



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blythewood High
Richland 2
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,994
Principal: G. Keith Price
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Hefner
Board Chair: Melinda Anderson

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	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	7	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 (%)	88.6%	80.7%	85.7%	81.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	5.9%	11.5%	8.0%	10.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.5%	7.8%	6.3%	8.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.1%	95.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

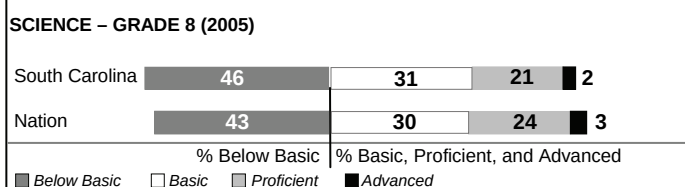
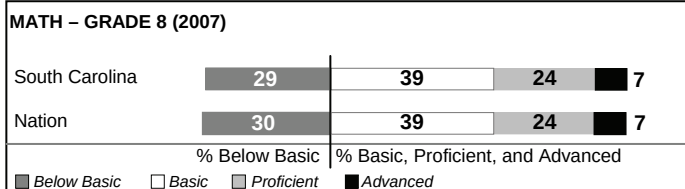
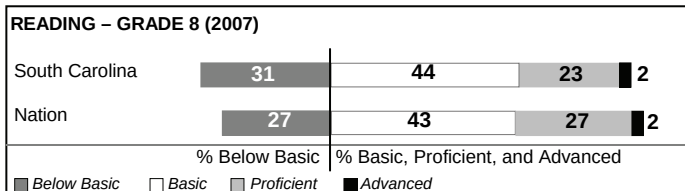
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	466	402
Number of Diplomas	350	304
Rate (%)	75.1%	73.2%

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	86.4%	75.2%
English 1	73.9%	70.0%
Physical Science	60.0%	64.9%
US History and the Constitution	56.7%	50.7%
All Tests	67.7%	64.7%

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=1,994)				
Retention rate	3.4%	Down from 3.8%	5.1%	4.8%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.5%	95.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.7%	Up from 14.2%	13.8%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Down from 10.1%	10.0%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.9%	Up from 5.6%	6.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.5%	Down from 4.2%	1.2%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	17.1%	Up from 16.4%	19.2%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	68.4%	Down from 68.8%	63.5%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.2%	Down from 33.0%	32.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	Up from 2.0%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.5%	Down from 5.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1139	Up from 1087	905	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.3%	Down from 86.0%	80.1%	79.3%
Teachers (n=131)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.8%	Up from 56.0%	61.1%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	62.6%	Up from 51.7%	73.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.4%	Down from 17.0%	6.9%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.6%	N/A	86.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.8%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,703	Up 4.7%	\$48,547	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.2%	2.3%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	12.3 days	Up from 10.4 days	9.7 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.3 to 1	Down from 27.6 to 1	27.8 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 90.9%	90.1%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,439	Down 2.7%	\$6,600	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.3%	Up from 59.3%	56.9%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.2%	Up from 62.8%	62.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 89.6%	97.7%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 90.5%	76.2%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	127	360	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.9%	78.4%	80.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.4%	80.1%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.0%	84.3%	65.4%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

During 2008-09, Blythewood High School expanded to a student population of 1,976. The implementation of a new schedule for our weekly adviser-advisee program (PAWS-Planning and Advisement With Students) increased student access to interest groups and clubs and extended the focus on smaller learning communities (SLC's). A three-week cycle was developed by teachers, matching the PAWS schedule to our reporting periods for interims and report cards. Students met with advisers regarding academics one week, completed house activities the next week, and moved to student interest groups or clubs with an adult sponsor on the third PASSPORT week. This schedule has significantly increased student participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Blythewood High added staff to support two new career clusters: one for law, public safety, and security, and a second for building construction. A second band director was added to expand the band program to include world music in the fine arts curriculum and to enrich interdisciplinary studies with the integration of world music across the broader curriculum.

Blythewood High is home to a National Merit Finalist, a National Spanish exam award winner, and one student who received cum laude on the National Latin Exam. We are proud of the student who obtained a perfect score on the verbal section of the SAT. A Blythewood High student placed first in the state Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) career development competition, and several students competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference. Four of our health science students achieved national nurse's aide certification, and one was elected to state office for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Blythewood High's teacher of the year and chef for the culinary arts program was a contender for the national ProStart teacher of the year.

In their first year of 4A competition, Blythewood High Bengals won the state girls' lacrosse championship, the individual track state championship in the boys' 400 meter, and the boys 4x100 team relay championship. The Blythewood High School girls swimming, girls tennis, volleyball, girls golf, softball, and girls bowling all earned region championships. The Bengals placed one player on the All-State Boys Golf Team.

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Daylon Laws, SIC Chairperson

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