

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Charleston School of the Arts
Charleston
Grades: 6-12 **Enrollment: 1,009**
Principal: James Reinhart
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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Good	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	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 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 (%)	97.1%	99.3%	95.4%	92.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	2.9%	0.7%	3.2%	5.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	N/A	2.3%	2.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	98.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

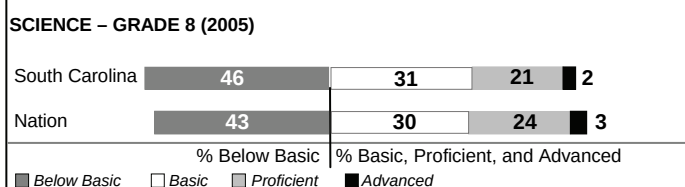
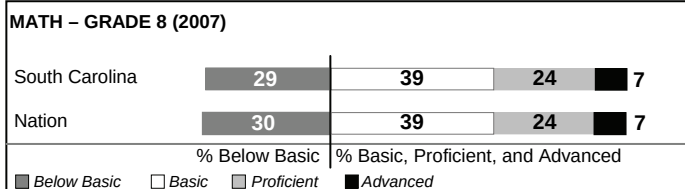
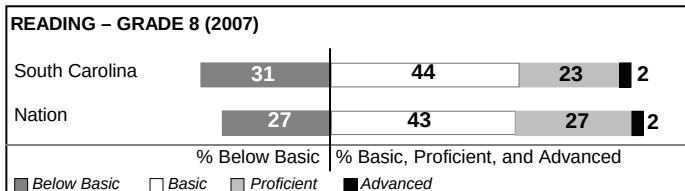
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	129	268
Number of Diplomas	125	239
Rate (%)	96.9%	78.8%

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	94.8%	91.2%
English 1	99.3%	90.8%
Physical Science	95.0%	81.9%
US History and the Constitution	74.5%	71.2%
All Tests	90.1%	83.4%

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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,009)				
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	2.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.9%	96.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	30.3%	Up from 23.0%	15.2%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	2.8%	Down from 2.9%	7.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	2.9%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Down from 1.1%	0.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	42.2%	Up from 41.3%	39.4%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	66.5%	Up from 64.3%	70.1%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	45.2%	Down from 51.2%	66.4%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	136	Down from 168	551	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	99.3%	Up from 98.8%	92.8%	79.3%
Teachers (n=74)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.1%	Down from 60.3%	68.0%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	77.0%	Down from 80.9%	77.0%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.3%	Down from 16.7%	6.1%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Down from 91.5%	88.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.6%	96.1%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,961	Up 4.1%	\$50,124	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	Down from 6.3%	3.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	8.0 days	Down from 10.6 days	10.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.3 to 1	Up from 26.0 to 1	26.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 91.5%	91.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,519	Up 9.1%	\$7,244	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.3%	Down from 66.8%	57.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.8%	Down from 72.4%	63.6%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	33.0%	Down from 87.5%	99.3%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	96.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	81	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.6%	81.5%	94.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.7%	81.3%	82.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.1%	91.4%	91.8%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Charleston School of the Arts takes pride in announcing, that once again, we have been recognized as one of the top schools in our state. This recognition is based on the school's strong SAT scores. This year's scores averaged out at 1608. Just as importantly, we were honored with the very impressive news that indicated we were given the "Silver" award from the U.S. News and World Report. This commendation was based on our very solid and impressive Advanced Placement scores and several other pertinent performance factors. Our ranking placed us as one of the top two schools in our state. Moreover, we continue to be ranked as one of the top 500 schools in the nation. The fine arts programs in our school have also received national acclaim. Creative writing and visual arts students have been recognized in New York with top national awards from the Scholastic company. Ratings of "Superior" have been bestowed upon our students at nationally adjudicated band, orchestra, and vocal music competitions. Additionally, our student theatrical productions, dance performances, and piano recitals are magnificently presented and continue to endow our school with honors and awards.

Performance scores from College Board in our seven Advance Placement courses rank us among the highest in the district. Achievement and performance measures from MAP, HSAP and End of Course assessments remain equally impressive as a quality indicator of student success. This year also provided us with the opportunity to celebrate in receiving the South Carolina Palmetto Gold awards for outstanding achievement and for reducing the achievement gap between student populations. Student achievement and peak performance has allowed our senior class to receive 4.5 million dollars in college scholarships this past year.

Great pride is taken in having a diverse population that is represented by students from every corner of Charleston County. Our current enrollment sits at approximately 1000 wonderful students. Our students bring unique talents and quality personal experiences that enrich our school in every way. All of our students are highly creative and independent thinkers who understand the power of collaboration in solving problems. Students are regularly challenged to critically analyze and hypothesize within an authentic instructional environment.

We strongly believe that the culture and climate within our student-centered school community provides an experience that supports our expectation of personal best student performance at the School of the Arts. Superior student achievement is exemplified through a perfect blend of academic and artistic excellence in a unique sixth through twelfth grade setting. We at School of the Arts, not only believe that dreams can come true, but we regularly turn our dreams into reality. Students, staff and parents alike work as a team, focused on accomplishing common goals. Shared dedication, passion, creativity and collaboration are required to achieve and meet our goals.

James J. Reinhart, Principal
Terry Murphy, School Improvement Council Chair

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