

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lee Central High
Lee
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 691
Principal: Nathaniel Nelson
Superintendent: Cleo Richardson
Board Chair: Sanya Moses

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	Below Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Average	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	2	3	8	11

* 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 (%)	68.0%	57.1%	64.8%	58.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.8%	20.2%	15.9%	20.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	18.2%	22.7%	19.8%	23.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	86.9%	83.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

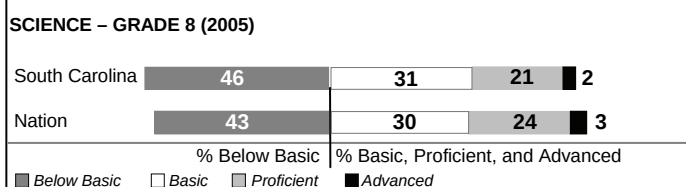
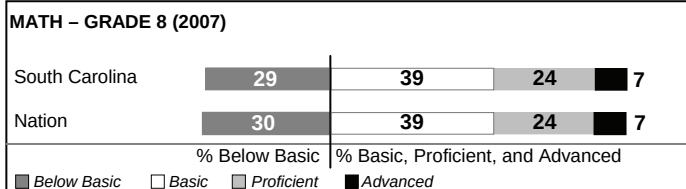
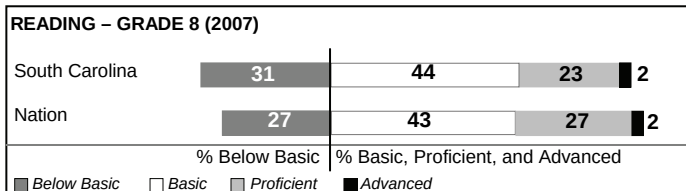
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	157	103
Number of Diplomas	125	65
Rate (%)	79.6%	57.7%

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	41.5%	48.7%
English 1	35.0%	39.8%
Physical Science	30.1%	28.8%
US History and the Constitution	17.4%	19.1%
All Tests	31.1%	34.4%

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=691)				
Retention rate	10.5%	Down from 15.0%	6.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 90.8%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.9%	Down from 1.7%	2.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Down from 15.2%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	16.2%	Up from 14.2%	11.8%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Down from 4.0%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.9%	Down from 20.0%	5.2%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	21.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.1%	Up from 26.5%	27.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.0%	Down from 4.1%	2.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 59.3%	2.4%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	440	Down from 514	218	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.6%	Up from 62.8%	76.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.4%	Down from 64.8%	55.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	41.5%	Down from 44.4%	60.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	32.4%	Up from 23.4%	20.0%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	70.0%	Down from 80.1%	74.2%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 94.4%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,109	Up 1.3%	\$44,663	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.5%	Down from 13.8%	10.5%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	5.3 days	Down from 8.2 days	11.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.2 to 1	Up from 23.6 to 1	20.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Up from 84.0%	89.0%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,048	Up 33.0%	\$10,587	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.6%	Up from 56.4%	51.7%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.3%	Up from 61.5%	60.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Down from 100.0%	94.1%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	53.8%	Down from 100.0%	53.8%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	118	83
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.5%	47.5%	59.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.5%	55.9%	63.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	60.0%	74.6%	77.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Lee Central High School is striving to excel in all aspects of the school program. Our motto is "Academic Excellence is our ultimate goal-Failure is not an option." Lee Central is proud of its accomplishments and acknowledgements. Lee Central High is the recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for 2008. The school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2007-08 school year by meeting all 13 objectives, including attendance and the percentage of students tested. The Parent Resource Room is officially open. The graduating class received \$4,199,106 in scholarship offers with 46 seniors receiving LIFE Scholarships. Eight students earned a combined verbal and mathematics score of 1000 or above on the SAT or an ACT score of 21 or above. Thirty-four students received an Academic Letter. Twenty-nine students represented Lee Central at Clemson University during the annual Biology Merit Exam. One student received honorable mention for the Biology Merit Exam. One student was named the "Best of the Class 2009" by WLTX-TV and Newberry College. LCHS received the HSTW Professional Development Grant and the Education Development Act, At-Risk Student Committee Nine Schools Project Grant for Planning and Professional Development Dropout Preventions, and the Families Connection Grant.

As part of the High Schools That Work initiative, Lee Central High School implemented a comprehensive system of extra help for students. All teachers provided tutorials. Students also utilized Nova Net for course mastery as well as credit recovery for attendance.

Lee Central High School continues to enjoy outstanding success in extra-curricular activities. JROTC awarded Honor Unit with Distinction. One student was selected as a member of the 2008-2009 All State SATB Choir for the second consecutive year. The Lady Stallions finished 2nd place in the conference. A Lady Stallion was the player of the year for the 4-AA conference, AA- All State and North Carolina/South Carolina All Star, and selected as one of the Top Five Senior AA basketball players by the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association. The golf team and baseball teams qualified to participate in the state play off. Girls and boys track teams qualified to participate in the Upper State Track Meet. One female won the Upper State 800 meter.

We recognize that all of our stakeholders are a key component to the success of Lee Central High School. Parents, community members, ministerial, and business partners participated in the PTO, School Improvement Council, and various booster clubs. The Guidance Department, Curriculum Leadership Team, and Administrators coordinated several programs including, but not limited to, parent coffees, open house, and financial aid workshops, which increased parental involvement.

Dr. Nathaniel Nelson, Principal Rodney James, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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