



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Branchville High
 Orangeburg 4
 Grades: 7-12 Enrollment: 293
 Principal: David B. Hess
 Superintendent: Dr. Darrell Johnson
 Board Chair: Mr. Aaron Rudd

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not 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
6	8	24	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 (%)	78.8%	89.5%	75.3%	78.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.4%	5.3%	13.9%	11.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.8%	5.3%	11.1%	9.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	100.0%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	44	219
Number of Diplomas	34	165
Rate (%)	77.3%	74.9%

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	78.8%	71.8%
English 1	51.6%	58.4%
Physical Science	100.0%	49.1%
All Tests	66.2%	59.6%

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=293)				
Retention rate	3.4%	Down from 6.1%	6.5%	6.1%
Attendance rate	97.4%	Down from 97.7%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.8%	Down from 18.4%	8.9%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	8.1%	Up from 7.9%	13.8%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	2.4%	Up from 1.4%	8.4%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	44.4%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.8%	Up from 25.8%	30.4%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.6%	Down from 9.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	29.3%	Down from 49.5%	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	160	Up from 155	541	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	93.4%	Up from 91.3%	79.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=19)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.4%	Up from 63.2%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.7%	No Change	74.4%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	7.9%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 90.6%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	No Change	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$50,440	Up 3.4%	\$45,618	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 17.9%	4.6%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.4 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.0%	Up from 91.9%	88.8%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,939	Down 7.1%	\$7,140	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	46.3%	Down from 48.5%	55.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	56.9%	Up from 54.6%	59.9%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Below Average	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		89.4%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	23	29	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.7%	75.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	82.8%	78.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	65.2%	79.3%	73.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, Citizens, and School Board Members,

Branchville High School (BHS) serves the Branchville area of Orangeburg County as a 7-12 middle/high school. The 293 member student body is diverse, with 51% of the student body being Caucasian and 49 % of the student body being African-American. We are committed to providing the students of BHS with a safe and positive learning environment that has high academic expectations. We believe that all students can learn.

Academically, BHS continues to exceed state averages in the High School Assessment Plan (HSAP) and End-Of-Course (EOC) testing. Although we are pleased with these results, the faculty of BHS will continue to look for ways to improve these test scores each and every year. The South Carolina State Report Card indicates that we need to improve in our middle school grades 7th and 8th. To meet these challenges, we have improved on the implementation of our Nifty Nine curriculum, provided afterschool tutoring, Study Island test prep software, MAP diagnostic testing, and will provide our middle school students with additional academic instruction in all four core areas.

BHS has implemented some new programs for the 2007-2008 school year. Some of these new innovative programs include a mentoring program for grades seven through twelve and a new web-based program called APEX that will assist students in meeting their academic requirements for their course subjects.

Athletically, the BHS Yellow Jackets have participated in playoff games in a number of sports. In the 2007-2008 school year, Branchville competed in the playoffs in boy's basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, and soccer. We are proud of our students and are excited to increase the size of our football program to include a Varsity team for the 2008-2009 school year.

The BHS "Teacher of the Year," chosen by her colleagues at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, was Ms. Debra McConnell. Ms. McConnell has been teaching English at BHS for six years. Ms. McConnell is very active in the College Summit program and in preparing the school yearbook. The "Staff Person of the Year" was Ms. Neomia Eison who is our library aide. Ms. Eison has been at Branchville for eight years and is an extremely valuable team member of the Branchville family.

The motto at BHS for the 2008-2009 school year is, "Branchville is a Rail Road School R for Respect, R for Responsibility and S for Safety." BHS must provide students with rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. Working "HAND-IN-HAND," we can accomplish great things this year at Branchville High School. We encourage each student to build positive memories while preparing to be a productive citizen of the future.

David B. Hess, Principal
Jonathan Roode, School Improvement Council

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