

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Buford High
Lancaster County
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 611**
Principal: Jonathan Phipps
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Charlene McGriff

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	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	8	22	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 (%)	80.3%	75.2%	82.9%	77.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.3%	9.4%	9.8%	12.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.5%	15.4%	7.5%	10.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.6%	94.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

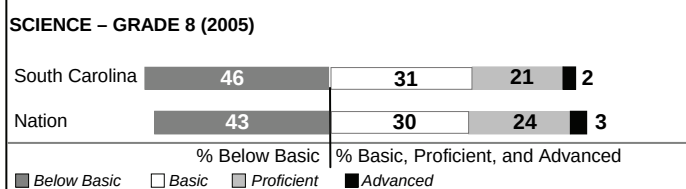
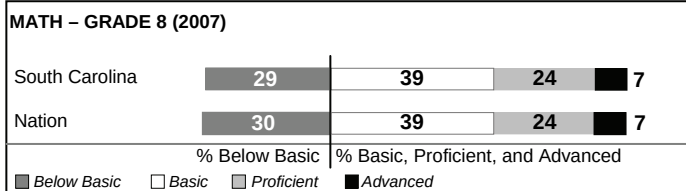
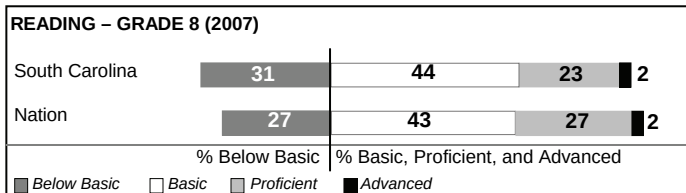
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	185	333
Number of Diplomas	129	247
Rate (%)	69.7%	74.8%

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	63.6%	73.9%
English 1	57.3%	65.0%
Physical Science	35.1%	58.2%
US History and the Constitution	28.5%	46.1%
All Tests	46.4%	59.9%

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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Buford High [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=611)				
Retention rate	4.7%	Up from 4.1%	3.8%	4.8%
Attendance rate	99.8%	Up from 99.7%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	13.4%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	12.7%	Down from 13.8%	12.8%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Up from 3.9%	7.0%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 1.5%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.3%	Up from 4.5%	16.0%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	29.3%	Down from 38.1%	55.5%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.8%	Down from 55.2%	33.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	2.9%	Up from 1.8%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.1%	Up from 1.9%	3.2%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	417	Up from 397	717	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.9%	Down from 86.4%	79.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.0%	Up from 59.5%	63.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	73.2%	Up from 69.0%	77.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.3%	Down from 11.1%	4.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1%	Up from 89.7%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 95.2%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,425	Up 3.9%	\$48,848	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.8%	Up from 3.6%	1.8%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.0 days	Down from 11.3 days	11.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.6 to 1	Up from 28.5 to 1	28.0 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 92.5%	90.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,067	Up 14.3%	\$7,224	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Down from 65.1%	54.7%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.1%	Down from 69.3%	60.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	57.4%	Up from 55.9%	95.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%	Down from 100.0%	70.6%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year was very successful. The 9th grade Academy Program continues to be a vital part of our school. We feel that the program is a success and will help our attendance and increase graduation rates. The school's athletic program continues to improve. Many students took part in our new track team this year. We had one golf player to rank first in the state this year. Our softball team also won the state championship. Our Athletic and Band Booster clubs continue to make large contributions to our school. Parents and community members have been very supportive this year with our extracurricular activities. The School Improvement Council continues to work in making Buford High School a great place to go to school. Jonathan Phipps, Principal; Imogene Steele, School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	112	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.5%	76.4%	84.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.2%	77.6%	84.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.2%	79.4%	69.2%

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

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