SC Annual School Report Card Summary

FORT MILL HIGH
Fort Mill
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,435**
Principal: M. Dee Christopher
Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.
Board Chair: Patrick White

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	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	0	0	0	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 (%)	94.2%	95.1%	93.1%	97.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	4.0%	3.1%	6.8%	2.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	99.3%	98.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

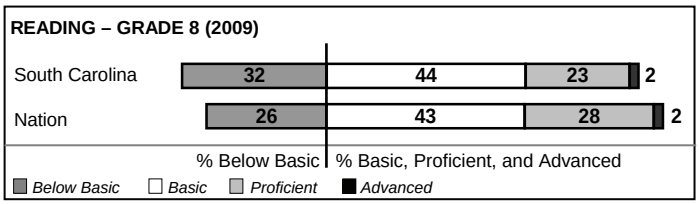
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	352	172
Number of Diplomas	322	161
Rate (%)	91.5%	78.8%

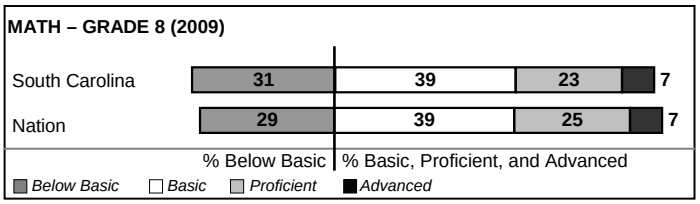
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

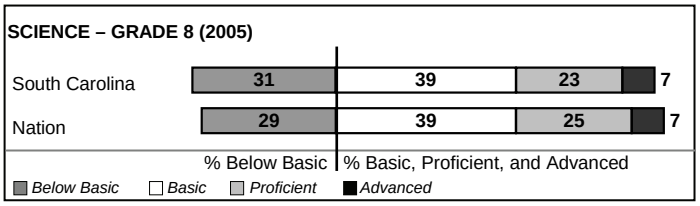
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	93.5	89.2
English 1	93.3	95.0
Physical Science	86.7	88.0
US History and the Constitution	74.6	84.3
All Tests	85.7	89.5

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=1,435)				
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 1.6%	0.6%	3.7%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 92.8%	96.6%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	26.0%	Up from 23.1%	30.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.1%	Up from 7.0%	5.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.6%	Down from 2.8%	2.2%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 1.7%	1.4%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.4%	Up from 18.4%	36.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	83.9%	Down from 94.0%	72.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	65.3%	Up from 28.4%	58.8%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	1.0%	Down from 1.4%	0.0%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	11.2%	Down from 11.9%	0.0%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1071	Up from 1042	135	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	88.5%	Down from 92.3%	93.4%	78.7%
Teachers (n=100)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.0%	Up from 68.0%	68.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Up from 78.0%	83.4%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	Down from 6.1%	1.0%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.2%	Up from 76.9%	88.8%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 97.4%	97.0%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	$53,164	Up 1.0%	$47,598	$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Down from 3.1%	5.3%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	8.0 days	Down from 9.5 days	9.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.9 to 1	Up from 28.8 to 1	24.8 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.0%	Down from 88.9%	93.0%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,682	Up 10.2%	$7,479	$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.6%	Up from 57.3%	65.5%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.9%	Up from 59.7%	69.1%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.1%	Down from 94.4%	100.0%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Good
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	Down from 93.3%	100.0%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	93	293	158
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	86.6%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.7%	91.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.9%	87.3%	88.9%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fort Mill High School is committed to continuing our strong tradition of academic excellence. The faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to seeing every student succeed in a great school culture. We continue to integrate core academics, arts, and career education in to relevant learning experiences for our students.

The Class of 2010 achieved at a very high level during their time at Fort Mill High School. The Class of 2010 was offered over $5,000,000 in scholarship awards for postsecondary education. Over eighty percent of our seniors reported they will attend college in the Fall of 2010. Two seniors were recognized as National Merit Finalists, and a student was recognized, for the first time in our schools history, as a member of the Presidential Scholars Program. Seventy-three percent of our seniors will receive either Hope, Life, or Palmetto Scholarships.

State and Federal accountability continue to be important measurements of how our students are doing in comparison to the rest of our state and nation. Our students historically achieve at high levels on the national tests such as the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement tests. Achievement on End of Course tests and HSAP continue to rank in the top ten in our state. Our End of Course passage rate is the highest in the state for the third straight year. Our graduation rate remains at 90% as we continue to make efforts to engage students in relevant learning experiences.

Fort Mill High School students again achieved success in extracurricular and co-curricular activities during 2009-2010. The Marching Band continued a fine tradition by capturing the schools twenty-third state title last fall. Our athletic department had another banner year. Fifteen varsity sports teams competed in state tournaments, with a high finish of third by several teams. Individuals in wrestling, cross country, and track won state titles, and several teams ended their season in the top five in the state. Clubs continue to be a source of pride at our school, with over $20,000 raised for local, state, national, and international charities.

Mrs. Christy Slater was recognized as Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year, and Mrs. Jean McMullen was recognized as our Support Staff of the Year. At the end of the 2010 school year, seven long-time educators retired from Fort Mill High School. This group, along with Fort Mill teaching legend Mrs. Jane Langley who passed away in January, gave a combined 292 years of service to over 36,000 students. This group will be missed by their Fort Mill Family.

Fort Mill High School continues to be challenged with growth even in a challenging economy. Economic and budgetary issues will also continue to be a challenge to our school. However, our commitment and high expectations for students will not change. Our faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to continuing the legacy of academic excellence established over the past eighty years at Fort Mill High School.

We Are…Fort Mill!!!

M. Dee Christopher, Principal
Ms. Farrah Bui, School Improvement Council President

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