

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sumter High
Sumter 17
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,480
Principal: W. Rutledge Dingle
Superintendent: Zona W. Jefferson, Ph. D.
Board Chair: Mr. Greg L. Simonson

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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below 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
1	9	25	4	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 (%)	73.8%	63.7%	79.8%	74.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.1%	19.3%	10.9%	13.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.1%	16.9%	9.4%	12.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.1%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

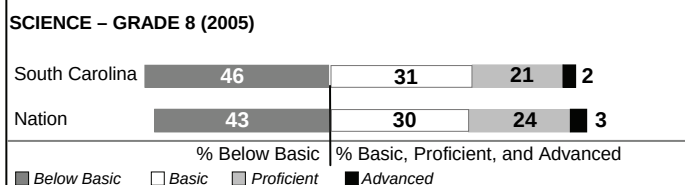
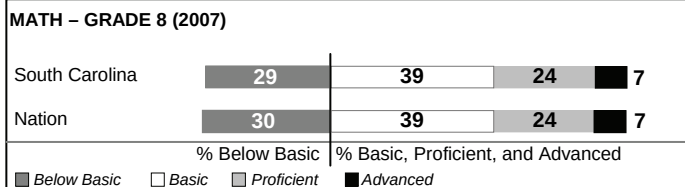
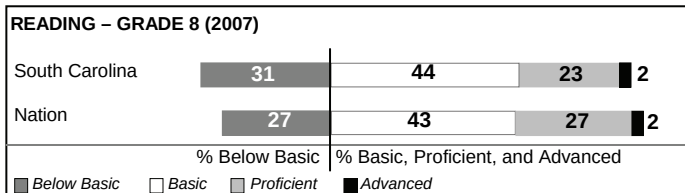
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	606	253
Number of Diplomas	486	185
Rate (%)	80.2%	74.8%

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	61.5%	70.6%
English 1	53.6%	59.7%
Physical Science	44.1%	49.0%
US History and the Constitution	46.0%	35.9%
All Tests	51.3%	52.7%

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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=2,480)				
Retention rate	7.6%	Down from 10.9%	4.7%	4.8%
Attendance rate	93.0%	Up from 92.7%	95.0%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.2%	Up from 8.8%	11.2%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	14.0%	Up from 13.7%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	14.0%	Up from 13.7%	9.1%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Up from 1.1%	0.9%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.1%	Down from 8.2%	13.1%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	82.0%	Up from 78.6%	47.7%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.0%	Down from 30.1%	30.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Down from 2.7%	4.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1430	Up from 907	515	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.1%	Up from 70.2%	78.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=157)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.9%	Up from 63.5%	58.5%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	77.1%	Up from 72.4%	77.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	13.4%	Down from 17.2%	6.4%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.3%	Down from 88.5%	86.2%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.5%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,117	Up 1.2%	\$47,968	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.2%	Down from 10.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	3.1 days	Down from 8.4 days	12.5 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.1 to 1	No Change	27.1 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 86.5%	89.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,745	Up 1.9%	\$7,682	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.1%	Down from 51.9%	54.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.0%	Down from 60.7%	59.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 92.1%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Down from 71.4%	66.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	140	389	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.0%	71.6%	94.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.4%	70.2%	61.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.6%	85.5%	77.8%

*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

Sumter High School is a National Model School and a High Schools That Work award winner. These honors place Sumter High among the best schools in the nation. Educational leaders from across the state and region have visited Sumter High to observe our curriculum, and staff members from our school have made presentations across the country. We believe this validates our claim to excellence.

Athletic teams at Sumter High won six region titles, and our football team was state runner-up. Our band program received numerous superior awards, and our marching band was among the top ten in the state marching championships. Our choir and strings program performed all over South Carolina, winning accolades and awards. The Sumter High Drama Program performed dozens of shows, and they will represent South Carolina in national competition this summer. Our art programs continue to garner awards, and we hosted two art competitions.

Sumter High graduates have excelled in postsecondary endeavors, and this year's graduating class possesses much talent as well. Our seniors include 24 Palmetto Fellows, 134 Life Scholarship winners, 8 Advanced Placement Scholars, 5 National Merit Achievement winners, one National Merit Finalist, and 9 South Carolina Academic Honors Award recipients. Twenty-five students were awarded the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma or Certificate.

Sumter High continues to move ahead. More Sumter High students passed the state exit exam on the first attempt than ever before. Our Advanced Placement students bested the national average passing rate. Our International Baccalaureate students bested the international rate for exam scores. Our students showed an improvement of ten points on our Scholastic Aptitude Tests, and we are at the national average in verbal. We had a record 121 students to earn college credit through our agreement with the University of South Carolina-Sumter, with an additional 12 earning credit through Central Carolina Technical College.

Sumter High strives to move forward, proud of its heritage and accomplishments, and looking forward to meeting the challenges of the Twenty-First Century.

W. Rutledge Dingle, Principal
Ms. Maryanne Atkison, Sumter High School Improvement Council
Dr. Zona Jefferson, Superintendent