

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Walhalla Senior High
Oconee
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 957**
Principal: Evie G Hughes
Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

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	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2007	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
2	8	16	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 (%)	90.8%	84.2%	83.3%	77.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	4.2%	7.7%	9.5%	12.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.0%	8.1%	7.5%	10.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.3%	95.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

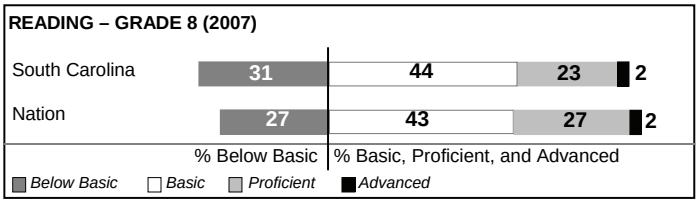
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	266	344
Number of Diplomas	205	255
Rate (%)	77.1%	75.0%

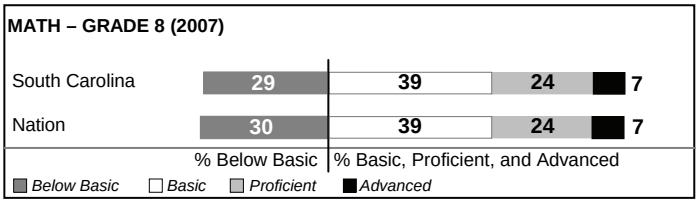
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

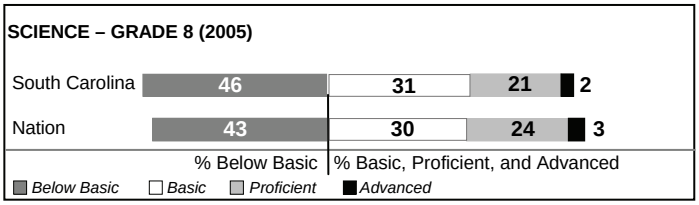
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	70.0%	74.8%
English 1	79.0%	65.8%
Physical Science	63.2%	56.7%
US History and the Constitution	53.2%	48.0%
All Tests	65.7%	60.2%

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=957)				
Retention rate	3.1%	Up from 3.0%	3.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.9%	95.3%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.2%	Down from 0.7%	13.2%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	15.5%	No Change	12.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	6.9%	Up from 4.3%	6.9%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.3%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.7%	Down from 15.1%	15.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.4%	Down from 56.9%	55.7%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.8%	Up from 42.0%	32.4%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	2.2%	Down from 2.5%	3.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.2%	Up from 6.0%	1.5%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	756	Up from 735	700	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	93.4%	Up from 93.2%	81.2%	79.3%
Teachers (n=59)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.1%	Up from 64.9%	64.4%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	79.7%	Down from 86.0%	77.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	4.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.6%	Down from 89.6%	87.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 94.3%	95.7%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$48,427	Up 3.5%	$48,711	$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.6%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Down from 16.5 days	10.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	7.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.3 to 1	Up from 25.5 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Up from 87.9%	90.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,691	Up 3.3%	$7,242	$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.1%	Down from 57.2%	54.7%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 60.8%	59.5%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.8%	Up from 93.3%	95.7%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	70.6%	Down from 100.0%	71.0%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	53	199	134
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.3%	80.9%	90.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.2%	85.9%	86.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.3%	87.9%	83.2%

*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

Walhalla High School had many accomplishments in the 2008–2009 school year. The Class of 2009 earned three million dollars in scholarships. There were 132 students eligible for the Life scholarship and five Palmetto Fellows. Three students in the senior class met the requirements for a state academic achievement honors award and four students were recognized for having twelve years of perfect attendance. Walhalla High School had eighteen seniors graduate with high honors and forty-five students graduate with honors. Eighty-four percent of the Class of 2009 received Platinum Seal awards by completing a career cluster.

This year we were recognized as being “One of the Nation’s Best High Schools” by US News & World Report. We were also recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award winner for 2009. Our Biology II students received a Champion of the Environment grant for Bluebird Habitats and were featured in a television commercial. Five student groups won in the Region 4 National History Day Contest and progressed to the State Competition. One of our guidance counselors, Greg Bearden, was recognized by the SC Commission on Higher Education for excellence in school counseling.

The Razorback Marching Band won first place at the Wagner Marching Band Invitational and received an excellent rating at the SCBDA marching band championship. They were also invited to perform at Walt Disney World’s Magic Music Days. The Orchestra received a superior rating at the SCMEA state concert festival and the Chorus received an excellent rating in the SC State Choral Festival. The chorale participated in the SC Upper State Region Choir

WHS claimed two Region Championships during the school year in volleyball and baseball. Thirty-seven student athletes were recognized as being All Region. WHS had two Players of the Year and a Coach of the Year in the Skyline Region. Eight of our student athletes made All-State and our competitive cheer squad finished fourth in the state.

The achievements of Walhalla High School students is a direct result of the commitment of faculty, parents, and community working together to empower students to become life-long learners by building rapport and providing relevant, rigorous instruction.

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Olivia Timms, SIC Chairman

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