



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Conway High
Horry
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,606
Principal: Porter Kennington
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry
Board Chair: Will Garland

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

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	6	15	5	2

* 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 (%)	79.0%	77.5%	74.3%	71.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.4%	13.8%	13.4%	15.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.6%	8.7%	12.2%	13.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.8%	92.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

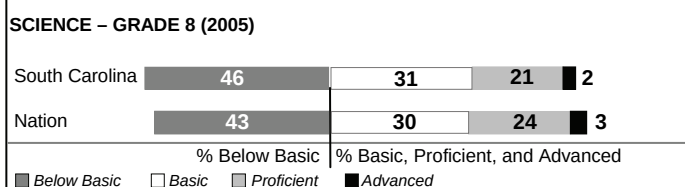
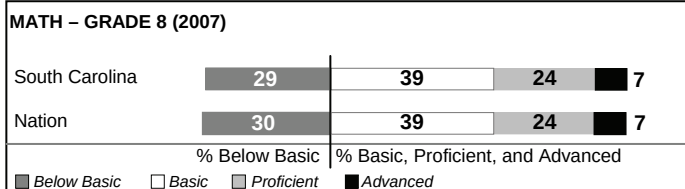
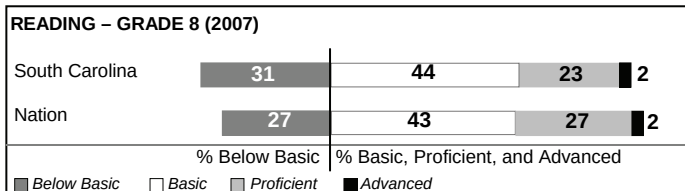
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	445	220
Number of Diplomas	316	156
Rate (%)	71.0%	72.4%

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	74.7%	64.3%
English 1	67.8%	53.5%
Physical Science	53.2%	42.9%
US History and the Constitution	24.6%	31.0%
All Tests	55.0%	47.3%

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=1,606)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 5.8%	5.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.1%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.3%	Up from 13.6%	8.9%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	18.5%	Up from 17.6%	14.2%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	7.2%	Down from 8.0%	10.5%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.5%	Down from 8.5%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.7%	Up from 14.7%	7.6%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	36.6%	Up from 33.1%	42.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Up from 26.7%	29.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	8.6%	Up from 5.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	7.4%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	814	Up from 800	540	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	81.5%	Up from 77.2%	79.4%	79.3%
Teachers (n=108)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.4%	Up from 63.0%	55.2%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	81.5%	Up from 69.4%	70.0%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.9%	Up from 4.1%	8.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.7%	Down from 85.6%	84.0%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,373	Up 1.8%	\$47,621	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.2%	Down from 9.5%	5.0%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	22.2 days	Up from 18.5 days	9.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	33.6 to 1	Up from 30.1 to 1	25.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.6%	Up from 86.9%	89.4%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,325	Up 10.2%	\$8,201	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	43.3%	Down from 56.7%	52.9%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.9%	Down from 61.7%	59.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.5%	Down from 93.6%	92.5%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 90.5%	61.5%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During the 2008-09 school year, Conway High School experienced a number of successes. Student achievement improved in State End-of-Course Exam scores in English I, Algebra I, Physical Science, and US History. Over 180 Advanced Placement Exams were taken by Conway High Students -- the most in school history! Over \$3.1 million in scholarships were received by the Class of 2009. In the area of fine arts, over 500 students were involved in instrumental music, vocal music, visual arts, drama, and orchestra. Over 100 students were inducted in the fine arts honor societies -- Tri-M National Music Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and the International Thespian Honor Society. Many student performances were held during the school both on campus and in the community. In athletics, over 500 students participated in athletic teams such as volleyball, football, cross country, tennis, golf, wrestling, basketball, softball, cheerleading, track and field, soccer, and weightlifting. The 2008 Tiger football team won the region championship. Overall, seven teams participated in state playoffs. Porter Kennington, Principal; Leslie McIver, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	82	147	55
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.4%	77.2%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.8%	86.1%	63.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	59.3%	79.9%	64.8%

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

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