

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PELION HIGH
Lexington 1
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 767**
Principal: Jean N. Haggard
Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward
Board Chair: Cynthia S. Smith

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
0	4	23	3	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 (%)	76.8%	81.3%	72.9%	74.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.9%	10.2%	14.0%	13.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.3%	8.6%	13.1%	12.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.9%	88.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	229	245
Number of Diplomas	161	168
Rate (%)	70.3%	71.1%

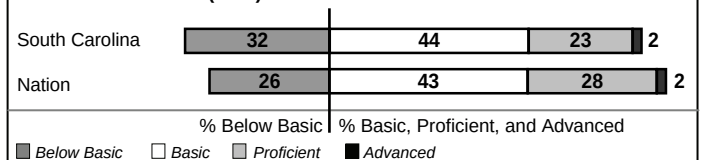
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	80.0	70.1
English 1	59.0	60.7
Physical Science	55.3	46.4
US History and the Constitution	39.8	34.2
All Tests	58.1	51.4

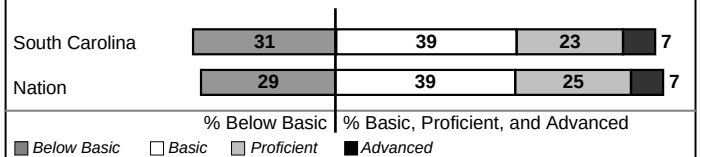
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* 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=767)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 6.8%	4.5%	3.7%
Attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 94.3%	95.2%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.1%	Up from 9.6%	12.4%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	No Change	14.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.1%	Down from 9.8%	10.0%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.4%	Up from 1.8%	1.5%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.7%	Up from 5.9%	11.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	54.7%	Down from 70.6%	48.4%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.4%	Down from 43.3%	31.6%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.5%	Down from 1.0%	3.2%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	14.2%	Down from 20.0%	2.7%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	509	Down from 540	484	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	73.5%	Down from 78.8%	78.6%	78.7%
Teachers (n=57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.4%	Up from 57.9%	59.1%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	80.7%	Up from 75.4%	76.5%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	12.7%	Down from 14.5%	8.7%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6%	Up from 87.7%	86.1%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.8%	95.2%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,700	Down 0.1%	\$47,012	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	3.0%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Down from 10.3 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	18.0	Up from 17.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.5 to 1	Up from 29.2 to 1	25.6 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Down from 89.1%	89.2%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,151	Up 10.2%	\$8,351	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.5%	Up from 48.2%	55.7%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.6%	Down from 65.9%	60.6%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Up from 96.6%	95.4%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	46.2%	Down from 61.5%	64.7%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	152	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.4%	79.5%	78.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.8%	69.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.5%	86.1%	77.1%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The learning community of Pelion High School celebrates the progress that we made in 2009–2010. The causes for celebration include a number of academic, athletic and artistic achievement milestones. Additionally, we were recognized as a Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award-winning school for our success on standardized tests in categories of typically underachieving subgroups within our student population. As we celebrate our progress and achievements, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Among the 181 students in our 2010 graduating class, we had 23 honor graduates, eight Palmetto Fellows, and 67 students receiving Life Scholarships, which means that 44 percent of our graduates qualified for an educational lottery scholarship. Ninety-five of our graduates are headed to college and 12 entered the military. Our 2010 graduates were awarded scholarship offers totaling \$4.6 million. We had a record number (41) of students taking Advanced Placement classes/tests in five subject areas.

Our staff focused on preparing common assessment instruments and developing project-based teaching strategies as we prepare to take advantage of one-to-one student-to-laptop computing that we anticipate for our school beginning in 2011. As we embrace this technological opportunity, we are planning ahead to help our faculty implement strategies and techniques that will truly make us a high-performance, 21st century learning culture. To this end, we have a mobile laptop lab that may be checked out by teachers for use in their classrooms.

We continued to tweak our APEX Learning assignment and credit recovery program. Pleased with the early success of the program, we have modified our extended-year program and our after-school program where students may recover assignments or course credits, depending on their individual academic needs. During the 2009–2010 school year, students recovered course credit through APEX Learning, enabling them to graduate from high school on time.

We also had a banner year in athletics and fine arts. Of the 15 region championship trophies awarded to our athletic region last year, Pelion High School's teams won six. We had a state champion golfer. Our teams combined to amass a 74% winning record, and 11 of our 14 varsity teams competed in state play-offs.

Our Honors Orchestra performed at the Heritage Festival in Washington, D.C., where they won first place in their competition (Gold Award) and were invited to participate in the Festival of Gold Concerts in Carnegie Hall in New York.

With these challenges and opportunities, it is easy to see why, even in times of economic difficulties and accompanying budget cuts, we at Pelion High are pleased with our success and excited about the coming year.

Jean Haggard, Principal
 John Green, SIC Chair