SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Fairfield Career and Technology Center
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 698
Director: Robert L. Sharpe
Board Chair: Mrs. Catherine Kennedy
Superintendent: Samantha J. Ingram, Ph.D.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Good	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	13	4	3	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/17/2010. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.*

TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)
n	%	%
241	84.7%	86.3%

GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

Our Center		State Center Average (%)
n	%	%
122	94.3%	95.4%

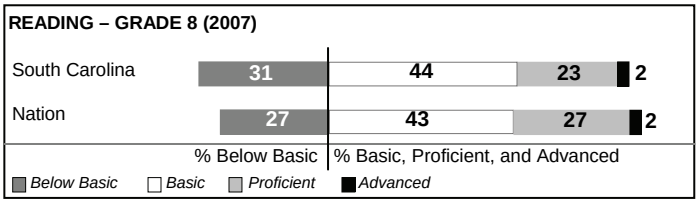
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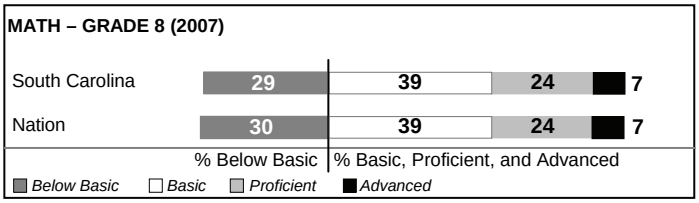
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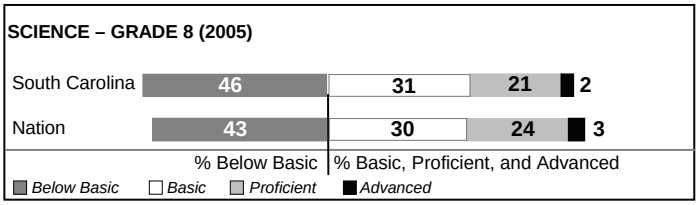
Our Center		State Center Average (%)
n	%	%
208	98.6%	96.9%

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 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Fairfield Career and Technology Center [Fairfield]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=698)			
With disabilities other than speech	5.3%	Down from 10.4%	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	13.0%	Down from 34.2%	18.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	698	Up from 675	675
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0%	Down from 97.8%	19.7%
Teachers (n=15)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	6.7%	No Change	28.6%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	Down from 93.3%	73.8%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	26.7%	No Change	19.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Down from 93.0%	91.5%
Teacher attendance rate	88.3%	Down from 96.4%	95.7%
Average teacher salary*	$48,318	Down 4.1%	$48,318
Professional development days/teacher	13.9 days	Up from 11.0 days	12.1 days
Center			
Director's years at Center	23.0	Up from 0.2	5.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	$2,867	Down 17.7%	$3,726
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.8%	Up from 57.9%	51.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.7%	Up from 69.2%	65.4%
Parents attending conferences	73.1%	Down from 83.0%	88.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	46	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.4%	78.3%	63.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	70.5%	36.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.8%	86.4%	72.7%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fairfield Career & Technology Center experienced a very successful 2008-2009 school year. Our school received an “Excellent" absolute rating and an “Excellent” growth rating. We also met adequate yearly progress and received a Palmetto Gold Award for academic achievement. All instructors received staff development in classroom management and strategies on improving classroom instruction. Many instructors attended the S.C. Business Industry Summit. Instructors also attended individual staff development activities during the summer months.

Fairfield Career & Technology Center students participated in regional and state competitive events and won many top ten awards. Five Marketing students qualified to represent the state of South Carolina in the National Competitive Events in Anaheim, California. We also had one student who won first place in the state screen printing contest and represented South Carolina in Kansas City, Kansas. 100 percent of the students in Health Science Technology and Cosmetology received their national certification licenses. Each class completed service learning projects that benefited residents of the county. One of our most rewarding experiences this year was our annual Thanksgiving Celebration for our adult day care members of Fairfield County. Graduates of many programs received scholarships to attend 2- and 4-year colleges. Our National Technology Honor Society inducted 31 new members during our Academic Awards Banquet. We also recognized a Non-traditional student of the year. During the commencement exercises at Fairfield Central High School, Fairfield Career & Technology students who completed academic majors were recognized by wearing cords that indicated their academic majors.

This year, equipment was purchased to improve instruction in the following areas: Auto Collision Repair, Business Education, Culinary Arts, Health Science Technology, Graphic Communications, and Welding Technology. The South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association donated $20,000 to pursue NATEF certification for Auto Collision Repair. The SCADA also purchased two computers to aide in NATEF standards in Auto Technology.

Our goals for the 2009-2010 school year are 1) continue to update all safety procedures for Fairfield Career & Technology Center, 2) to coordinate staff development and planning to help improve student achievement in math, English, and science, 3) to begin a self-study process to meet the requirements and standards of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 4) to improve and implement a senior project for students that attend Fairfield Career & Technology Center, 5) to provide a program to improve student attendance.

Robert Sharpe, Director
Paul McCants, SIC Chairman

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