



## CHEROKEE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

3206 Cherokee Avenue  
Gaffney, SC 29340

<b>Grades</b>	10-12 Career Center	
<b>Enrollment</b>	594 Students	
<b>Director</b>	Harold G. Talley	864-206-2576
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<b>Superintendent</b>	Kim Bagwell	864-902-3500

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2010 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2010</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>At-Risk</b>
2009	Excellent	Good
2008	Excellent	Excellent
2007	Good	At-Risk
2006	Excellent	Excellent

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

## SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE 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.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE 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.

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
17	14	1	4	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/07/2011.

**School Profile**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
<b>Students (n=594)</b>			
With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Up from 8.2%	9.8%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	15.0%	Up from 8.5%	15.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	594	Down from 669	611
Students participating in work-based experiences	67.0%	Up from 51.0%	27.2%
<b>Teachers (n=29)</b>			
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.2%	Up from 48.4%	25.0%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	No Change	75.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	21.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	96.7%	Down from 98.7%	91.6%
Teacher attendance rate	92.2%	Down from 95.0%	95.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,926	Down 0.1%	\$48,180
Professional development days/teacher	8.4 days	Down from 8.8 days	12.8 days
<b>School</b>			
Director's years at Center	3.5	Up from 2.5	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$4,091	Up 2.9%	\$3,276
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.6%	Up from 57.8%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	72.1%	Down from 77.1%	66.6%
Parents attending conferences	94.9%	Up from 77.7%	94.9%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	18	108	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.9%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	86.1%	88.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	93.5%	88.4%

\* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

**Performance By Student Groups**

	Technical Skill Attainment			Graduation Rate			Placement Rate		
	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %
	n	%		n	%		n	%	
<b>All Students</b>	491	93.1%	86.0%	136	89.0%	95.8%	183	95.1%	96.7%
<b>Students with Disabilities on Diploma Track</b>	57	94.7%	74.1%	20	90.0%	80.3%	18	100.0%	93.5%
<b>Gender</b>									
Male	301	94.4%	83.3%	75	88.0%	94.7%	121	97.5%	97.2%
Female	190	91.1%	89.1%	61	90.2%	96.8%	62	90.3%	96.2%
<b>Racial/Ethnic Group</b>									
White	361	93.1%	89.7%	98	93.9%	97.1%	156	94.2%	97.3%
African American	111	92.8%	80.6%	35	74.3%	93.7%	22	100.0%	95.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	I/S	92.3%	0	0.0%	98.9%	0	0.0%	96.9%
Hispanic	18	94.4%	87.3%	3	I/S	96.3%	5	100.0%	97.8%
American Indian/Alaskan	0	0.0%	78.5%	0	0.0%	100.0%	0	0.0%	84.6%
<b>Migrant Status</b>									
Migrant	0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
<b>English Proficiency</b>									
Limited English Proficient	17	94.1%	89.4%	48	95.8%	96.3%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
<b>Socio-Economic Status</b>									
Subsidized meals	346	92.2%	81.8%	88	85.2%	94.2%	89	94.4%	95.3%

\* n = number of students on which percentage is calculated.

**Definitions of Performance Rating Terms**

- \* Technical Skill Attainment --- The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at the center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.
- \* Graduation Rate --- The percentage of 12th grade career and technology students who graduate in the spring.
- \* Placement Rate --- The percentage of career and technology completers available for placement over a 3-year period who are actually placed in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment.

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Report of Director and School Improvement Council

Cherokee Technology Center affords learners from Blacksburg and Gaffney High Schools the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills through Career and Technology Education. Having met AYP for seven consecutive years and being fully SACS accredited, Cherokee Technology Center is an institution dedicated to success. Our school's success is indicative of the outstanding effort and performance, demonstrated by the students, parents, teachers, and advisory councils at Cherokee Technology Center. We believe that our joint dedication to excellence and our collaborative efforts continually assist us in surpassing our goals.

Our highly qualified faculty is always dedicated to success and ready to tackle any project. With 100% of our faculty classified as highly qualified, our instructors are continually seeking to better themselves to benefit the school and the students. Our instructors are always eager to attend additional training and workshops, while preparing themselves to pass on pertinent knowledge to other stakeholders in our school. With three OSHA certified instructors, we have been able to certify 23 CATE students during the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, CTC began offering the 1152 Fire Fighter course in conjunction with the Gaffney City Fire Department and was able to certify 12 students. CTC also partnered with Spartanburg Community College to offer Dual Credit Health Science courses during 2009-2010. Participation in these courses allowed CTC students to participate in National Health Science Assessments. Dedicated to community efforts as well, our faculty of 35 members was able to make sizeable donations to the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes.

In 2010-2011, Cherokee Technology Center will continue to provide a diverse educational experience that will benefit all stakeholders. Cherokee Technology Center will continue to partner with Blacksburg and Gaffney High Schools to implement the Education and Economic Development Act. Cherokee Technology Center will continue to partner with Gaffney High School and Blacksburg High School to implement High Schools that Work. Curriculum improvements will ensure that our students are afforded the most current and relevant curriculum available.

Harold G. Talley, Director  
Terry Hall, SIC President

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress

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