



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St. James High

Horry

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,311

Principal: Joe Dowling

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	9	17	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 (%)	80.2%	84.5%	79.9%	83.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.2%	7.1%	11.7%	9.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.6%	8.4%	8.4%	7.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	95.4%	94.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

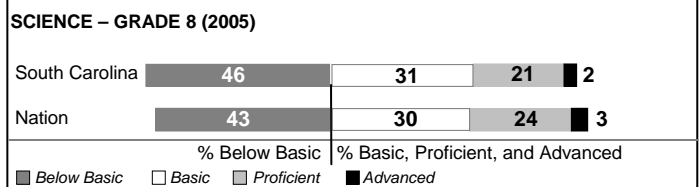
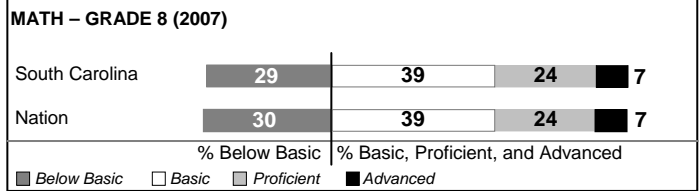
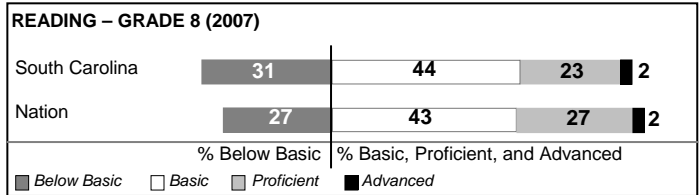
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	308	336
Number of Diplomas	214	243
Rate (%)	69.5%	73.3%

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	76.4%	77.3%
English 1	80.9%	68.6%
Physical Science	72.8%	59.8%
All Tests	76.6%	68.2%

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=1,311)				
Retention rate	4.6%	Down from 5.2%	5.6%	6.1%
Attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 99.4%	95.2%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	29.4%	Up from 22.6%	10.8%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	15.8%	Up from 15.6%	11.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.2%	Up from 3.1%	1.3%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.7%	Down from 20.3%	16.7%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	58.6%	N/A	60.8%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.9%	Down from 29.0%	32.4%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	4.1%	Up from 2.3%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.3%	Up from 0.0%	1.4%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	788	Up from 712	781	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.1%	Up from 75.9%	79.0%	79.6%
Teachers (n=72)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Down from 66.2%	61.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.6%	Up from 69.6%	72.3%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.1%	Down from 11.1%	5.3%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.2%	Down from 88.4%	86.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.1%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$47,276	Down 2.4%	\$46,904	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.2%	Up from 2.4%	2.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.0 to 1	Down from 31.1 to 1	28.1 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	Down from 93.0%	89.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,687	Up 15.9%	\$6,376	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	55.7%	Down from 59.8%	55.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.0%	Down from 63.2%	60.8%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Below Average	Up from At-Risk	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		93.7%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	59	235	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	72.4%	55.8%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.9%	61.8%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66.1%	75.7%	I/S

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This report has been prepared for you and the members of the community who are interested in St. James High School. The report reviews progress made on our strategic plan for increasing levels of student achievement and the goals accomplished during the 2007-2008 school year. The graduation rate remains lower than our goal, and we will continue to work on that in the 2008-2009 school year.

Our teachers have made themselves available to students more than ever by offering tutoring before and after school. Our students have been extremely involved in extracurricular activities and athletics. The choral and band departments have had many accomplishments. Please continue to regularly check the school website for updates at www3.hcs.k12.sc.us/high/sjh.

The School Improvement Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the media center. Meetings are open to the public. We welcome new members to the School Improvement Council. Anyone interested in serving in 2008-2009 can call the school. Our partnership with the School Improvement Council has been very successful. We look forward to working with them and all organizations to help improve the quality of our educational system.

Thank you to the parents, community, and teachers who contributed to the success of our students. If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call 843-650-5600.

Joe H. Dowling, Principal
Janice Morreale, School Improvement Council Chairman

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