

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ridgeland High  
Jasper  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 582  
Principal: Brian Simon  
Superintendent: John Taylor  
Board Chair: Michael Hubbard

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

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

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 4         | 4    | 7       | 8             | 12      |

\* 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 (%)  | 63.6%           | 56.0% | N/A                                  | 61.7% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%)   | 14.4%           | 23.1% | N/A                                  | 18.8% |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 22.0%           | 20.9% | N/A                                  | 19.5% |

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

|              | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Passage Rate | 100.0%          | 89.4%                                |

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

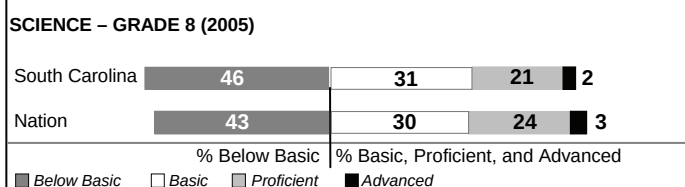
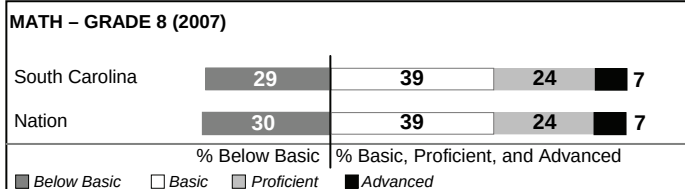
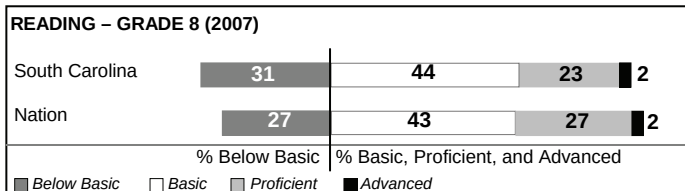
|                    | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students | 131             | 142                                  |
| Number of Diplomas | 98              | 99                                   |
| Rate (%)           | 74.8%           | 67.2%                                |

## 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 | 40.3%           | 57.7%                                |
| English 1                             | 29.0%           | 47.2%                                |
| Physical Science                      | 24.6%           | 32.5%                                |
| US History and the Constitution       | 10.0%           | 18.7%                                |
| All Tests                             | 26.4%           | 38.0%                                |

## 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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Students (n=582)</b>                                                      |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Retention rate                                                               | 3.3%          | Down from 8.4%        | 7.3%                                 | 4.8%               |
| Attendance rate                                                              | 99.9%         | Up from 99.5%         | 94.7%                                | 95.5%              |
| Eligible for gifted and talented                                             | 10.2%         | Up from 5.9%          | 5.5%                                 | 9.2%               |
| With disabilities other than speech                                          | 12.6%         | Down from 16.1%       | 13.5%                                | 12.6%              |
| Older than usual for grade                                                   | 10.1%         | Down from 12.0%       | 11.9%                                | 8.6%               |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 2.1%          | Up from 1.2%          | 1.2%                                 | 1.2%               |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs                                                   | 2.6%          | Down from 8.6%        | 5.3%                                 | 13.2%              |
| Successful on AP/IB exams                                                    | N/A           | N/A                   | 31.5%                                | 55.6%              |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship                                                | 21.9%         | Up from 20.8%         | 28.7%                                | 29.8%              |
| Annual dropout rate                                                          | 4.7%          | N/A                   | 3.3%                                 | 3.5%               |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations                    | 0.0%          | No Change             | 3.7%                                 | 3.0%               |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses                                      | 211           | Down from 259         | 340                                  | 523                |
| Career/technology students attaining technical skills                        | 71.8%         | Down from 74.1%       | 78.1%                                | 79.3%              |
| <b>Teachers (n=36)</b>                                                       |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Teachers with advanced degrees                                               | 50.0%         | Down from 58.1%       | 52.5%                                | 58.6%              |
| Continuing contract teachers                                                 | 55.6%         | Up from 51.2%         | 60.8%                                | 71.6%              |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 25.0%         | Down from 28.6%       | 16.7%                                | 8.1%               |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                        | N/A           | N/A                   | 77.1%                                | 85.0%              |
| Teacher attendance rate                                                      | 96.1%         | Up from 94.9%         | 95.5%                                | 95.5%              |
| Average teacher salary*                                                      | \$48,652      | Up 4.6%               | \$45,936                             | \$47,761           |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 10.6%         | Down from 27.1%       | 8.4%                                 | 3.5%               |
| Professional development days/teacher                                        | 13.0 days     | No Change             | 11.0 days                            | 10.8 days          |
| <b>School</b>                                                                |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Principal's years at school                                                  | 2.0           | Up from 1.0           | 2.0                                  | 3.0                |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 26.2 to 1     | Down from 28.3 to 1   | 21.7 to 1                            | 26.1 to 1          |
| Prime instructional time                                                     | 93.6%         | Up from 92.4%         | 89.0%                                | 89.8%              |
| Dollars spent per pupil**                                                    | \$11,520      | N/A                   | \$9,498                              | \$7,883            |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 48.6%         | N/A                   | 53.3%                                | 54.1%              |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 53.0%         | N/A                   | 59.8%                                | 60.2%              |
| Opportunities in the arts                                                    | Excellent     | Up from Good          | Good                                 | Excellent          |
| SACS accreditation                                                           | Yes           | No Change             | Yes                                  | Yes                |
| Parents attending conferences                                                | 40.2%         | Down from 83.6%       | 91.3%                                | 95.8%              |
| Character development program                                                | Below Average | No Change             | Good                                 | Good               |
| % of AYP objectives met                                                      | 46.2%         | Down from 76.9%       | 53.8%                                | 64.7%              |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|                                                        | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 32       | 0         | 0        |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 78.1%    | N/R       | N/R      |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 78.1%    | N/R       | N/R      |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 46.9%    | N/R       | N/R      |

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

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ridgeland High School: For the past two years, Ridgeland High School has been improving in all areas of academic achievement. Clearly substantiating this distinction are the multiple commendations of educational excellence received by the state of South Carolina as the Palmetto Gold School that recognized the fastest level of improvement in one year. Ridgeland High School is categorized in the state of South Carolina as being ranked number 7 in the state's Graduation Rate with 94% of our seniors moving to the future. Our vision in becoming the "Best High School in the Nation" has started on a positive note. During the year, many accomplishments were attained in moving toward making excellence a reachable goal. Our faculty and staff continue to push rigor, relevance, and rapport in our classrooms to meet our students' needs and to make our school being the best ever! Ridgeland's faculty and staff have participated in countless workshops and seminars to enhance classroom etiquette and objectives for student success. The 2008-09 school year has set the tone for excellence, marking a clear destination for perfection. We are in the process of exemplifying a most notable environment of educational efficacy. With the significant contributions from a committed, enthusiastic, talented, and intellectually astute student body, our parental organizations as well as a dedicated and creative team of faculty and staff, Ridgeland High School is heralded as a place where educational excellence is customary. Ridgeland High School will serve as a model because of the comprehensiveness of our academic, technical, artistic, and athletic programs. In respect to our curricular program of study, students are able to concentrate in the special area of interest and, at the same time, strengthen their aptitude by participating in our after-school tutorial and computer lab. Ridgeland High School is the great institution of excellence that it is today because of the talented students of the past. Potential students of Ridgeland High School, you are the future. Potential parents of Ridgeland High School, Ridgeland High School offers the best environment for your son/daughter to develop the academic and social foundations necessary for success in education and in life. While this acquisition satisfies the critical need for a new facility, it is incumbent of each of us to revitalize our commitment to sustaining an educational environment that reflects a passion among staff, students, and parents if we are to continue to be progressive and outstanding institution of learning. The results from the South Carolina High School Assessment Program (HSAP) for the past three years have shown increments of growth, and we are on our way to meet expected progress for our goals. Ridgeland High School's 2008 passage rate for first attempt tenth graders was 68.0%, an increase of 14% over the 2007 report card when students had a passage rate of 55.0% on the High School Assessment Program Test. The tenth grade students are also assessed using Measures of Academic Performance (MAP) as a diagnostic tool. Through analyzing the figures, we know that on the English/Language Arts area, we increase from the goal of 64% to the actual score 79%. In the mathematics area, the goal of students to score 64% was actually surpassed in our final assessment of 70%. Teacher qualifications, training, and operational procedures were assessed by the administration. A need exists to retrain teachers in curriculum, discipline, and technology integration in the delivery of state standards. To assist in this matter, the leadership team meets bi-weekly to review data, assess the needs and implementation of curriculum, and develop monitoring strategies to improve student achievement. The faculty and staff continue to collect data for improvement of student achievement. Common Assessments and Benchmark Testing are used to identify student weaknesses and strengths on standardized tests. Other

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