

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Union County High Union

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,306

Principal: Joe Walker

Superintendent: Dr. David L. Eubanks

Board Chair: Dr. Wanda R. All

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	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below 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
2	7	21	5	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 (%)	73.4%	71.1%	78.4%	73.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.1%	13.5%	11.6%	13.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.5%	15.4%	10.1%	12.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.9%	93.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

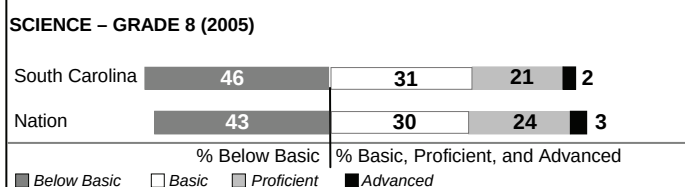
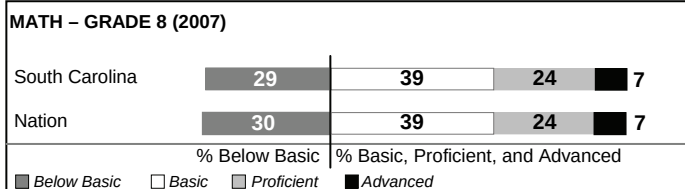
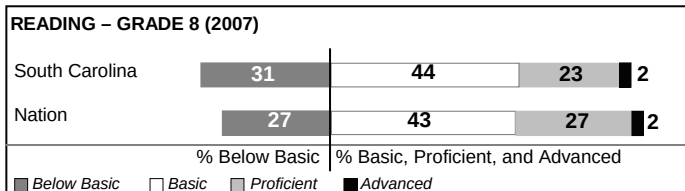
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	342	220
Number of Diplomas	248	165
Rate (%)	72.5%	76.0%

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	67.9%	68.0%
English 1	38.7%	55.9%
Physical Science	28.5%	43.5%
US History and the Constitution	33.6%	31.6%
All Tests	42.8%	49.0%

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=1,306)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 4.5%	5.0%	4.8%
Attendance rate	92.3%	Up from 91.9%	94.8%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.9%	Up from 19.7%	9.6%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	16.7%	Up from 16.5%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	6.4%	Down from 7.5%	9.7%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.8%	Down from 5.6%	0.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.6%	Up from 5.1%	8.4%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	51.1%	Up from 30.3%	49.7%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	9.9%	Up from 7.5%	29.7%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Up from 0.7%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	12.6%	Up from 0.0%	6.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1044	Up from 694	528	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	81.7%	Down from 84.2%	80.5%	79.3%
Teachers (n=88)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	46.6%	Down from 50.0%	54.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	59.1%	Down from 60.3%	74.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.1%	Down from 12.1%	9.1%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.0%	Up from 74.4%	84.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 93.1%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,898	Up 1.9%	\$47,744	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Down from 5.7%	4.0%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	6.9 days	Down from 10.9 days	10.9 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.9 to 1	Up from 28.5 to 1	25.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Up from 83.1%	89.4%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$4,846	Down 7.7%	\$8,168	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.1%	Down from 57.9%	54.0%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.1%	Down from 62.0%	59.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.6%	Up from 76.8%	95.3%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%	Down from 66.7%	64.0%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	71	237	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.7%	59.1%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.4%	65.2%	60.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.8%	78.6%	71.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Union County High School had an outstanding year, and the theme this year of "Striving for Excellence" came true. Union County High School was named a South Carolina Palmetto Gold School and received a financial award of \$12,852. Our Absolute Rating moved up to Average and the Growth Rating moved up to Excellent! Our students, teachers, parents, staff, district office, and school board are proud of this accomplishment for our entire community. Our seniors earned \$1,498,844 in scholarships, and one student accepted an appointment to the Air Force Academy. Our Visual and Performing Arts students earned numerous awards and presented GT Music Recitals, Choral Concerts, Band Concerts, and competitions along with two more wonderful plays. The Yellow Jacket Army JROTC Unit earned "Honor of Distinction" again and won a place in the George C. Marshall Academic Challenge and a trip for four cadets to Washington, D.C. All of our sophomore students took both the PLAN and PSAT tests this year. We had Academic celebrations to encourage and thank our entire End of Course students, HSAP students, and All A and All A/B Honor Roll students. Our District Office, in conjunction with the local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Organization, funded our Celebrate Seniors program again this year.

We were extremely pleased with the response our counselors received from our parents and students in setting up Individualized Graduation Plans this year for the rising ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students. Our total number of completed IGP plans was nearly 100% early this spring. Our counselors and staff developed a great plan, and the community responded to our requests for appointments and assisting their students in planning their course pursuits according to their career interests. We continued to participate in Career Quest, Ed-OP Day, and other programs in collaboration with Spartanburg area colleges and secondary schools. Our seniors benefit greatly from these opportunities in their decision making process for next year. Our Ninth Grade Academy continued to develop and assist our ninth grade students with their transition to the high school program. UCHS was able to contact and work with all of our students in some format in choosing and recognizing career aspirations through our CDF. We used our Small Learning Community Grant to institute a thirty-minute per day Academy Time which served as enhancement and remediation for the appropriate students. Our goal through our SLC Grant this year is to plan for Upper Level Academies for all students by the 2010-11 school year.

We saw measured improvement in our End of Course scores and Longitudinal HSAP scores. We are so proud of the teachers, students, and parents for their support and hard work. We are making progress and look forward to moving forward in all of our AYP subgroup areas. We have focused on improving the EOC and HSAP scores for all students. Our graduation rate is steady, and we now want to move it up and toward much higher percentages in the very near future. The goal of Union County High School is to continue to teach with excellence and for all of our students to be learning at the highest level at which they are proficient.

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Karen Greer, SIC Chairman

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