SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Newberry High
Newberry
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 774**
Principal: Barry J. Rosenberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	3	12	6	4

** 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 (%)	67.3%	61.9%	73.4%	67.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.4%	16.0%	14.0%	16.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	20.3%	22.1%	12.6%	16.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.1%	91.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

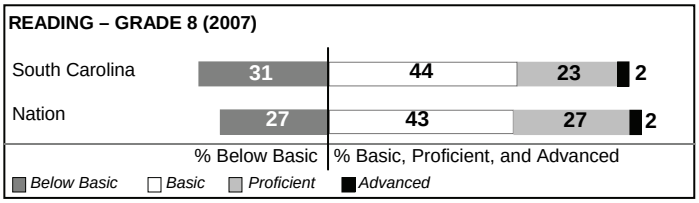
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	216	216
Number of Diplomas	184	150
Rate (%)	85.2%	70.9%

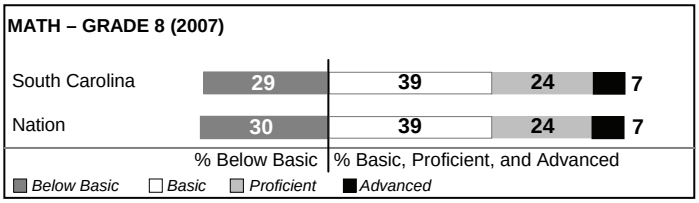
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

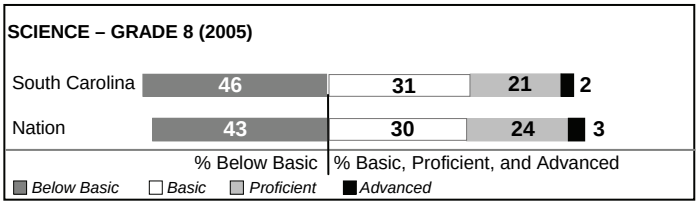
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	70.3%	59.9%
English 1	39.8%	52.0%
Physical Science	35.9%	39.6%
US History and the Constitution	34.8%	26.8%
All Tests	43.8%	44.2%

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=774)				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 3.8%	5.9%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.6%	95.0%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.6%	Up from 7.1%	7.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	15.4%	Down from 16.6%	13.8%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.7%	Up from 7.7%	10.5%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.4%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	4.7%	Down from 5.8%	6.9%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	38.5%	Up from 25.9%	30.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	8.7%	Up from 8.5%	28.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	7.0%	Up from 6.8%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	4.8%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	497	Down from 576	512	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.4%	Down from 78.2%	75.6%	79.3%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.0%	Up from 44.4%	56.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Up from 48.1%	68.2%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.3%	Down from 12.2%	10.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.8%	Up from 81.0%	84.7%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 95.4%	95.1%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$45,344	Up 6.9%	$48,464	$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.7%	No Change	6.2%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.7 days	Up from 7.3 days	11.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.3 to 1	Up from 22.5 to 1	24.5 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.9%	Down from 88.8%	89.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,819	Up 4.4%	$8,689	$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.2%	Up from 51.0%	51.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.5%	Down from 59.6%	59.5%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	58.8%	Up from 53.6%	91.0%	95.8%
Character development program	Below Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	64.7%	Down from 88.2%	55.2%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	106	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.0%	56.6%	55.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.0%	72.6%	55.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	48.0%	84.6%	74.3%

*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

Newberry High School's staff and students had an outstanding year in 2008-09. The school received the Palmetto Silver Award in two areas, for absolute improvement and closing the achievement gap in historically underachieving groups. The success as measured in graduation rate and HSAP scores reached all-time highs. This year's graduating class garnered over $1 million dollars in scholarship opportunities. Extracurricular programs such as Band and Athletics also had outstanding years with numerous awards and region championships. Innovative programs such as content recovery, Freshmen Academy, and advisory continue to show positive results.

The NHS motto of "Failure is Not an Option" continues to drive our work with students. Exciting new opportunities are being developed such as Mastery Algebra and new scheduling options for the Freshmen Academy. Professional development has centered on engaging work for students through the WOW initiative and Marzano's most effective instructional strategies. Teachers work collaboratively on early-release Wednesdays and other professional development days throughout the school year.

The SIC has been particularly active in teacher recruitment and retention initiatives. Teacher appreciation activities and creation of a recruitment packet for NHS were completed during the school year.

As we move forward, NHS faces many challenges to accomplishing our mission, but we remain undeterred in our resolve to accomplish the goal of helping every student succeed.

Barry Rosenberg, Ed.D.
Principal

Sarah Brickley, President
NHS SIC

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