

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Travelers Rest High
Greenville
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,243
Principal: Louis E. Lavelly, Jr.
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	At-Risk	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
2	8	21	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 (%)	71.8%	72.5%	82.5%	77.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.2%	13.3%	10.0%	12.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.0%	14.2%	7.7%	10.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.1%	94.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

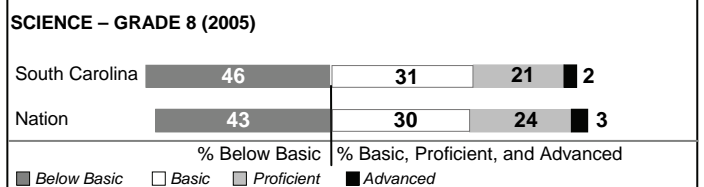
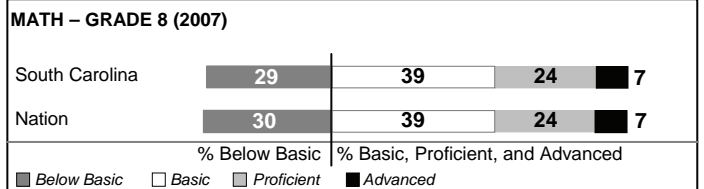
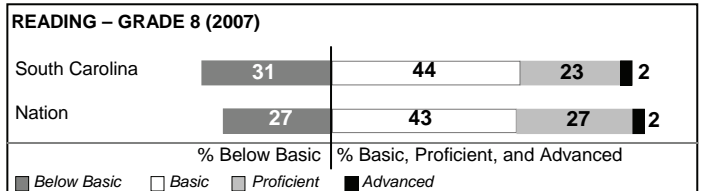
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	315	341
Number of Diplomas	217	253
Rate (%)	68.9%	74.8%

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	69.9%	74.0%
English 1	62.8%	64.8%
Physical Science	57.6%	58.3%
US History and the Constitution	50.8%	46.8%
All Tests	60.6%	60.0%

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.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,243)				
Retention rate	8.1%	Down from 10.7%	3.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.3%	95.3%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.6%	Up from 4.4%	13.3%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	15.4%	Down from 17.1%	12.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.1%	Down from 11.5%	7.1%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	No Change	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.3%	Up from 23.6%	16.1%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	49.3%	Up from 42.9%	55.6%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.3%	Up from 27.0%	33.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	7.2%	Up from 7.1%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.8%	Up from 9.3%	1.9%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	700	Up from 621	700	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	78.3%	Up from 69.7%	79.2%	79.3%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.4%	Up from 61.8%	63.2%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	83.5%	Down from 85.5%	77.4%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Down from 4.5%	4.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Up from 87.5%	87.0%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.6%	95.7%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,432	Up 7.1%	\$48,711	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.2%	Down from 13.8%	2.0%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	20.9 days	Up from 20.5 days	10.9 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	6.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.5 to 1	Up from 26.4 to 1	28.0 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 88.7%	90.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,342	Up 5.4%	\$6,890	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.2%	Up from 56.8%	55.2%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.1%	Down from 59.6%	60.0%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	95.7%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	78.9%	Up from 76.5%	70.6%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-09 school year was an outstanding year at Travelers Rest High School. The faculty and staff, in conjunction with the community, PTSA, and SIC, continued to strive to provide the best possible educational experience for the Travelers Rest High School student body.

Our level of support to students that have struggled to maintain their academic standing increased this year with the addition of HSAP remediation classes, targeted remediation in reading and math, and Twilight School opportunities. We continued to offer programs to enrich and strengthen the knowledge and abilities of our students, such as free credit recovery and virtual classes that resulted in an increase in the number of students graduating. Our seniors continued to excel with a record number of Palmetto Fellow and Life Scholarship winners. We continued our run of National Merit Finalists and had a National Merit winner this year. Our fourth class of International Baccalaureate Diploma Program students completed their two-year journey, and we expanded our IB and AP enrollment with over 150 students taking at least one college level course this year. Lastly, we showed a gain in our SAT scores again this year, and we were in the top quarter of South Carolina schools in ACT scores.

As always, our extracurricular activities continued to enhance our school experience. Our DECA Club won state championships, and two students placed in the top ten nationally. Athletics provided excitement throughout the year. A record number of players won individual honors by being selected to All State and North-South teams, and several athletes were awarded athletic scholarships. We won two region championships in Men's Tennis and Softball. Lastly, we had our first individual wrestling state champion. Our student body again demonstrated its character and commitment to the community. Our annual spirit week competition raised over \$40,000 for charity, again exceeding their goal for the fifth consecutive year. This is in addition to the numerous smaller projects carried out during the year by our many service organizations.

Our extracurricular programs grew this year, both in number of participants and in their success. Our Student Council was named a Gold Level Honor Council for the fifth consecutive year at the state level, and we were awarded a Gold Level Honor Council award nationally for the first time. In addition, our fine arts program represented the school in fine fashion, with several region, district, and statewide honors.

As educators, parents, and community members, we feel that the students of Travelers Rest High School deserve the best educational and extracurricular opportunities possible. Our faculty and staff are committed to achieving this goal. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Kay Wilder, SIC Chair
Lou Lavelly, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	75	154	3
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.0%	69.9%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.0%	75.3%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.3%	81.7%	I/S

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

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