

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

HILLCREST SENIOR HIGH

Greenville

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 2,163

Principal: Stephen A. Chamness

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

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		
2010	Good	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	16	5	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 09/29/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	73.0%	72.8%	81.0%	80.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.9%	17.2%	10.6%	11.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.1%	10.0%	8.4%	8.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.4%	92.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	592	421
Number of Diplomas	432	317
Rate (%)	73.0%	73.2%

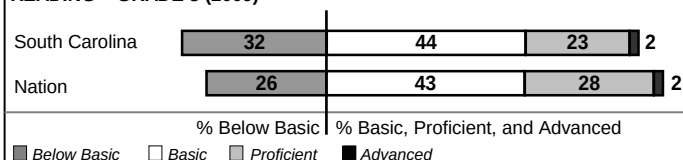
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	75.8	77.1
English 1	75.8	73.6
Physical Science	66.6	66.0
US History and the Constitution	46.6	54.0
All Tests	66.4	67.2

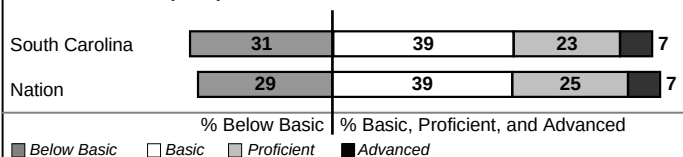
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

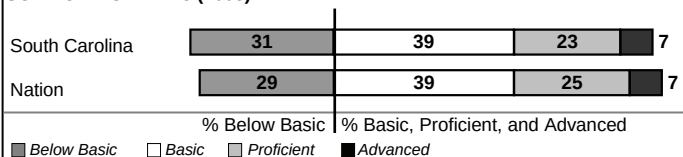
READING - GRADE 8 (2009)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2009)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)



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=2,163)				
Retention rate	4.3%	No Change	2.8%	3.7%
Attendance rate	93.9%	Up from 93.7%	95.6%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.3%	Up from 13.8%	17.3%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 11.5%	11.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	8.0%	Up from 6.3%	7.6%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	No Change	0.7%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.6%	Down from 26.6%	18.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	43.8%	Down from 44.8%	60.3%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	52.1%	Up from 28.0%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	4.0%	Up from 3.6%	2.9%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.5%	Down from 3.0%	1.7%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1243	Down from 1391	749	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.6%	Up from 84.4%	78.4%	78.7%
Teachers (n=113)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.9%	Down from 55.5%	60.0%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	74.3%	Up from 70.9%	78.2%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.1%	Down from 14.7%	4.8%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.0%	Up from 81.4%	87.5%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.4%	Up from 95.2%	95.5%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,065	Up 1.4%	\$48,040	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Down from 2.3%	0.8%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	6.1 days	Down from 7.1 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.0 to 1	No Change	28.7 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 88.6%	89.8%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,317	Down 1.6%	\$6,976	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.6%	Up from 58.2%	57.1%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.4%	Up from 61.6%	61.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.9%	Down from 98.9%	96.7%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Up from 61.9%	71.0%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	80	395	82
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.3%	75.3%	78.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.3%	78.8%	70.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.9%	83.5%	75.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For almost sixty years, Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn Community. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Through interest assessments, job shadowing, work-site visits, and career speakers, students evaluate their interests. The Career Development Facilitator provides various opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop their goals. Each student meets with their guidance counselor to determine which classes best suit the student's needs and goals. Students have ample opportunity to investigate their interests through many outstanding classes at Hillcrest High.

The Freshman Academy is an exceptional feature that continues to positively impact our ninth graders. With common planning times, collaboration among faculty members increases and strengthens our academic programs for our ninth grade students. Teachers offer after school tutoring at least two days each week and regularly communicate student progress to parents. Hillcrest is also one of the first high schools in Greenville County to offer single gender classes for freshman math and English classes.

Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Each year many of our teams compete for regional, as well as, state championships. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular clubs and organizations. Our agriculture department is considered a model program across the state and has been featured on South Carolina's ETV. It boasts Hillcrest Greenhouse Industries, which is a student run enterprise from buying the seed to selling the products that operates a fall plant sale, Christmas tree sale, and spring plant sale each year. This department also supports several small animal care classes. Our business department and fine arts departments are also leaders in our district.

Hillcrest continues to seek avenues in which students can exercise goodwill and leadership. Once again, our student body in partnership with the community raised over \$100,000 in one week in support of a local charity and an underprivileged school. Students are also active in other charities such as hosting the largest food drive in our school district's history. The local community strongly supports Hillcrest High School. Both athletic and academic booster clubs are strong and actively involved in providing support in the form of time and money for our students. Hillcrest is dedicated to providing a safe, positive learning environment which brings together the resources of staff, family, and our community to create the best future possible for our students.

Stephen Chamness, Principal
Lynn Tuten, SIC Chairperson

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