



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sumter High  
 Sumter 17  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,519  
 Principal: W. Rutledge Dingle  
 Superintendent: Zona Jefferson, PhD  
 Board Chair: Ms. Jo R. White

## 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	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	23	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 (%)	69.7%	73.8%	76.3%	79.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	19.4%	15.1%	13.3%	10.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.8%	11.1%	10.6%	9.4%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	92.0%	93.9%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	485	213
Number of Diplomas	379	158
Rate (%)	78.1%	73.9%

## 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	55.9%	71.9%
English 1	52.2%	58.2%
Physical Science	57.8%	49.9%
All Tests	55.3%	60.0%

## 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=2,519)</b>				
Retention rate	10.9%	Up from 9.7%	6.2%	6.1%
Attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 93.8%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.8%	Down from 10.1%	9.9%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Up from 12.2%	13.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Up from 1.0%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.2%	Down from 11.3%	8.8%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	78.6%	N/A	53.5%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 29.7%	30.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 2.2%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 0.8%	5.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	907	Down from 1256	502	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	70.2%	Down from 70.4%	77.3%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=156)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.5%	Up from 62.3%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	72.4%	Down from 84.4%	75.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	17.2%	Up from 9.7%	7.4%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5%	Down from 90.3%	86.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.8%	95.2%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$45,584	Up 3.0%	\$45,979	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.5%	Up from 7.9%	2.5%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	11.0	No Change	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.1 to 1	Down from 28.6 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	Down from 88.4%	88.7%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,620	Down 1.6%	\$7,380	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	51.9%	Up from 49.9%	54.3%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.7%	Up from 59.2%	60.0%	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	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	71.4%		94.1%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Sumter High School is a National Model School and a High Schools That Work award winner. These honors place Sumter High among the best schools in the nation. Educational leaders from across the state and region have visited Sumter High to observe our curriculum, and staff members from our school have made presentations across the nation. We believe this validates our claim to excellence.

Athletic teams at Sumter High won 8 of 19 region titles. Our band program received numerous superior awards, and our marching band was among the top ten in the state marching championships. Our choir performed all over South Carolina, and our director has been honored with the Milken National Educator Award. The Sumter High Drama department won the South Carolina award as top one act drama program. Our art programs continued to garner awards, and we hosted several art shows.

Sumter High graduates have excelled in post secondary endeavors, and this year's graduating class possesses much talent as well. Our seniors include 20 Palmetto Fellows, two Robert Byrd Fellows, 134 Life Scholarship winners, 17 Advanced Placement Scholars, 3 National Merit Achievement Winners, one National Merit Scholar, and 9 South Carolina Academic Award Winners. Sixteen students were awarded the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma or Certificate.

Sumter High continues to move ahead. We have instituted the teaching of Chinese as a foreign language, have developed new offerings in Career and Technology studies, and continue to develop new on line courses. We are moving forward with our Allied Health Program, Manufacturing Technology, and Food Science. Our Career Clusters are already in place and are functioning.

Sumter High strives to move forward, proud of its heritage and accomplishments, and looking forward to meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century.

W. Rutledge Dingle, Principal  
 Ms. Maryanne Atkison, Sumter High School Improvement Council  
 Dr. Zona Jefferson, Superintendent

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	135	409	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.5%	71.9%	95.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.5%	74.1%	64.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.6%	79.9%	83.3%

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

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