

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

North Charleston High
 Charleston
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 803
 Principal: Juanita Middleton
 Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
 Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

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	At-Risk	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2007	At-Risk	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	2	3	8	11

* 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 (%)	51.9%	40.5%	64.5%	58.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	21.0%	22.2%	16.0%	20.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	27.1%	37.3%	20.1%	23.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	77.1%	83.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

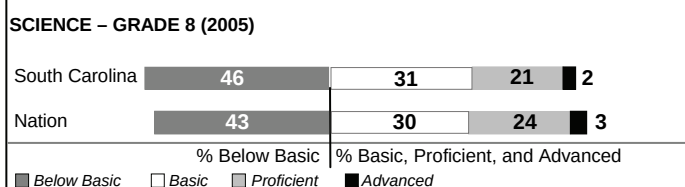
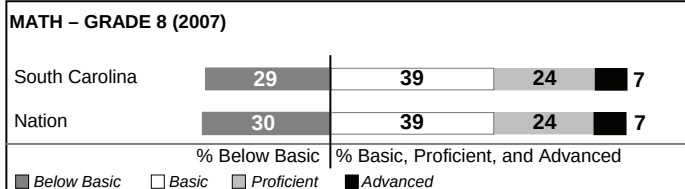
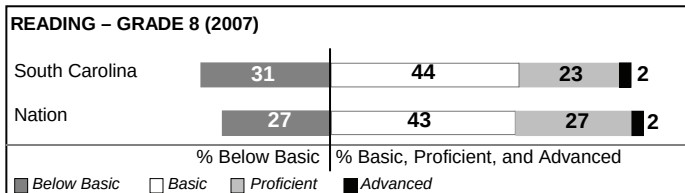
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	244	103
Number of Diplomas	98	65
Rate (%)	40.2%	57.7%

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	35.3%	48.7%
English 1	27.2%	39.8%
Physical Science	22.6%	28.8%
US History and the Constitution	14.9%	19.1%
All Tests	24.7%	34.4%

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=803)				
Retention rate	14.3%	Down from 21.2%	6.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	88.8%	Down from 89.5%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.6%	Down from 0.7%	2.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	5.1%	Down from 22.5%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	30.1%	Up from 28.1%	11.8%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	9.7%	Down from 14.3%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.0%	Up from 6.1%	5.2%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	13.6%	N/A	21.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	15.6%	Up from 12.5%	27.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	7.5%	Down from 8.9%	2.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.9%	Up from 0.0%	2.4%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	406	Down from 423	218	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	55.6%	Up from 42.1%	76.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=76)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.4%	Up from 42.5%	55.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	61.8%	Up from 58.8%	60.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.8%	Down from 17.9%	20.0%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	72.9%	Down from 74.3%	74.2%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Up from 93.6%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,869	Up 0.1%	\$44,663	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	17.3%	Up from 10.2%	10.5%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	6.7 days	Up from 6.2 days	11.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Up from 0.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.6 to 1	Down from 23.7 to 1	20.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	81.6%	Down from 81.8%	89.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,229	Up 5.5%	\$10,587	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.3%	Down from 60.3%	51.7%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.9%	Down from 63.7%	60.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	54.3%	Down from 54.4%	94.1%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Up from 53.8%	53.8%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	101	57
Percent satisfied with learning environment	39.3%	54.0%	64.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	37.0%	50.5%	58.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	25.0%	71.0%	66.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

We envision North Charleston High School as being an example of notable excellence in achievement. We see our students as highly motivated and having a wealth of opportunities. We envision the faculty, staff, administration, students, home and community actively working together respectfully and cooperatively as a unified force to accomplish our mission and to make our vision a reality.

NCHS implemented a variety of instructional practices to improve student achievement and improve the overall instructional program of the school. The school double blocked High School Assessment Program (HSAP) classes and most End of Course Programs (EOC) classes to allow students additional time to prepare them for standardized testing. We also used pull out programs to provide additional academic assistance for students in EOC courses who displayed potential for scoring at the next level. NCHS utilized APEX computer software to earn and recover units to increase the graduation rate. We also implemented a Saturday school program to assist students with seat time requirements with access to APEX computers for students who do not have computer access at home. Teachers in each department provided after school tutoring for students who needed additional assistance. The district also provided instructional support personnel to work one on one with students.

North Charleston High School is in the process of implementing the High School That Work (HSTW) initiative. The school has focus groups that are responsible for creating a school environment that will meet the needs of all students enrolled. The school began implementation of a Ninth Grade Academy to provide assistance and support for first year high school students. NCHS has developed partnerships with various community organizations to provide mentors to assist students with their emotional and developmental growth.

The major obstacle facing NCHS are students with weak reading ability, lack of parental involvement, teacher retention and a transient population. The school is establishing a vertical articulation with feeder schools to assist with over aged students. The leadership team recommended that a reading program be implemented with the incoming freshman. The SIC is committed to improving North Charleston High School by providing leadership and oversight for the school. The motto of "Education Is a Possession of Which Man Cannot Be Robbed" will be instilled in every student along with the expectation to graduate in four years with a high school diploma.

Louis J. Martin, Jr.
Associate Superintendent
High School Learning Community

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