SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pelion High
Lexington 1
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 775**
Principal: Jean N. Haggard
Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward
Board Chair: G. Edwin Harmon, Ph.D.

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	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	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
1	7	19	7	1

** 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 (%)	84.0%	76.8%	77.6%	72.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.0%	12.9%	12.1%	14.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.0%	10.3%	10.2%	13.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.1%	93.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

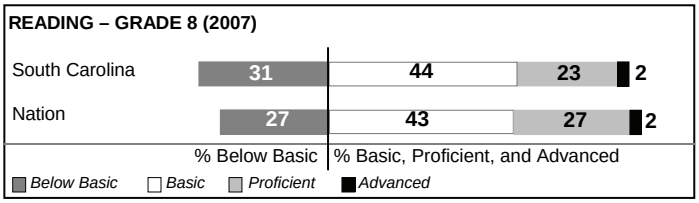
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	180	231
Number of Diplomas	131	169
Rate (%)	72.8%	74.9%

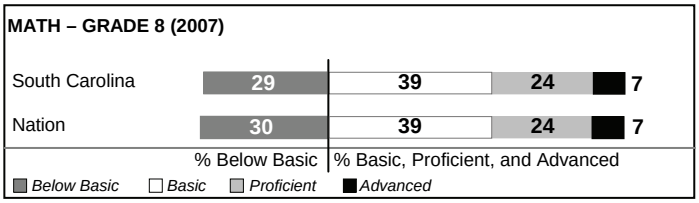
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

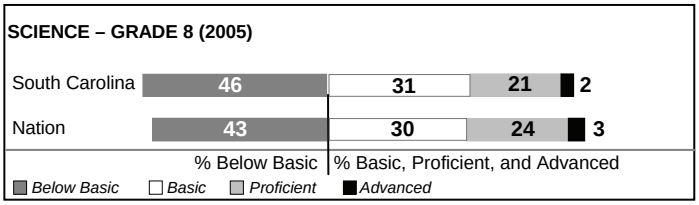
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.0%	66.5%
English 1	62.3%	54.2%
Physical Science	53.8%	42.3%
US History and the Constitution	50.0%	31.2%
All Tests	59.7%	47.9%

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=775)				
Retention rate	6.8%	Down from 8.4%	5.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 94.2%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.6%	Up from 9.0%	9.6%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	Down from 11.9%	13.6%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.8%	Up from 8.1%	10.4%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Down from 2.4%	0.9%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.9%	Down from 6.2%	8.4%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	70.6%	Up from 42.1%	49.7%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	43.3%	Down from 46.1%	29.7%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	1.0%	Up from 0.7%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	20.0%	Up from 18.8%	6.7%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	540	Up from 427	567	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	78.8%	Down from 82.5%	79.4%	79.3%
Teachers (n=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.9%	Up from 50.0%	56.8%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	75.4%	Up from 66.7%	73.0%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.5%	Up from 8.2%	10.1%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Up from 86.6%	84.7%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.9%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$49,730	Up 7.0%	$48,015	$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Down from 5.4%	4.1%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Down from 10.6 days	10.3 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	17.0	Up from 16.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.2 to 1	Up from 29.1 to 1	25.4 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 89.9%	89.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,302	Down 4.6%	$8,188	$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	48.2%	Down from 59.1%	54.1%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.9%	Up from 61.6%	59.8%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6%	Up from 96.5%	95.1%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	61.5%	Down from 92.3%	63.2%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	140	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	83.5%	73.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	82.1%	65.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.6%	83.6%	65.8%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pelion High School students, teachers, parents and staff have worked hard and reached numerous milestones of academic and extra-curricular achievement this past year — including improving student attendance, reducing the number of disciplinary referrals and winning a Palmetto Silver Award. We are pleased with our progress, and we look forward to meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead.

During the 2008–2009 school year, our faculty was involved in staff development that included Dr. Ruby Payne's book, "Frameworks for Understanding Poverty." These sessions were led by our principal and assistant principal for instruction. After heightening our awareness, we began developing and refining strategies for addressing the educational needs of our students who face severe and ongoing financial challenges. As it turned out, this staff development was particularly relevant to our student population during the current economic downturn.

We also continued to emphasize cross-curricular literacy development consistent with our High Schools That Work plan.

Although PHS received the Palmetto Silver Award in 2008–2009 for strong test scores, we continue to face the perennial challenge of improving our graduation rate. To address the need, we have taken a number of steps including developing an APEX credit recovery and unit recovery program, which provides remedial assistance and additional opportunities for success. More than 150 students struggling in core academic classes required for graduation, such as English, mathematics and science, have recovered units or credits. By passing these core academic units in ninth grade, students stay on track to earn a high school diploma in four years, thereby increasing Pelion High's graduation rate.

Our students and coaches enjoyed many successes. PHS athletes had a 71 percent success rate, with 11 of 14 varsity teams qualifying for the playoffs.

In fine arts, the marching band received superior and/or excellent ratings at five music festivals and had 10 PHS students named to the Region 2 Honor Band. The PHS orchestra had three students named to the all-state orchestra, and Serenata received a silver rating at the Southern Star Music Festival in Atlanta, Georgia.

In other activities, the FFA Wildlife Management Team won the state competition for the eighth time in nine years. The FFA Soils Team won the region championship, and a PHS student won State Star Farmer, the highest FFA state-level award. In addition, the Pelion High FBLA had a two-time district and state winner of Accounting and Business Calculations awards.

We invite you to visit PHS! To contact your child's teachers, call 803-821-2200 or go to www.lexington1.net/phs to get e-mail addresses.

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Tina Allenmond, SIC Chair

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