

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dillon High
Dillon 2
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 943
Principal: Lynda Cottingham
Superintendent: D Ray Rogers
Board Chair: Fitzgerald Lytch

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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	3	5	9	12

* 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 (%)	72.6%	63.9%	65.2%	60.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.3%	16.3%	16.8%	19.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.2%	19.8%	18.6%	22.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.3%	86.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

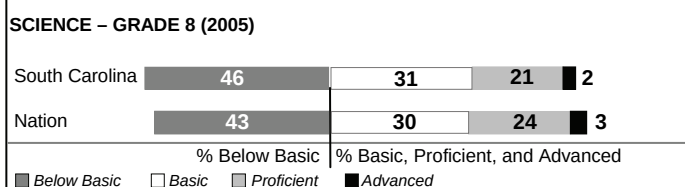
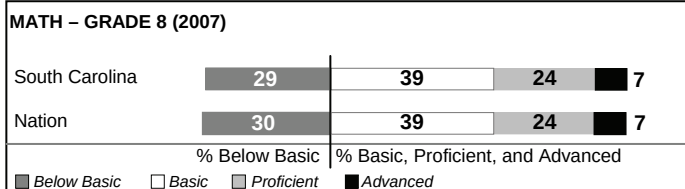
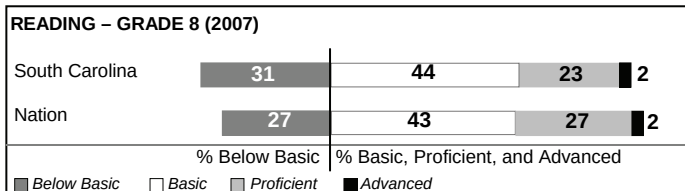
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	248	135
Number of Diplomas	181	93
Rate (%)	73.0%	64.8%

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	62.9%	56.1%
English 1	46.1%	45.2%
Physical Science	52.4%	30.9%
US History and the Constitution	24.3%	19.4%
All Tests	46.8%	37.0%

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

Dillon High [Dillon 2]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=943)				
Retention rate	7.8%	Up from 6.2%	7.8%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 92.8%	94.4%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 3.6%	4.6%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.4%	Up from 6.9%	14.0%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	13.1%	No Change	11.8%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 3.0%	1.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.9%	Up from 5.4%	5.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	45.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	21.5%	Down from 29.5%	28.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 5.2%	3.2%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.5%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	523	Up from 521	331	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.3%	Up from 55.7%	78.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.0%	Down from 52.1%	53.6%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Down from 77.1%	61.9%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.6%	Down from 14.9%	17.9%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Up from 89.4%	76.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.9%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,463	Up 2.4%	\$45,897	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	9.9%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	19.8 days	Up from 16.6 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.1 to 1	Down from 25.0 to 1	21.7 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 87.0%	89.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,919	Up 3.7%	\$9,878	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.4%	Up from 49.1%	52.9%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.4%	Down from 61.0%	59.5%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.3%	Down from 100.0%	91.9%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Down from 88.2%	53.8%	64.7%

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

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	138	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	60.7%	70.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.0%	62.2%	47.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	41.1%	68.9%	65.2%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dillon High School continues to focus on our goal of academic excellence for every student. Teachers and staff maintain their dedication to providing quality educational opportunities for all students and remain committed to preparing students for a productive life after graduation. Dillon High serves a divergent student body with 81% of students on free or reduced lunch in an area where 44.3% of families are below the poverty level. This has required us to renew our commitment to educating all children and to seek alternative resources to realize our goals. We remain focused on our mission to prepare students to achieve excellence through a learning community that promotes skills needed in a continuously changing world.

We are proud of the improvements we have made in the overall school climate and student performance. Through the diligence of our teachers, we have continually addressed improvement of scores on EOCEP and HSAP exit exams. In addition, our end-of-course test scores, as well as performance on HSAP, surpass those of high schools like ours. Through a grant funded by the Economic and Education Development Act, innovative programs in credit recovery and retrieval, reading enrichment/remediation, and writing development are providing assistance and encouragement to students who are at risk for dropping out of school. Students for the Betterment of Dillon High School, Teen Lead, Interact Club, Key Club, Anchor Club, and other service clubs, as well as mentoring programs, are creating positive relationships within the school family and in the culture of the school.

Our students continue to demonstrate their understanding of the importance of serving their community by supporting various civic activities. They have sponsored a Veterans Day tribute, participated in Relay for Life, March of Dimes Walk for Babies, fundraisers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Juvenile Diabetes Walk-for-a-Cure, Toys for Tots, Red Cross Blood Drive, animal rescue shelter, and local food drives.

This year in athletics Dillon High School brought home our first state 2A football championship since 1947, and the Dillon High Lady Cats won the 2A Region Girls volleyball championship. Also, Dillon High School was the recipient of the South Carolina High School League Sportsmanship Award this year. In addition to our winning the coveted state football crown, our math team won the Pee Dee 32nd Annual Math Tournament, 30 members of our band qualified for State Concert Band, and our JROTC Rifle Team won first place at the meet in Johnsonville. Dillon High School is indeed the home of champions.

The complexity of contemporary society brings with it both opportunity and challenge and at Dillon High School; we welcome the opportunity and accept the challenge of educating our students for the 21st century. Our mission is to continue striving for academic and athletic excellence through continued collaborative initiatives. We are proud of our accomplishments and are excited about the promise of greater rewards as we focus on providing exceptional educational opportunities for every student.

Lynda B. Cottingham, Principal
Holly Jacobs, SIC Chairperson