



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Walhalla Senior High

Oconee

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 987

Principal: Evie G Hughes

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Lucas

Board Chair: Harry B. Mays, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	8	13	3	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 (%)	89.4%	90.8%	79.8%	83.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	5.7%	4.2%	11.9%	9.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	4.9%	5.0%	8.3%	7.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	95.2%	93.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

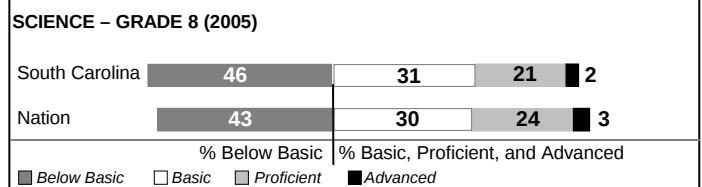
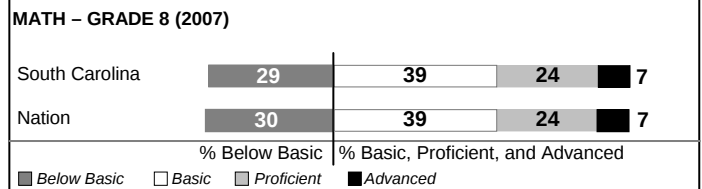
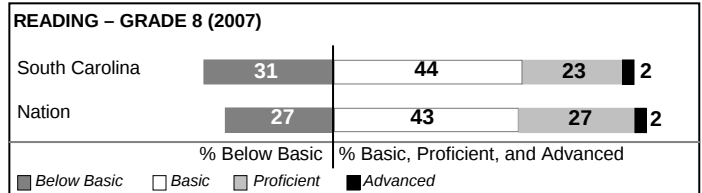
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	236	321
Number of Diplomas	186	229
Rate (%)	78.8%	73.1%

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	87.6%	77.0%
English 1	77.8%	68.5%
Physical Science	62.0%	59.2%
All Tests	74.4%	68.1%

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=987)				
Retention rate	3.0%	No Change	5.9%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 96.5%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.7%	Down from 7.2%	11.4%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	15.5%	Up from 13.0%	13.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	1.3%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.1%	Down from 17.2%	18.9%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	56.9%	N/A	58.5%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	42.0%	Down from 43.8%	31.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Up from 1.1%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.0%	Up from 4.9%	1.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	735	Up from 565	751	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	93.2%	Up from 93.1%	80.9%	79.6%
Teachers (n=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.9%	Up from 62.1%	62.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Down from 89.7%	73.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	4.9%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 89.5%	86.0%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 93.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$46,803	Up 4.2%	\$46,872	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.5 to 1	Down from 27.8 to 1	28.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Down from 88.2%	90.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,479	Up 1.6%	\$6,541	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.2%	Up from 56.4%	55.0%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.8%	No Change	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	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	Good	N/A	Excellent	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		93.3%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	194	97
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	82.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	86.6%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.1%	83.4%	82.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Walhalla High School had many successes in the 2007 – 2008 school year. The Class of 2008 earned 3.5 million dollars in scholarships. There were eighty-seven recipients of the Life scholarship and five Palmetto fellows. Five students in the senior class met the requirements for a state academic diploma, and two students were recognized for having twelve years of perfect attendance. Walhalla High School had fourteen seniors graduate with high honors and forty-five students graduate with honors. Seventy-eight percent of the Class of 2008 received platinum seals on their diploma, and all diploma students passed the HSAP test.

The Walhalla High School SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship) Team placed first in the state for registering new voters with “Generation Next Votes.” The League of Women Voters recognized WHS for registering an unprecedented 500 eligible students during this event. The SAGE team worked hard on their performance and invited all presidential candidates from both parties to the event. Democratic presidential hopeful Senator John Edwards spoke to the students about civic engagement.

The ROTC program celebrated their twentieth year as an “Honor Unit of Distinction.” The Orienteering team won first place in their yearly competition, and the Raider team was second out of seventy-three teams at the Daniel Morgan competition.

The Walhalla High School Band received several first and second place awards in competitions this year. Athletically, WHS claimed five region championships during the school year in girls' tennis, girls' cross country, wrestling, and girls' and boys' soccer. Thirty-six student athletes were recognized as being All-Region. WHS had five Players of the Year and five Coaches of the Year in the Skyline Region. Seven student athletes represented Walhalla High School as All-State athletes.

Walhalla High School is proud of its students and dedicated faculty and administration. We are committed to academic excellence for every student.

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Olivia Timms, SIC Chairman

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