

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WASHINGTON CENTER SPECIAL
Greenville
Grades: K-12 **Enrollment: 135**
Principal: Wanda Brownlee
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	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	8	3	12

* 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 (%)	N/A	N/A	56.6%	55.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	N/A	20.9%	19.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	N/A	26.0%	28.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	78.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

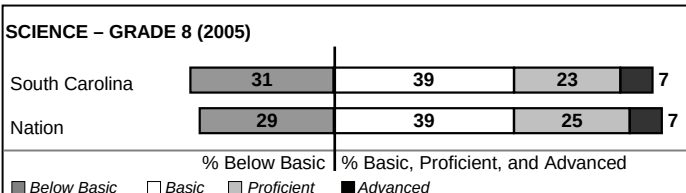
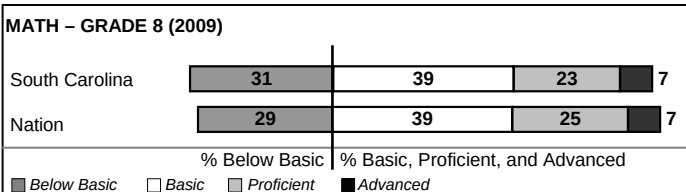
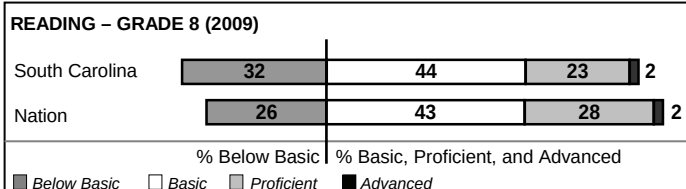
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	6	107
Number of Diplomas	0	65
Rate (%)	0.0%	53.9%

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		49.7
English 1		46.3
Physical Science		32.8
US History and the Constitution		22.8
All Tests		36.7

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=135)				
Retention rate	12.6%	Down from 14.9%	6.2%	3.7%
Attendance rate	93.8%	No Change	94.8%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	1.3%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	100.0%	Up from 36.0%	15.1%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	15.8%	Down from 18.1%	14.9%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	1.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	36.1%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	0.0%	No Change	23.4%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	2.3%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	2.6%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	133	Down from 135	183	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	73.1%	78.7%
Teachers (n=24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	No Change	55.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	No Change	58.3%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	19.4%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.8%	Up from 90.9%	78.2%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.5%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,711	Down 0.8%	\$44,188	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	12.2%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.5 days	No Change	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	5.9 to 1	No Change	18.3 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	88.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$27,330	Down 2.7%	\$10,924	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.2%	Up from 70.9%	52.2%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.1%	Up from 72.7%	58.7%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.9%	97.7%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	44.4%	Down from 88.9%	53.8%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Washington Center, located in Greenville, South Carolina, is a separate public school serving students exhibiting severe mental disabilities. Students have coexisting disabilities such as autism, blindness, deafness, speech deficits, and motor impairments. Significant cognitive disabilities and compounding health issues are factors impacting student progress and attendance. Enrolled students live throughout the district with special transportation provided. Staffing committees comprised of parents, administrators, classroom teachers, therapists, psychologists and agency representatives develop individualized educational programs as the basis for curriculum. Following federal due process procedures, recommendations are made for placement at Washington Center.

Students attending Washington Center range in ages 5 to 21, grades Kindergarten through 12. During the 2009-2010 school year, Washington Center served 136 students with 18 classroom teachers, one homebound teacher and 48 para-professionals. Support staff includes a Hortithery specialist and a Daily Living instructor as well as Art, Music and Adapted Physical Education teachers. Staff members also incorporate three administrators, office secretary and clerk, a Media Specialist, Therapists (physical, occupational and speech), custodial and cafeteria personnel, two registered nurses, three licensed practitioner nurses and an orderly. Vision, orientation/mobility, and hearing services are available on an itinerant basis for qualifying students. Washington Center occupied a new campus in the fall of 2005 as a prototype, state-of-the-art facility for special needs instruction. The school includes: 18 specialized classrooms, multisensory suite, multi-purpose gym, media center, art and music classrooms, Hortithery area with greenhouse, Daily Living classroom, instructional kitchens, and speech lab. Students have access to the state curriculum through standards-based instruction with evaluation via the South Carolina Alternate Assessment. The school offers specialized curriculum such as the Mobility Opportunities via Education (M.O.V.E.), Hortithery and Daily Living programs, with learning access through augmentative communication and assistive technology program. Technology is integrated through touch screen adapted computers along with the use of Smart and Promethean Boards. Students participate in Special Olympics. The Carolina Therapy Dogs team provides monthly interactive sessions with certified, trained pets. Sensory integration opportunities are curriculum-based. A handicapped accessible playground provides appropriate special needs recreation. Integrated inclusion activities are shared with neighboring regular education schools. Volunteerism from area schools and the community is prompted along with numerous business partnerships. The annual "Walk and Roll" PTA sponsored fund raiser inspires community involvement. All programs are tailored to meet individual needs. As the motto states, families and staff believe that "Those You Think Cannot...Can!" The mission of the school is to provide opportunities for students to explore and develop potential for independent functioning and community involvement by addressing students' individual needs and creating a partnership with home, school, and community. Dr. Wanda Brownlee is the current Washington Center principal. Mrs. Cathi Moffett served as the School Improvement Council Chairman for 2009-2010.

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