

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley Ridge High
Dorchester 2
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 832
Principal: Karen Radcliffe
Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair: Bufort "Bo" Blanton

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	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	7	14	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/02/2010. 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 (%)	N/A	88.0%	82.5%	82.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	8.6%	10.7%	10.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	3.4%	7.5%	7.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	N/A	95.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

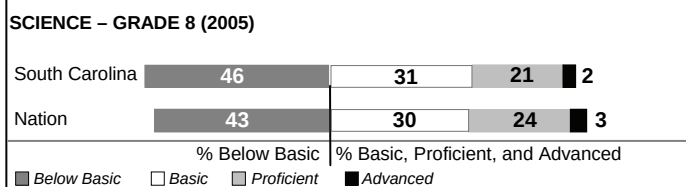
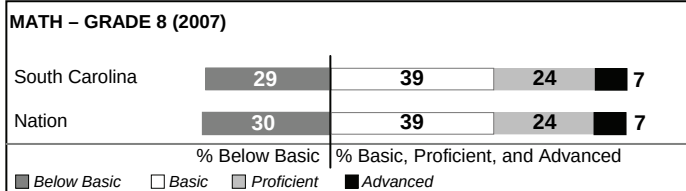
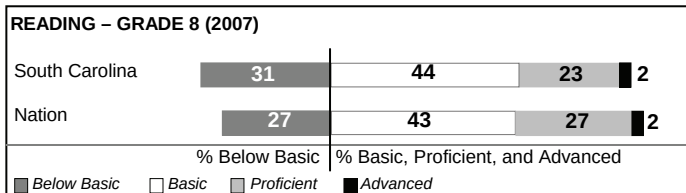
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	7	373
Number of Diplomas	0	283
Rate (%)	0.0%	73.6%

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	84.0%	76.9%
English 1	82.3%	71.8%
Physical Science	81.1%	64.7%
US History and the Constitution	37.5%	51.3%
All Tests	81.6%	65.7%

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=832)				
Retention rate	5.2%	N/A	4.4%	4.8%
Attendance rate	97.0%	N/A	96.0%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.2%	N/A	14.3%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	N/A	9.9%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.4%	N/A	6.3%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	6.7%	N/R	1.2%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	N/R	20.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	56.1%	N/A	62.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	32.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	N/A	N/A	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.3%	N/A	3.1%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	426	N/A	809	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.8%	N/A	81.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.0%	N/A	62.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	80.0%	N/A	72.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.2%	N/A	6.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	N/R	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,216	I/S	\$48,594	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	N/A	2.7%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	N/R	9.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/R	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.6 to 1	N/R	26.7 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	N/R	90.6%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$6,872	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	57.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	63.3%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/R	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	N/R	97.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Below Average	N/R	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%		76.2%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	59	6	7
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.3%	I/S	I/S

*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

One year, indeed, does a difference make. Out along Highway 165, a learning community was launched. Ashley Ridge High School—comprised of enthusiastic 9th and 10th graders, a devoted staff, and a welcoming community—became a homogenous organization, energetically pursuing superior academic achievement, excellence in the arts, athletic success, and rewarding community service. Our Ashley Ridge family quickly recognized our responsibility for our success and embraced the challenge to foster a strong student-centered learning environment. Through everyone's exceptional efforts, our first year at Ashley Ridge began what will become an amazing journey.

Ashley Ridge High School spent this first year celebrating a variety of "firsts." Many students had their art work recognized at the Coastal Carolina Fair, and our Level 3 Quest team placed 4th in the Low Country. The AFJROTC program was named a Distinguished Unit, and our two AFJROTC instructors were named Outstanding Instructors by the Air Force. One of our science teachers was named Outstanding Earth Science Teacher for the state of South Carolina. A special education student from Ashley Ridge was named the Mayor's Student of the Year. In 13 different sports, we fielded varsity teams. The boys' cross-country team placed 10th in the state, the cheerleading team placed 6th in the state, the boys' soccer team ended their season ranked 6th in the state, a pole-vaulter placed 2nd in the state, and the boys' golf team was 11th in the state. Our softball team won the very first region title for Ashley Ridge, and one of the players was named to the All-State team.

At Ashley Ridge High School, we are committed to producing good citizens. Our clubs and student government contributed hundreds of hours and donated thousands of dollars to local and national organizations. At our first annual Swamp Fest, students hosted over 150 special needs students who joined us for a morning of interactive games, food, music, and camaraderie. Our young Swamp Foxes came away from the experience as more knowledgeable and stronger advocates for fellow students facing special challenges. The local SPCA, the Low Country Food Bank, Children in Crisis, and the Cancer Society are a few of the local charities that have benefited from the generosity of the students at Ashley Ridge.

Of course, Ashley Ridge High School faces many challenges as we continue to strive for excellence and work to provide a safe environment that promotes learning and allows for the building of relationships. We will enhance our Swamp Fox Freshmen Academy during the upcoming year. Our faculty will create a strong professional learning community that ensures quality instruction and assessment in all courses offered at Ashley Ridge. We will continually raise our expectations for academic excellence at Ashley Ridge. With great excitement we look forward to our second year. We've had a truly inspiring inaugural year to remember at Ashley Ridge High School.

Karen Radcliffe, Principal
Jodi Brelsford, SIC Chairperson

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