



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney Senior High
Cherokee
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 2,127**
Principal: Ms. Marlene Davis
Superintendent: Dr. William B. James
Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Average	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	7	22	4	1

* 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 (%)	81.3%	73.1%	78.8%	74.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.1%	12.3%	11.5%	13.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.6%	14.6%	9.6%	12.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.1%	93.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

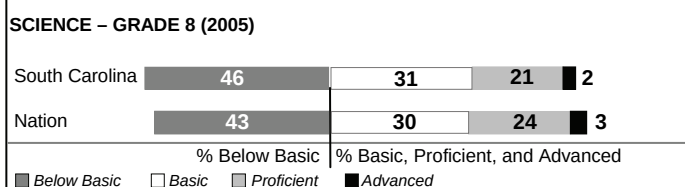
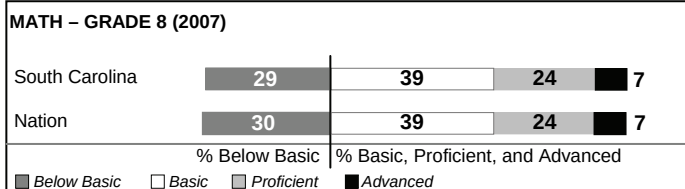
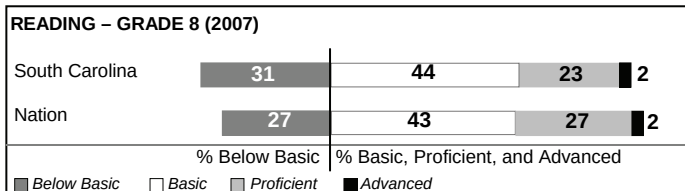
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	489	241
Number of Diplomas	382	178
Rate (%)	78.1%	75.0%

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	71.6%	69.5%
English 1	60.3%	57.8%
Physical Science	39.8%	46.2%
US History and the Constitution	21.0%	35.4%
All Tests	46.7%	51.1%

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=2,127)				
Retention rate	6.7%	Up from 6.5%	4.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 95.6%	95.2%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.6%	Down from 21.1%	8.3%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.5%	Down from 8.2%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	7.1%	Up from 5.5%	9.1%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.7%	Down from 9.9%	8.6%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	39.4%	Down from 40.8%	51.3%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	42.7%	Down from 47.5%	29.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	6.3%	Down from 9.6%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.7%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1255	Up from 1004	493	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.9%	Down from 83.4%	81.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=120)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Up from 55.9%	56.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	86.7%	Up from 76.4%	78.2%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.5%	Down from 7.6%	7.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.8%	Up from 85.9%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 93.7%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,314	Up 6.1%	\$47,473	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Up from 1.3%	4.2%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Down from 9.1 days	11.8 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 0.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.0 to 1	Up from 26.9 to 1	26.5 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.9%	Up from 88.7%	89.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,554	Up 3.8%	\$7,628	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.7%	Up from 60.2%	54.1%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 61.5%	59.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.7%	Up from 86.9%	95.9%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 100.0%	64.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	83	322	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.4%	77.0%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4%	81.9%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.2%	83.4%	57.1%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Faced with the challenge of providing top level educational opportunities in a learning rich environment for teachers and students alike in a deteriorating economic setting, Gaffney High School has done an outstanding job in the 2008-2009 school year. Despite budget cuts in all sources of revenues, we were able to move forward in many areas. Sixteen new staff members helped invigorate both the old building (relatively speaking) and the new ninth grade wing. The purpose of the new addition is to provide a close community setting in which ninth graders can be successful academically as well as socially. With an energetic, student oriented staff to guide them through their first year of high school, our expectations are very high for a reduction in the number of ninth grade repeaters in the future. This new facility contains 30 classrooms, including 6 state of the art science rooms/labs, along with a cafeteria, office complex, guidance suite and computer rooms suitable for classrooms or individual tutorials.

Of the 424 graduates in the class of 2009, 181 were eligible for the LIFE scholarship. Our academic achievements along with first time State Championships in baseball and softball and individual medals in track continued the School of Champions tradition.

This summer we are initiating a credit recovery program which will replace summer school. By combining this program with an absentee program and continuing both into the regular school year, we are aiming to improve our on-time graduation rate as well as providing a viable option to those students who may be considering dropping out.

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