



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fort Mill High

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Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,533

Principal: M. Dee Christopher

Superintendent: Dr. V. Keith Callicutt

Board Chair: Jan Smiley

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	Excellent	Good	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	0	0	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 (%)	92.3%	97.9%	95.0%	95.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	4.4%	1.8%	4.1%	3.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	3.3%	0.3%	1.9%	2.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	98.8%	98.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

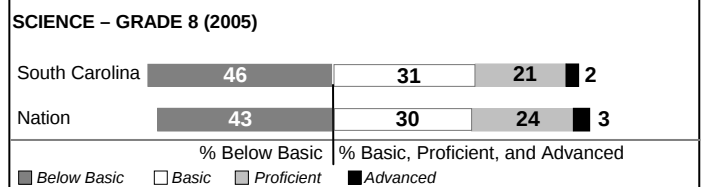
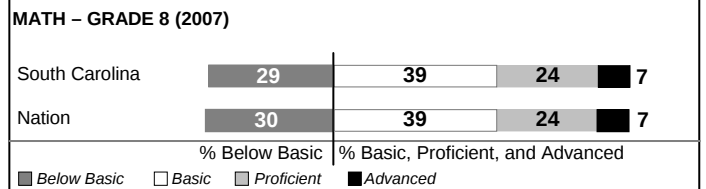
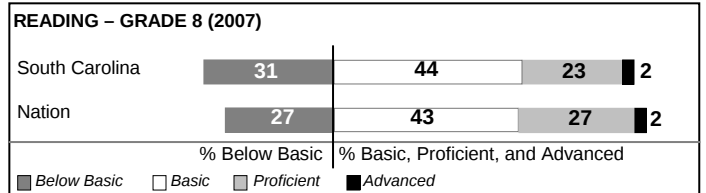
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	567	333
Number of Diplomas	515	305
Rate (%)	90.8%	93.1%

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	93.4%	90.6%
English 1	90.3%	90.1%
Physical Science	89.2%	87.3%
All Tests	90.7%	89.7%

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=1,533)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 3.0%	2.2%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 95.0%	96.6%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.8%	Up from 17.2%	21.9%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	6.8%	Up from 5.9%	6.0%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.0%	Up from 0.4%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.9%	Up from 14.3%	37.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	88.7%	N/A	66.4%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.4%	Down from 34.7%	54.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.5%	Up from 2.3%	0.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	7.4%	Up from 5.0%	0.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1172	Down from 1723	686	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	90.6%	Up from 89.4%	92.6%	79.6%
Teachers (n=106)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.2%	Down from 64.9%	62.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	72.6%	Down from 73.0%	78.1%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.6%	Up from 3.7%	5.3%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.4%	Down from 91.3%	90.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 94.0%	96.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$49,903	Up 4.3%	\$48,360	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.5%	Up from 0.4%	4.5%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.2 to 1	Down from 29.7 to 1	25.2 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Up from 87.4%	91.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,822	Up 2.1%	\$6,268	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	62.4%	Up from 60.5%	60.9%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	64.8%	Up from 63.2%	65.9%	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	Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		100.0%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	83	240	19
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.8%	91.6%	94.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.6%	92.8%	94.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fort Mill High School continues the legacy of academic excellence established over the last seventy-eight years. Faculty, staff, and administrators are proud of the accomplishments of our students, and blessed to work in a community that values education.

The Class of 2008 was the biggest in Fort Mill High School history. Five hundred and thirty students received diplomas in June. This class is the last group in Fort Mill to only graduate from Fort Mill High School, as Nation Ford will graduate its first students in 2009. The Class of 2008 was awarded a school record of over \$7 million in scholarship offers and 171 graduates were awarded Life Scholarships by the state of South Carolina.

Fort Mill High School is also proud of the tradition established among our extra and co-curricular activities. Our marching band finished third in the state, and placed seventeen students on the All State Band. Students in graphics, engineering, business, mock trial, and our academic team represented our school well in state and national competitions. Many students had competitive experiences that will serve them well as they proceed in life.

Our athletic teams also competed at a high level a year after winning the Athletic Directors Cup. Our highest finish was a third in the state finish by our girls track and field team. Fort Mill won region championships in Girls and Boys Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys and Girls Gold, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and Girls Soccer. Our wrestling team, boys cross country, and girls track teams had state champions.

Ms. Jeannie Whitten was named the Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year for 2008. Ms. Whitten has spent over twenty years at our school and has established a Physics program that is second to none. We are fortunate to have Ms. Whitten, and many other master teachers, at Fort Mill High School.

Finally, We Are...Fort Mill! Our slogan for the year was simple, but stated our desire to let everyone in our community know that Fort Mill High remains a school with strong core values and a history of excellence. This does not mean that we are not changing and getting better, but it does encompass our belief that our history is important to who we are as a school. We will continue to strive to be the best school in America.

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