

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Pointe High
Rock Hill
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,409
Principal: Al Leonard
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	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	8	19	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 (%)	79.2%	77.7%	82.9%	77.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.0%	11.0%	9.8%	12.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.8%	11.3%	7.5%	10.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.0%	94.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

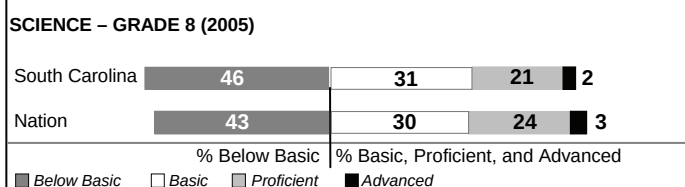
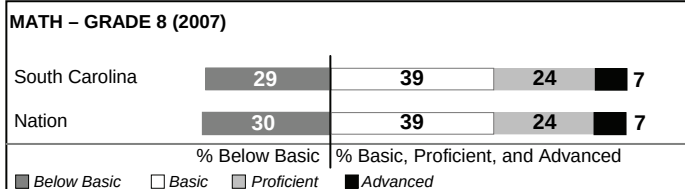
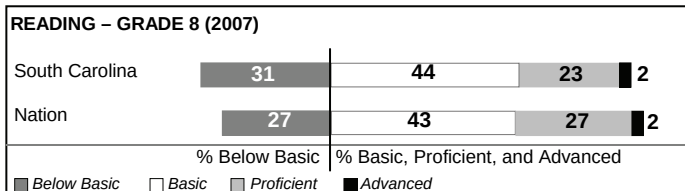
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	367	349
Number of Diplomas	277	259
Rate (%)	75.5%	75.0%

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	67.3%	74.2%
English 1	58.2%	64.5%
Physical Science	63.9%	57.6%
US History and the Constitution	33.5%	47.1%
All Tests	55.2%	59.7%

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=1,409)				
Retention rate	8.0%	Down from 10.0%	3.8%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.4%	Down from 10.4%	13.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Down from 13.9%	12.5%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	10.3%	Down from 10.7%	7.4%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.8%	Up from 1.0%	1.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.8%	Down from 26.5%	15.9%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	57.6%	Up from 40.4%	55.6%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.4%	Up from 31.1%	32.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	2.4%	Down from 4.5%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	1.6%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	861	Up from 815	745	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.4%	Up from 73.6%	78.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=89)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.9%	Up from 65.4%	63.8%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	67.4%	Up from 63.0%	77.6%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.6%	Up from 3.3%	4.3%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.4%	N/A	87.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 96.5%	95.7%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,775	Up 0.9%	\$48,989	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1%	Up from 2.0%	1.6%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.9 days	Down from 14.1 days	10.3 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	6.3	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.8 to 1	Down from 31.4 to 1	28.0 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Down from 89.9%	90.3%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,587	Down 7.0%	\$6,890	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.1%	Up from 52.9%	55.2%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.2%	Up from 56.3%	60.0%	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 76.4%	95.6%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Down from 71.4%	70.6%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	168	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	80.7%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.5%	84.9%	62.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.1%	89.5%	75.8%

*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

The 2008-2009 school term marked another historic year for our school. This year's senior class was the first to begin as freshman and complete all four years at the school. Many members of this class of 318 students have risen to the high expectations the administration and faculty established to encourage students to take the most rigorous courses they are capable of successfully completing.

Forty-four seniors took Advanced Placement (AP) exams in English, history, math and/or art. We also had students who worked toward college credit in over 12 different courses offered in partnership with Winthrop University, York Technical College, and USC Lancaster.

Twenty-nine International Baccalaureate (IB) candidates completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the IB Diploma and took exams in six subjects. South Pointe has the second largest number of full-IB Diploma Seniors in the state of South Carolina and is also number two in terms of the percentage of senior candidates.

South Pointe had a notable year in the arts. Nine orchestra students attended Solo and Ensemble Festival, where they earned Superior ratings for their solos, duets, and trios, while two were selected to play in the Union Symphony Orchestra next year. The Stallion Corral Concert Choir (SCCC) continued their tradition of excellence, with ten students representing South Pointe at SC All-Stat Chorus. In addition, two students were recognized as the best in the nation as they sang with the American Choral Director's Association's National Honor Choir in Oklahoma.

The South Pointe Band of Thunder had a very successful year, having won two class championships, including the 1A/2A Grand Championship at Band Beat. The Concert Band earned a Superior at Solo and Ensemble, while eleven students made Region Band.

South Pointe's student newspaper, South Pointe in the News (SPIN), collected 15 Region Awards from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association. On the national level, SPIN received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Circle Award and had a story recognized with the National Scholastic Press Association's Story of the Year Award.

Although South Pointe was one of the smallest schools in 4A competition, we had a successful year in athletics. Forty-five senior student-athletes were recognized by the South Carolina High School League as Scholar Athletes. One of the highlights of the season was the varsity football team's victory in the Division II State Championship game held at Clemson University.

The faculty and staff continue to develop innovative strategies to address students' needs. Examples include a weekly Advisor/Advisee program and a "212 class" that is designed to provide additional support for all students in English and math at their individual academic levels.

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Lori McDermott, SIC Chairperson

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