

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Fox Creek High**  
**Edgefield**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 310  
**Principal: Dr. Timothy Murph**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw**  
**Board Chair: Sallie B. Cooks**

## 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	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	0	7	1	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 (%)	96.2%	76.7%	91.6%	84.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	2.6%	16.4%	5.6%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.3%	6.8%	4.1%	6.9%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.7%	96.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

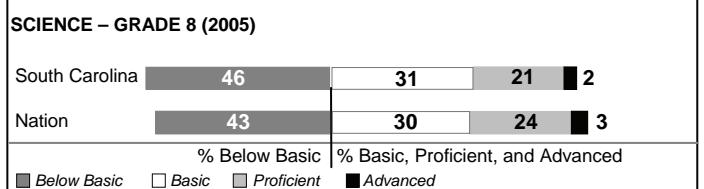
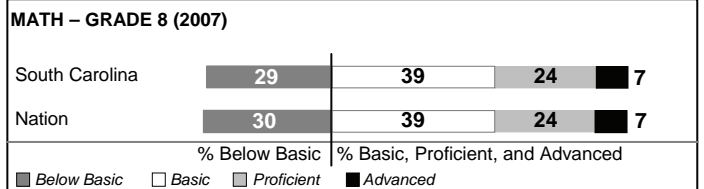
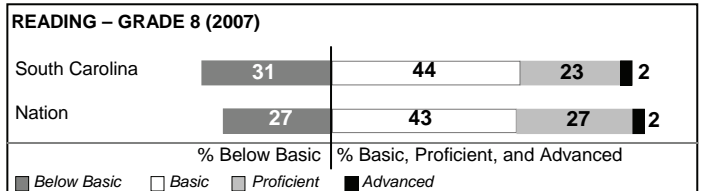
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	113	333
Number of Diplomas	59	257
Rate (%)	52.2%	76.6%

## 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	73.5%	81.2%
English 1	70.6%	76.1%
Physical Science	38.5%	65.8%
US History and the Constitution	43.3%	54.9%
All Tests	52.4%	68.2%

## 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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# Fox Creek High [Edgefield]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=310)</b>				
Retention rate	4.3%	Down from 5.7%	4.0%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.3%	96.2%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.6%	Up from 5.8%	17.4%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Up from 9.1%	9.0%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.0%	Up from 7.6%	6.0%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	11.0%	Up from 0.0%	1.2%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.1%	Up from 10.2%	31.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	60.9%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	55.2%	Down from 56.5%	39.9%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	Down from 3.7%	3.8%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	1.3%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	222	Up from 79	758	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.9%	Down from 84.8%	83.7%	79.3%
<b>Teachers (n=24)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Up from 40.0%	65.8%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	41.7%	Up from 25.0%	76.0%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	20.0%	Up from 16.7%	5.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	60.4%	Down from 70.4%	87.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$40,879	Down 0.9%	\$49,681	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.1%	Up from 2.0%	2.4%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	5.0 days	Down from 19.5 days	9.4 days	10.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 19.9 to 1	27.9 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	91.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,805	Down 8.8%	\$7,190	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	46.3%	Down from 57.4%	56.4%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	49.0%	N/A	61.6%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.8%	Up from 83.5%	97.7%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 100.0%	73.7%	64.7%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	80	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	61.3%	78.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.1%	71.4%	75.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.1%	78.5%	85.7%

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fox Creek High School's 2008-2009 school year was again one of great academic, athletic, and social achievement. Academically, we continued to be leaders in the region, and our students continued to excel in many areas.

Fox Creek High School was proud to receive Absolute and Growth Ratings of Excellent on its 2008-2009 state report card. These are the highest ratings possible and indicate the school's performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal, which calls for South Carolina's student achievement to be ranked in the top half of states nationally. As a result of these ratings, FCHS received the Palmetto Gold Award. An additional indication of Fox Creek's academic leadership is the ACT scores received by our students. Our students scored an average ACT composite score of 22.5, the highest of all schools in Aiken and Edgefield counties.

We have added to our award winning staff a Director of Technology and an additional Guidance Counselor to support academic improvement. Our teachers have won numerous professional awards, including 5 WJBF Golden Apple Awards and 2 WRDW Time to Care Awards. Three Fox Creek Family members are Nationally Board Certified teachers.

Our new 5.8 million dollar educational facility was completed summer 2009. This new facility is state of the art. It is wired for smartboards, LCD projectors, and a minimum of 5 computers in every classroom. It also has 2 full-sized computer labs and additional computers in the library. There is also a telephone in every classroom, as well as a televised marquee in front of the school. We feel that these additions to our school will assist us in continuing to raise academics. Additionally, our charter was renewed by the Edgefield County Board of Trustees through 2019.

Fox Creek is committed to connecting with parents and the public. The school uses the FCHS web site, monthly Fox Tales newsletters, weekly FasTrack calendars, and a prerecorded telephone notification system to provide important information and maintain communication with parents and community leaders.

Fox Creek's students continued the tradition of community service, holding food drives, volunteering with the Upwards basketball program, and supporting many charities and community programs. Our athletic program continued to grow and again won multiple Class A – Region IV Championships. The Fine Arts Department also presented multiple chorus, band, and theater productions to the community.

The administration School Improvement Council will continue its work to identify opportunities for parents and community members to support the school, and continue its role in supporting Fox Creek High School. With the continued involvement of parents and friends, Fox Creek will continue to be an exemplary school.

Timothy L. Murph, Ed.D., Principal  
Susie Stewart, SIC Chairperson

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