

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Waccamaw High
Georgetown
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 772**
Principal: David M. Hammel
Superintendent: Dr. H. Randall Dozier
Board Chair: Mr. Jim Dumm

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	0	0	0	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 (%)	92.1%	89.2%	91.6%	88.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	6.3%	6.6%	5.6%	8.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.6%	4.2%	4.1%	4.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	98.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

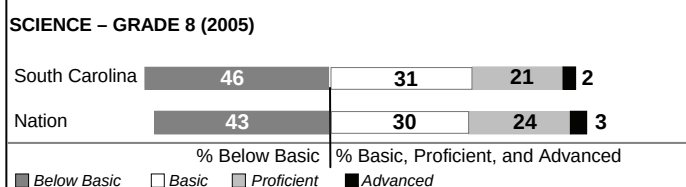
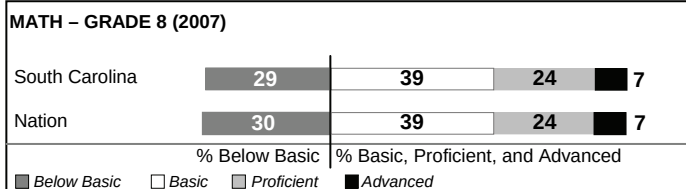
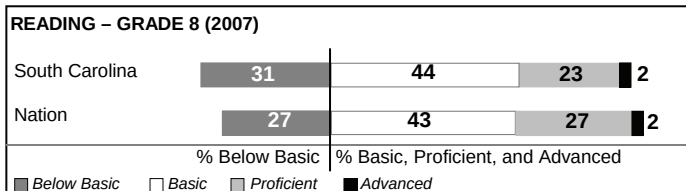
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	185	438
Number of Diplomas	171	373
Rate (%)	92.4%	88.3%

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	78.5%	86.8%
English 1	75.4%	85.1%
Physical Science	76.0%	77.9%
US History and the Constitution	67.2%	70.2%
All Tests	74.0%	79.8%

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=772)				
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 3.8%	3.2%	4.8%
Attendance rate	98.9%	Up from 95.0%	96.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	34.6%	Up from 34.2%	13.9%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	8.7%	Down from 10.5%	9.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Down from 5.7%	3.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.8%	0.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	38.3%	Up from 25.9%	36.6%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	63.5%	N/A	70.6%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.9%	Down from 37.8%	54.6%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	Down from 1.8%	0.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.0%	Down from 1.7%	0.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	313	Up from 306	551	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	91.7%	Up from 85.3%	91.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	74.0%	Up from 71.7%	70.0%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Up from 69.6%	77.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	2.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.3%	Down from 91.2%	86.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.3%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,966	Up 5.7%	\$49,300	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	3.0%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Down from 14.2 days	12.2 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	7.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.6 to 1	Down from 25.4 to 1	26.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.7%	Up from 87.3%	91.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,086	Up 11.1%	\$6,849	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.5%	Up from 53.1%	56.6%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.3%	Up from 57.7%	62.7%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	85.2%	Down from 98.2%	99.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 88.9%	86.1%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	171	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	80.1%	93.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.9%	86.3%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.6%	89.3%	93.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For the eighth year in a row, Waccamaw High School received the Palmetto Gold Award based on the State of South Carolina Report Card. Waccamaw is a Red Carpet School Award winner, was named the State Student Council of the Year for the fifth consecutive year, and won the prestigious Palmetto's Finest School Award in 2008. Students are provided a rigorous curriculum that includes eight Advanced Placement offerings, six PACE-Program for Accelerated College Enrollment classes, and numerous honors and SAT/ACT programs. Waccamaw High School is also a fully certified International Baccalaureate School offering students the opportunity to earn an internationally recognized diploma.

WHS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our main focus continues to be student academic achievement through the implementation of research based strategies, collaborative teaching, and rigorous common assessments. Our school consistently monitors and examines all data and uses this information to better plan our instruction and assessment to continuously improve student outcomes. 30% of our teachers have completed the training for our International Baccalaureate Program, and 78.6% of our teaching staff have advanced degrees.

For 2008, our average SAT composite score was 1056, and the ACT average was 21.4. These impressive numbers place our school above the district, state, and national averages. Furthermore, 36% of our senior class qualified for Life Scholarships, and our seniors' scholarship winnings totaled over 4 million dollars, the highest in school history. Additionally, 93% of our students passed the HSAP on the first attempt, and 100% of our students met all requirements for a high school diploma in 2008-2009.

WHS students are also excelling in numerous extra-curricular activities, service projects, and community organizations. In 2008-2009, our athletic teams have won nine Region Championships, two State Championships, and one State Runner-up. Furthermore, our band, art, drama, and choral departments continue to shine with numerous awards and commendations. Finally, Waccamaw High School students partnered with Habitat for Humanity to fund and build our first Habitat House, providing a home to a worthy member of our community. There is a strong connection between Waccamaw High School and our community, and we will continue to nurture this invaluable partnership.

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Kirk Carlson, SIC Chair

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