SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lexington Technology Center
Grades: 11-12 **Enrollment: 2,957**
Director: Ken W. Lake
Board Chair: G. Edwin Harmon, Ph.D.
Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward

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	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	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	%	%
1804	90.7%	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	%	%
468	97.9%	95.4%

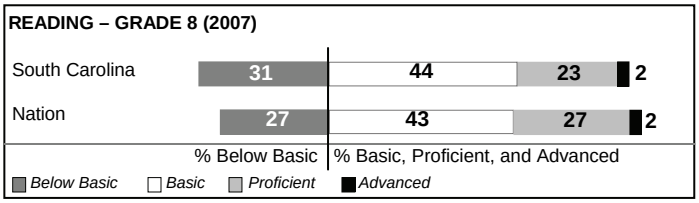
PLACEMENT RATE

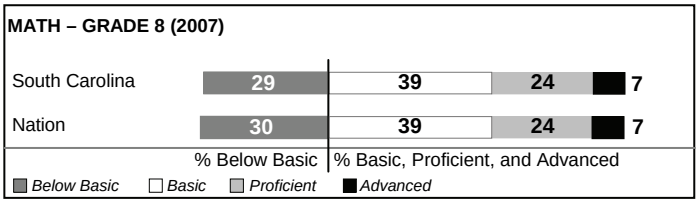
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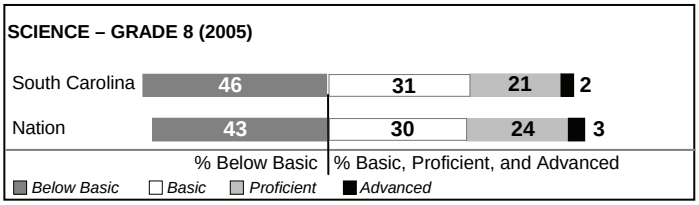
Our Center		State Center Average (%)
n	%	%
640	98.3%	96.9%

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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Lexington Technology Center [Lexington 1]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=2,957)			
With disabilities other than speech	4.6%	Down from 5.2%	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	49.7%	Down from 86.2%	18.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	2957	Up from 2152	675
Students participating in work-based experiences	7.7%	Up from 3.6%	19.7%
Teachers (n=39)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Down from 37.8%	28.6%
Continuing contract teachers	71.8%	Down from 73.0%	73.8%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	15.8%	Down from 16.7%	19.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.3%	Down from 92.8%	91.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.2%	95.7%
Average teacher salary*	$51,681	Up 2.2%	$48,318
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Down from 9.3 days	12.1 days
Center			
Director's years at Center	23.0	Down from 24.0	5.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	$2,332	Up 45.6%	$3,726
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.0%	Down from 56.4%	51.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.8%	Up from 66.1%	65.4%
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 45.7%	88.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	211	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.5%	93.3%	94.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.4%	91.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.2%	92.9%	85.3%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Lexington Technology Center serves students from Gilbert, Lexington, Pelion and White Knoll high schools and supports curriculum coordination for career and technology courses at each high school. LTC offers 20 different areas of specialized training. Each area has its own advisory council, and more than 150 community members serve on these councils. These members provided quality input to our school's strategic planning process and were critical to the successful completion of our 2008–2009 SACS accreditation report.

Recognized locally, state-wide and nationally as a school of excellence, LTC has received the Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award. LTC became a Technology Center That Works site this year. This initiative creates a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement in high schools. As participants, our teachers have been equipped with the tools they need to develop instructional plans and incorporate literacy strategies designed to advance students' understanding of technical material.

Student leadership is a vital part of both the instructional program and the student culture at the center. Students may join SkillsUSA, FBLA, FFA, DECA or HOSA as part of their professional development. Students from the center have held both state and national offices, and have consistently won district, state and national recognition for their superior skills and knowledge.

We have been selected as one of the state's four model programs for green sustainable energy. The state issued a $45,000 grant to LTC to establish this state-wide model program. Additionally, the first nanotechnology class will be offered in 2009–2010. We feel the future of our economy, and the future job market for many students, will include both of these cutting-edge fields of study.

All of our cosmetology students earned their licenses through the State Board of Cosmetology. These licenses are worth $18,000 and represent nine months of training that students would otherwise have had to complete outside of high school. All students in Health Science Technology who completed clinical studies earned Certified Nursing Assistant Certificates. Additional areas of successful student certifications include Pharmacy Tech, ASK Marketing Certifications and NCCR Welding Certifications. We continue to explore additional program areas for state and national certifications including NATEF certifications for Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision Repair.

The major challenge for our center and our school district continues to be sufficient capacity to accommodate all students who wish to enroll in our classes. Currently, we are finalizing plans for expansion in both space and staffing.

Ken Lake, Director
Amy Bliss, SIC Chair

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