

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CAMDEN HIGH
Kershaw County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 981
Principal: Daniel H. Matthews
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	11	21	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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 (%)	73.2%	72.0%	75.4%	78.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.5%	14.4%	13.2%	11.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.3%	13.6%	11.3%	10.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.8%	90.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

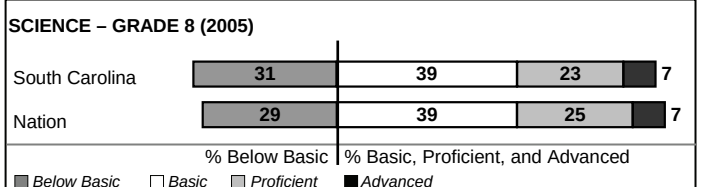
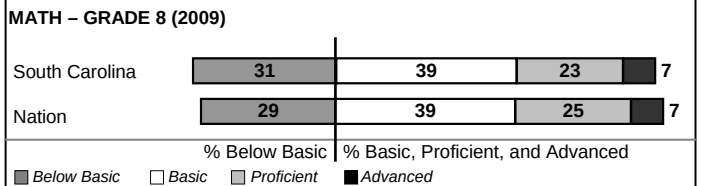
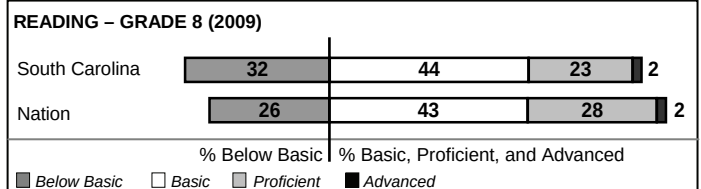
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	279	280
Number of Diplomas	205	198
Rate (%)	73.5%	71.6%

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	57.3	74.3
English 1	65.0	66.9
Physical Science	47.0	58.6
US History and the Constitution	39.9	43.0
All Tests	51.6	60.4

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=981)				
Retention rate	5.3%	Down from 5.6%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 96.0%	95.8%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	24.8%	Down from 25.7%	15.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.5%	Up from 10.4%	12.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	11.4%	Up from 9.7%	9.1%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	7.1%	Up from 6.4%	1.3%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.7%	No Change	15.9%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	43.6%	Down from 51.0%	46.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	43.2%	Up from 31.1%	31.6%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	1.7%	Down from 2.6%	3.9%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 2.4%	1.5%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	274	Down from 443	389	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	64.3%	Down from 68.1%	77.2%	78.7%
Teachers (n=73)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.0%	Down from 67.1%	60.8%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.7%	Down from 77.6%	79.5%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.7%	Down from 7.2%	6.4%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Down from 90.8%	87.6%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.8%	95.8%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,581	Down 1.2%	\$47,289	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.8%	Up from 5.7%	1.1%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	5.6 days	Down from 7.8 days	11.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	Down from 31.2 to 1	26.9 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.3%	Down from 93.5%	90.1%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,310	Up 7.9%	\$7,770	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.3%	Down from 53.1%	54.3%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.7%	Down from 55.4%	59.8%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.1%	Down from 93.9%	96.1%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Down from 64.7%	69.2%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	164	90
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.5%	86.0%	79.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6%	85.9%	73.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.9%	93.3%	78.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been another exciting year for Camden High School. Our Commitment to Excellence motto is proven by recognitions in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. Camden High was named a Palmetto Silver Award winner this year. The effective use of technology supports our instructional program. Our district's I-Can initiative is in its seventh year of implementation. This program provides all teachers and students with laptop computers. All teachers use technology in their instruction and as a communication tool with parents. They are trained to utilize eChalk to post assignments and upcoming events and projects. All teachers have Promethean boards and are trained to use this tool. Camden High is proud of its many outstanding seniors who are recognized for their academic accomplishments. Ten students were named Palmetto Fellows Scholars, 20 students were members of the SAT Silver Honor Court, 14 students were members of the Gold Honor Court, and four students were members of the SAT Platinum Honor Court. ACT honors include 15 ACT Silver Honor Court Awards, five ACT Gold Honor Court Awards, and three ACT Platinum Honor Court Awards. Four students received the South Carolina Academic Honors Award. Eleven seniors were recognized as members of the Upchurch and Jowers All County Academic Team.

Excellence in our Athletic programs was evident this year as well. Our Athletic Director was named Athletic Director of the Year for Region Six. Our Boys' Tennis team won the Lower State Championship. Fifty-six of our students were named All-Region players. Of these student athletes, five were named All-Region Players of the Year, and six coaches were named Region Coaches of the Year. We won seven region championships: golf, girls and boys soccer, girls and boys tennis, volleyball and wrestling. We had a state champion in the discus competition in track and field. Our new spring sports complex with six tennis courts and an eight-lane track were completed as part of Phase II of the Kershaw County School District's Facilities Equalization Program. The Performing Arts Center, completed last year, continues to be a valuable facility addition as the drama department presented its second play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, this spring. A recent songwriters' concert, which served as a scholarship fundraiser, was a sold-out performance. The JROTC Program continues to rank in the top 10% in the nation as an Honor Unit with Distinction. The Camden High Band boasted two students named to the Region 3 Honor Band, and the three students who participated in the South Carolina Band Directors Association Solo and Ensemble Festival received Superior and Excellent ratings. The Jazz Band and Concert Band ensembles presented concerts both in December and May. Camden High students and staff are deeply committed to community service. The volleyball team sponsored our first Dig Pink event to raise awareness of breast cancer. Clubs adopted families in need, participated in the Habitat for Humanity program, and raised over \$18,000 in the United Way and Relay for Life campaigns. The Hearts of Gold recognition program, sponsored by the Camden High Alumni Association, saluted over 170 students who participated in at least two community service projects for a club. Camden High School is supported by the School Improvement Council, the Academic Booster Club, CamBand Club, the Bulldog Club, and the Alumni Association. These groups enrich our school's culture by offering academic and extracurricular support.

Karen Bullard, interim Principal
Windy Satterwhite, School Improvement Council Chairman

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