



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Camden High
Kershaw County
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,061**
Principal: Reggie Dean
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	6	27	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 (%)	78.6%	83.5%	78.3%	79.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.4%	8.8%	12.1%	11.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.0%	7.7%	9.6%	9.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	92.4%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	223	257
Number of Diplomas	161	189
Rate (%)	72.2%	72.5%

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	69.4%	72.6%
English 1	63.6%	61.1%
Physical Science	54.5%	53.2%
All Tests	61.9%	62.4%

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=1,061)				
Retention rate	7.4%	Down from 10.8%	6.2%	6.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 97.8%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	26.0%	Up from 25.9%	11.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.5%	Up from 11.7%	13.6%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.6%	Down from 4.1%	1.6%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.6%	Up from 16.9%	11.4%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	51.0%	N/A	49.2%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	36.2%	Up from 18.4%	32.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 2.7%	4.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.6%	Up from 1.3%	4.5%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	584	Up from 73	567	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.2%	Down from 97.3%	77.3%	79.6%
Teachers (n=72)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 60.9%	55.9%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.4%	Up from 60.9%	73.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.0%	Down from 17.2%	8.2%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0%	Up from 84.5%	87.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	No Change	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$45,998	Up 4.6%	\$46,089	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.5%	Down from 11.2%	2.2%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.3 to 1	Down from 27.8 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 92.3%	88.7%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,688	Up 2.1%	\$7,006	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	50.9%	Down from 51.1%	55.0%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	55.3%	Down from 55.6%	60.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	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	94.1%		93.3%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	64	185	142
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.6%	82.5%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.2%	80.4%	64.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	87.4%	75.4%

*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 has been an exciting year for Camden High School. In August of 2007, construction began at Camden High School as Phase I of the Kershaw County School District's facilities equalization plan. These new facilities will allow Camden High School to become the hub of the community as stakeholders take advantage of the many cultural and recreational opportunities available through the new buildings. At the end of this school year, construction of the new Performing Arts Center, Cafeteria, and Wellness Center will be nearing completion.

Academics remain the top priority at Camden High School. Technology within the classrooms stays on the cutting edge. The i-CAN initiative is in the fifth year of implementation. Next year, CHS will implement Vyew, a new program which creates a virtual chat room which will be available all day for students to logon to receive academic help from teachers. Teachers make sure to utilize technology during classroom instruction and to inform parents and students through e-Chalk by posting upcoming events, projects, and activities on the Web.

Camden High School is proud of the many outstanding students who are recognized for their academic accomplishments. Twelve students were named Palmetto Fellows. Sixteen students improved their SAT scores by at least 100 points. Twelve students were members of the SAT Silver Honor Court, eleven students were members of the Gold Honor Court, and seven students were members of the Platinum Honor Court. One CHS student was honored for having one of the highest SAT score improvements in the district. Another CHS student was honored for having the highest SAT score in the Kershaw County School District (she had a 1600 on Math and Critical Reading).

Extracurricular activities play a huge role at Camden High School. Eighteen students were named South Carolina High School League Scholars and thirty-three students were named All-Region players. One CHS student was a Region 3 AAA Player of the Year in basketball, State AAA Player of the Year by the South Carolina Coaches Association, and was selected to play on the 2008 All Star Basketball Team. Another CHS student was selected to play in the 2007 Shrine Bowl. A senior was named the 2008 State Wrestling Champion in the 130 weight class. One volleyball student was named All State and another was named All State, Region 3 AAA Player of the Year, and was chosen to participate in the All Star Volleyball Match. The JROTC program continues to rank in the top 10% in the nation as an Honor Unit with Distinction. Camden High School's band received an excellent rating at the Upper State Marching Contest. There were two students named to the Region band, and one student made first alternate for the All-State Band. Camden High School students participated in many clubs and organizations, including volunteering at the animal shelter, adopting families for Christmas, and getting involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Camden High School is supported by the School Improvement Council, Academic Booster Club, Camband Club, and Bulldog Club. These groups enrich the culture of Camden High School by offering academic and

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