



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Union High

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Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,289

Principal: Joe Walker

Superintendent: Dr. David L. Eubanks

Board Chair: Mrs. Betty J. McMorris

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Excellent	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	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
4	10	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 (%)	72.2%	73.4%	75.3%	78.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.8%	14.1%	14.0%	11.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.0%	12.5%	11.0%	10.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	93.8%	93.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

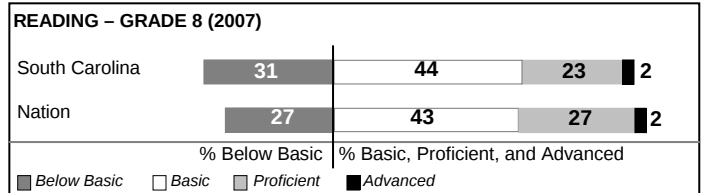
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	284	216
Number of Diplomas	208	162
Rate (%)	73.2%	76.0%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

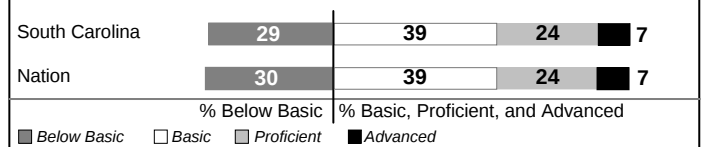
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.9%	68.9%
English 1	44.4%	57.7%
Physical Science	38.6%	48.4%
All Tests	52.0%	57.9%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

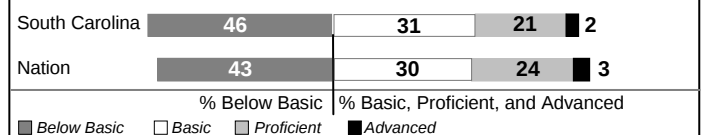
* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)



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=1,289)				
Retention rate	4.5%	Down from 5.5%	6.6%	6.1%
Attendance rate	91.9%	Down from 92.9%	94.8%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.7%	Up from 15.3%	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	16.5%	Up from 16.0%	13.9%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	5.6%	Up from 5.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.1%	Down from 10.6%	9.1%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	30.3%	N/A	42.7%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	7.5%	Down from 28.6%	30.1%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Down from 2.5%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	3.9%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	694	Up from 26	541	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.2%	Down from 84.6%	78.8%	79.6%
Teachers (n=68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 56.9%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	60.3%	Down from 65.5%	72.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	12.1%	Up from 8.0%	8.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	74.4%	Down from 79.2%	85.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 88.1%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$46,024	Up 2.6%	\$46,149	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.7%	Up from 3.3%	4.7%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.5 to 1	Down from 30.6 to 1	26.1 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	83.1%	Up from 78.1%	88.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,221	Up 10.0%	\$7,544	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.9%	Down from 59.7%	56.5%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.0%	Down from 63.7%	60.9%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	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	66.7%		90.5%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	67	235	122
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.8%	73.1%	75.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.6%	72.2%	70.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.6%	83.3%	73.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Union County High School had a great year and lived our theme of "First Year, First Impression, and First Class" each day. We were extremely proud of our students and of all their accomplishments this year. We felt support from our School Board, District Office and community all year. Our Senior Class earned scholarships in all areas of our school program totaling over \$2,239,169.00. Drama produced two more extraordinary plays. Our band performed extremely well at Disney World this past spring and our Army JROTC Unit maintained their "Honor of Distinction" status. We had a contingent of 12 students to attend Boys and Girls State. We provided incentives for our students for exceptional attendance, no tardies, and academic progress. 76 juniors participated in our SAT tutorial class and all of our tenth graders took the PLAN test.

We initiated a Ninth Grade Academy with a ninth grade principal, counselor, and administrative assistant committed to enhancing the first year of high school for our ninth graders. Orientation went well in the fall and our teamwork with teachers and students went exceptionally well. Our ninth grade staff and all counselors along with our parents did a great job with Individualized Graduation Plans this spring. With small group counseling, extra efforts were made to improve the overall experience in high school for our ninth graders.

We hired a full-time Career Development Facilitator this year. She has increased career awareness, coordinated our Career Quest trip and organized our Ed-Op day for over 225 seniors to meet with colleges and universities in Spartanburg. She worked closely with our ninth graders and has coordinated the work with middle school CDF's. Our guidance department had a great year and met with a consultant to improve and enhance their services to our students and community.

We continue to work on our pacing guides and benchmark testing program for all core courses. Our focus this year will be on academy time for improving and enhancing all learning opportunities at UCHS. We will also develop small learning communities to assist in improving our teaching and student learning. We seek to improve our graduation rate and continue to increase our End-of-Course and HSAP scores for all students. Our goal is to provide an outstanding education to our students through teaching excellence and enhanced learning opportunities at Union County High School.

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