



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Socastee High
Horry
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,491
Principal: Paul K. Browning
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	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	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	7	18	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 (%)	86.5%	80.0%	83.6%	78.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.4%	11.7%	9.5%	12.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.1%	8.3%	7.1%	9.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.4%	95.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

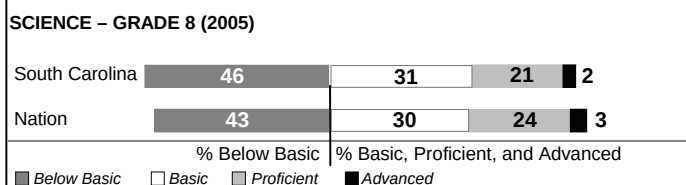
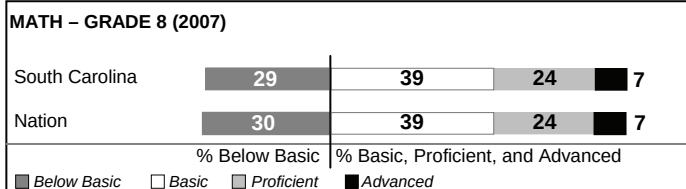
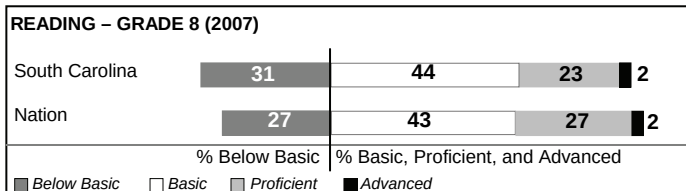
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	377	348
Number of Diplomas	313	258
Rate (%)	83.0%	74.9%

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	74.9%	74.9%
English 1	79.3%	65.6%
Physical Science	68.3%	58.5%
US History and the Constitution	51.2%	48.7%
All Tests	68.0%	61.3%

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=1,491)				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.0%	4.1%	4.8%
Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 95.9%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	28.7%	Up from 24.0%	12.8%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	14.9%	Down from 15.4%	12.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.2%	Down from 5.7%	7.0%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.0%	Down from 4.7%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.1%	Down from 12.9%	15.9%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	73.5%	Down from 74.9%	57.1%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.8%	Up from 32.5%	32.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	5.7%	Up from 5.6%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	11.9%	Up from 11.4%	1.3%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	767	No Change	717	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	76.2%	Down from 77.4%	79.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=84)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Up from 56.6%	63.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	77.4%	Up from 72.3%	77.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.6%	Up from 5.6%	4.4%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.1%	Up from 86.0%	87.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.0%	95.9%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,477	Up 4.6%	\$48,766	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.3%	Down from 5.3%	1.8%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	13.2 days	Down from 18.1 days	10.3 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.8	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.9 to 1	Up from 26.6 to 1	28.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 90.2%	90.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,823	Up 11.0%	\$7,071	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	42.0%	Down from 55.3%	55.2%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.2%	Down from 61.3%	60.0%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.3%	Up from 98.5%	95.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%	Down from 82.4%	71.4%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Socastee High School experienced another challenging and successful year in 2008-09. New courses were added in math and science, highlighted by the addition of Advanced Placement B/C Calculus. International Baccalaureate scores were the highest in South Carolina and the Southeast, matching performance achieved for seven of the last nine years. SAT and ACT scores once again topped the national average. Socastee High School was named to Newsweek magazine's America's Top 5% of Public High Schools for the fourth year in a row. The Air Force JROTC unit was named a Distinguished Unit for the 7th consecutive year. Two Socastee seniors were named National Merit Finalists and over \$6,400,000 in scholarships was offered to deserving members of the Class of 2009. The Arts flourished, with the Jazz Band and Orchestra being named best in South Carolina, and the play Beauty and the Beast becoming the most successful play in school history. For the third straight year, Socastee's DECA Club sent eleven students to national competition. The Haiti Project again funded teachers for Haitian Schools through a community yard sale. The ninth grade initiation project was again successful in making incoming freshmen feel at home and welcome in their new environment. The efforts of the ninth grade faculty paid off with a retention rate below 8%. The faculty and staff of Socastee High School continue their commitment to continuous improvement, community service, and academic excellence. Paul K. Browning, Ed. D. Principal; Danielle Eiler School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	81	266	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.3%	76.5%	97.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	74.6%	97.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.8%	82.4%	87.9%

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

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