



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**A C Flora High**  
**Richland 1**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 1,333  
**Principal: Richard McClure**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Percy Mack**  
**Board Chair: Wendy Brawley**

## PERFORMANCE

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

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	7	11	0	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 (%)	81.1%	77.8%	82.9%	85.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.2%	11.4%	10.6%	8.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.7%	10.8%	7.3%	6.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	97.7%	95.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	292	390
Number of Diplomas	225	300
Rate (%)	77.1%	77.2%

## 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	54.3%	77.3%
English 1	66.7%	71.2%
Physical Science	53.8%	61.6%
All Tests	59.4%	69.9%

## 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
<b>Students (n=1,333)</b>				
Retention rate	7.8%	Down from 7.9%	5.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.5%	95.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	28.8%	Down from 30.0%	14.6%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	Up from 8.8%	10.1%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.5%	Up from 2.6%	1.7%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	35.3%	Up from 33.6%	19.3%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	52.1%	N/A	64.9%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	21.0%	Down from 30.4%	33.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 1.2%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	3.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	559	Up from 402	948	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	70.3%	Down from 74.4%	80.4%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=90)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 61.8%	58.8%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	70.0%	Up from 67.4%	71.9%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.6%	Down from 10.1%	6.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4%	Down from 88.7%	86.7%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.9%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$50,589	Up 4.7%	\$46,726	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 12.0%	2.1%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.1 to 1	Up from 24.4 to 1	28.1 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Down from 90.2%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,987	Down 6.3%	\$6,346	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	69.0%	Down from 69.1%	57.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.3%	Down from 76.6%	62.1%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		92.3%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

A.C. Flora High School serves students from urban, suburban, and rural home settings. The socio-economic populations range along a continuum from wealth to poverty. Approximately 52% of our students are white, 40% African-American with the remaining 8% of students representing more than 17 languages other than English. Proudly, A.C. Flora High School is synonymous with diversity.

The graduating class of 2008 includes six National Merit Finalists, one National Merit Scholarship, a recipient of Furman's Hollingsworth Scholarship, 32 International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates, 32 Richland One Academic All-Stars, 20 Palmetto Fellow participants, 46 Life, and 50 Hope Scholarship offers representing 41% of the graduating class.

Flora has 20 National Board-Certified teachers and is a leading school in the district for this accomplishment. We were regional champions in boys' swimming, girls' golf, girls' basketball, girls' tennis and boys' baseball. In the state championships, we were third in boys' swimming, third in girls' golf, second in baseball, and state champions in golf. We have two Academic All-Americans in swimming, and we have one individual state champion in golf and one in the high jump. A. C. Flora has been the H. B. Rhame Award Winner for the past four years, the top athletic program in the Richland One school district. We currently offer 47 team sports with over 650 students participating.

Visual and performing arts flourish at Flora and a rigorous curriculum includes Honors, AP, and IB course selections. Our Nova Net Lab provides students credit recovery support, and the Mentoring Always Generates Increased Confidence (MAGIC) program provides male students with support from community business men. Also added were broadcast journalism and the Columbia Student Leadership Institute.

In order to support transitioning students from the eighth to the ninth grade, the Freshman Academy was reorganized to include its central location, its principal, as well as its own guidance counselor. Furthermore, to assist students in concentrating on career decisions, the Guidance Department was reorganized. Last, the High School That Works Initiative (HSTW) focuses on increased student achievement.

The consistently high volunteerism and parent involvement at A.C. Flora uniquely represents a significant commitment to the school's success. We openly solicit parent involvement in planning for the future of our school. Community members and business partners enrich our student environment with their support.

A.C. Flora focuses on continuous data collection and interpretation to drive school-based decision making. Ongoing faculty staff development assures high quality, challenging, and appropriate instruction for all students.

Dr. Aileen Trainer, SIC Chairperson  
Richard K. McClure, Principal

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## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	83	248	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.3%	72.2%	72.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	69.5%	80.5%	62.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.5%	84.6%	71.4%

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

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