

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Chester Senior High
Chester
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 984**
Principal: Leonard J. Gardner
Superintendent: Mr. Larry B. Heath
Board Chair: Dr. Richard Hughes

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	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	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	16	6	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 (%)	82.1%	68.1%	75.8%	72.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	9.4%	18.1%	12.8%	14.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.5%	13.8%	11.4%	12.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.3%	92.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

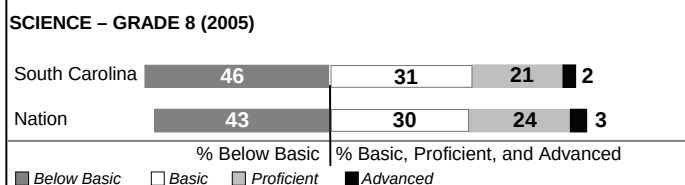
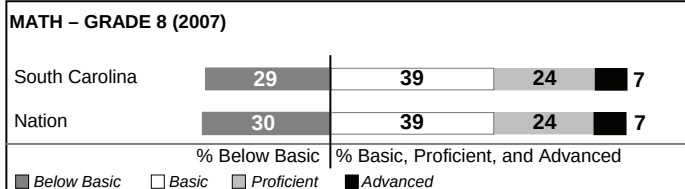
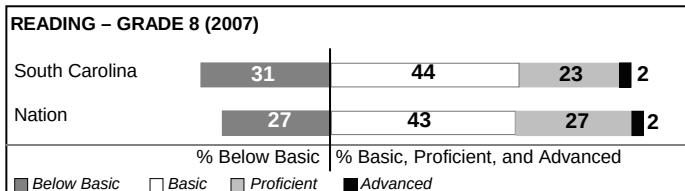
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	257	230
Number of Diplomas	197	165
Rate (%)	76.7%	73.4%

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	69.0%	65.6%
English 1	38.6%	54.0%
Physical Science	40.1%	42.6%
US History and the Constitution	31.4%	30.9%
All Tests	45.5%	47.6%

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=984)				
Retention rate	6.4%	Down from 11.2%	5.0%	4.8%
Attendance rate	93.2%	Down from 94.1%	94.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.9%	Down from 10.3%	9.0%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	Up from 8.8%	13.9%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	14.5%	Down from 16.5%	10.5%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.0%	Down from 8.8%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.8%	Down from 9.7%	9.5%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	32.6%	Down from 37.1%	45.8%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.0%	Down from 39.3%	29.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	6.0%	Down from 6.8%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.0%	Down from 3.9%	7.8%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	731	Up from 689	575	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.2%	Down from 75.7%	80.5%	79.3%
Teachers (n=56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.2%	Up from 47.2%	54.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	57.1%	Down from 67.9%	69.4%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	16.0%	Up from 13.6%	10.9%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.7%	Up from 79.2%	84.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 94.9%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,169	Up 0.3%	\$47,377	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	Down from 2.2%	4.3%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.0 days	Up from 8.0 days	10.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.5	Up from 1.5	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.5 to 1	Up from 26.2 to 1	25.7 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5%	Down from 87.1%	89.5%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,666	Up 1.1%	\$8,148	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.4%	Down from 53.4%	53.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.4%	Down from 54.6%	59.7%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 83.8%	93.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	64.7%	Down from 100.0%	61.5%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

High expectations have been placed upon the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Chester High School. These expectations are being met and exceeded. In 2008-2009, CHS excelled in academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Our students have continued to push us to provide our best as evidenced by the number of recipients of life scholarships and enrollment in advanced placement courses.

The vital task of scheduling students has continued to improve. Guidance met individually with every 9th and 10th grade student and assisted them in the development of Individual Graduation Plans. These plans guided students through choices needed to determine planning, research, and organization of future college and career opportunities.

Discipline incidents and expulsions have decreased and efforts to involve parents have become more effective with the use of SchoolConnects. Teachers documented and tracked parent conferences more accurately this year with the use of the conference atom in the SASI program. The use of technology was also enhanced in the classroom through increased professional development training and the addition of new Promethean Boards.

The School Improvement Council continued to give voice to parent, student, faculty, and community concerns at Chester High School. The council remained active in planning and supporting improvements at our school. The council continued to emphasize parent and community involvement through ongoing outreach projects. Physical improvements undertaken this year will enhance student safety, timely faculty communication, and the students' learning environment. The council hopes to see consistent support for these programs in the future as they celebrate the receipt of our Palmetto Gold recognition and plan for continued positive achievements in the future.

The family of Chester High School looks forward to the continuation of the pursuit of excellence in the coming year. We are confident that students attending Chester High School will have a bright future.

Jeff Gardner
Principal
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EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	140	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.4%	63.6%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.6%	72.5%	65.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	47.9%	84.1%	72.7%

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

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