



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwestern High
Rock Hill
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,790
Principal: James A. Blake II
Superintendent: Dr. Lynn P. Moody
Board Chair: Bob Norwood

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	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	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
2	9	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 (%)	78.7%	75.2%	83.8%	79.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.4%	13.8%	9.3%	11.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.9%	11.0%	7.1%	9.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.1%	95.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

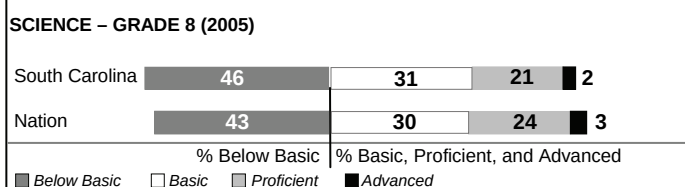
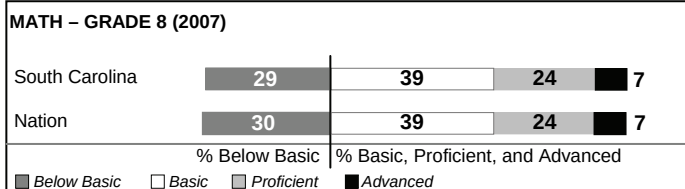
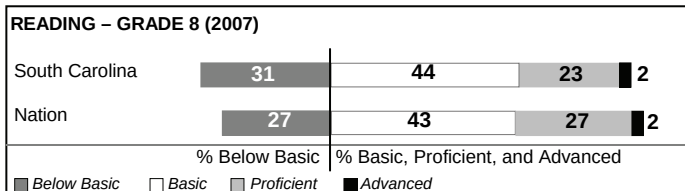
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	446	435
Number of Diplomas	343	328
Rate (%)	76.9%	75.6%

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	73.4%	73.9%
English 1	62.7%	67.9%
Physical Science	80.1%	61.9%
US History and the Constitution	43.5%	50.6%
All Tests	62.3%	62.5%

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=1,790)				
Retention rate	6.5%	Down from 10.3%	4.5%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.6%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.3%	Up from 7.5%	12.6%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.8%	Up from 13.0%	11.0%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	10.6%	Up from 10.4%	6.6%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Down from 1.6%	1.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.7%	Up from 17.1%	17.1%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	73.4%	Down from 79.6%	66.3%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	51.2%	Up from 28.8%	32.2%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.0%	No Change	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.7%	Up from 0.0%	2.5%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1174	Up from 1001	946	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	77.0%	Up from 75.4%	77.3%	79.3%
Teachers (n=102)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.0%	Down from 54.7%	60.4%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	71.6%	Down from 77.9%	73.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.4%	Up from 4.7%	6.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.7%	Up from 82.3%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 95.8%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,042	Up 0.8%	\$47,870	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.1%	1.9%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 11.4 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.9 to 1	Down from 31.9 to 1	28.4 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 90.6%	89.9%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,249	Up 4.1%	\$6,489	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.3%	Up from 61.7%	56.6%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.6%	Up from 63.8%	62.4%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	97.1%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%	Up from 71.4%	71.4%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	110	283	109
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	85.2%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.3%	88.3%	82.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.1%	89.6%	83.7%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwestern High School, supported by a community that logged over "70,000 volunteer hours" and an instructional staff of 154 members (12 National Board certified / 70% of staff holding a Masters+), prides itself in providing academic, artistic, and athletic opportunities for all students.

Academically: Northwestern student performance earned the school "Palmetto Silver" honors for 2008. This school year, 371 seniors met all state and district requirements to receive a SC Diploma. Of those graduating seniors, 17 graduated with "Highest Honors," 15 graduated with "Honors," 15 were recognized as AP scholar candidates, 10 International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates, 63 were awarded a Gold Seal diploma, 6 were awarded the State of South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, and 9 graduates are eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2009 exceeded \$4,500,000.

Artistically: Northwestern's performing arts program produced over 50 Allstate performers. Our school's orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring a superior rating in the SC Music Educators Association competition and finished second in the state. The Troubadours (chorus) seated eight all state performers, and entertained our community with winter holiday and spring concerts. The Troubadours have been recognized as the best 4A chorus in the state two of the past four years, finishing second in the state the other two years. Visually, our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions, with many pieces receiving first place honors. One senior artist has the distinct honor of having work displayed in Washington, DC, as our Congressional District "Best in Show" art winner for two consecutive years. Our Theater Department performed two major productions in multiple shows for our area schools, along with performances for the community. In the Theatrical Association state festival, our student actors' performance helped secure the state's runner-up title. The Purple Regiment marching band went undefeated in state and regional competitions, securing the first of two state championships for the school. Our total band program secured the prestigious "Outstanding Performance Award" from the SC Band Director's Association for the 19th consecutive year.

Athletically: This year, over 100 seniors provided leadership on our athletic teams. Our 20 varsity athletic teams won 8 region championships. In the fall, our football team secured the region and upper-state championship and played for the state championship for the sixth time in school history. Our boys' varsity basketball team advanced to the upper-state championship game. After securing four region championships in the spring, our girls' track team brought home the 4A state runner-up trophy by the closest of margins, and, a week later, our boys' soccer team, ranked #1 nationally during the season, concluded the athletic season undefeated, winning the state championship for the third time in four years. The SCHSL recognized 41 scholar and 63 All Region athletes, with 18 athletes receiving All State honors. Thirty-one senior athletes have been offered athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level. As a result of the competitive spirit of our student/athletes and teams, Northwestern leads our region, area, and county, finishing fifth in the state's SCHSL Director's Cup competition, which recognizes the classification's most competitive athletic programs.

Howard Wright – SIC Chair

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