scholarship recipient. Of the 2008 graduating class, 51% worked diligently throughout their high school careers to obtain single cord (97), double cord (23) and Board of Trustee (15) honors.

Ten SF students were awarded athletic scholarships enabling them to participate in collegiate sports and continue their education. Twelve of the eighteen varsity teams advanced to the playoffs with boy's swimming and girl's softball winning regional championships. Additionally, a SF student was named the Florence School District One Female Athlete of the Year award. SF students also participated in a variety of non-athletic activities to include NHS, Marching Band, Spanish Club, Chinese Club, and Step Team.

SFHS continued its work with HSTW and Small Learning Community initiatives working to reshape our school's culture as we endeavor to create professional learning communities designed to support student and staff learning. Sixty seniors participated in the HSTW Senior Assessment, of which, ten were honored with Certificates of Excellence for their high achievement. Our On-Line Learning Laboratory allowed students to recover over 250 course credits. Our School Improvement Council (SIC) is proud of the many achievements of the students, faculty, and staff. We continue to research and implement best practices and strategies in an effort to support and improve teaching and learning and increase home-to-school communication.

Neal Vincent, Principal
Anthony Pigatt, School Improvement Council Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	83	204	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.8%	70.6%	77.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.0%	79.4%	70.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	59.3%	84.7%	72.5%

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

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