

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Battery Creek High
Beaufort County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,300
Principal: Edmond Burnes
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

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	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	5	15	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	69.7%	61.9%	75.7%	72.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.7%	17.0%	12.8%	14.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.6%	21.1%	11.5%	12.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.1%	93.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

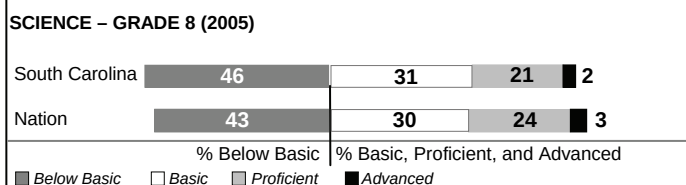
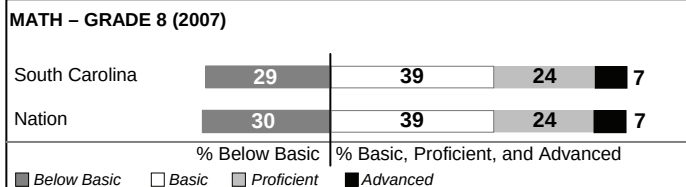
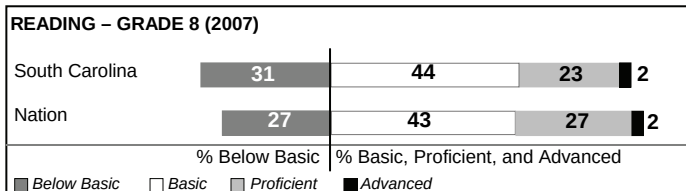
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	308	218
Number of Diplomas	220	156
Rate (%)	71.4%	73.7%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	52.8%	67.0%
English 1	48.3%	54.9%
Physical Science	41.6%	43.1%
US History and the Constitution	19.5%	31.4%
All Tests	41.5%	48.4%

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,300)				
Retention rate	8.5%	Down from 12.5%	5.4%	4.8%
Attendance rate	98.1%	Up from 95.5%	94.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.0%	Up from 10.0%	9.4%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	11.0%	Down from 13.3%	14.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	10.7%	Down from 12.0%	10.5%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	1.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.7%	Down from 21.1%	9.5%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.7%	N/A	46.9%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.9%	Up from 33.7%	29.0%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.3%	Up from 2.7%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 2.8%	8.7%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	950	Down from 996	556	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	63.2%	Down from 67.7%	81.6%	79.3%
Teachers (n=88)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Up from 50.0%	55.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	65.9%	Up from 58.0%	69.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.6%	Down from 14.9%	10.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	76.2%	Down from 77.1%	84.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,740	Up 7.8%	\$47,377	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.0%	Down from 8.6%	4.7%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	17.3 days	Down from 18.2 days	9.7 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.1 to 1	Down from 27.6 to 1	25.7 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 87.9%	89.5%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,065	Up 7.6%	\$8,201	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.6%	Down from 60.2%	53.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.8%	Up from 62.8%	59.7%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	76.8%	Up from 63.1%	94.9%	95.8%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Down from 76.2%	61.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	124	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	52.6%	64.5%	73.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	45.9%	65.9%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	40.5%	78.0%	55.6%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Battery Creek High School (BCHS), is one of the four public high schools in Beaufort County that is located in a rural area that is northwest of the city of Beaufort. Combined with pockets of 4x4 classes, we continue to operate predominately on an AB block schedule. Our basic structure is driven by career academies with a focus being placed on the selection of career majors.

For the second year in a row our Superintendent brought all school district employees together for a district-wide back-to-school rally. The excitement of this rally mirrored that of the 2007-2008 school year. All Beaufort County School District (BCSD) employees came together for a new year's welcome by our Superintendent and to witness the Superintendent's expression of appreciation for what they had done to positively impact the lives of students. Student groups throughout Beaufort County were invited to share their talents with those in attendance at this impressive event.

Our Leadership Team and all staff members implemented various practices of the High Schools That Work (HSTW) comprehensive school reform model. Character development and academic acceleration topped the major focus areas. It was our desire to build on the successes of the previous three years of progress in student achievement, especially in the area of performance on the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exit Exam. Meeting 16 out of 21 possible Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) objectives reflected a slight decrease in student high-level performances when compared to the previous school year. To enhance the likelihood of renewing expected successes we continued to employ our quarterly celebrations of student achievement, rewarded teachers via an incentive plan, and offered extra help after school hours via our 21st Century Learning Center Grant. We also continued the execution of our Drop Everything and Do Math and Drop Everything and Read initiatives. In addition to this, we established an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program.

Our Dolphin Pride and SADD Clubs continued to demonstrate community service leadership throughout our district. Our MCJROTC program maintained its recognition as a flagship cadet training organization throughout our State, and our Interact Club continued to spearhead many blood drives. In the field of athletics, our girls and boys basketball teams were region champions (including a final four finish by our boys basketball team), our wrestling team maintained its top ten State status (and also had a final four finish), and several of our teams qualified for the State playoffs. We were also fortunate to have a nationally ranked student athlete crowned as a State Champion in the triple jump.

Edmond Burnes, Principal
Betty Shell, School Improvement Council Chairman

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