



DONALDSON CAREER CENTER

100 Vocational Drive
Greenville, South Carolina

Grades	10-12 Career Center	
Enrollment	339 Students	
Director	Cassina L. Allen	864-355-4650
Board Chair	Roger Meek	864-233-8587
Superintendent	Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher	864-355-8860

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2011	At-Risk	At-Risk
2010	Below Average	At-Risk
2009	Good	At-Risk
2008	Excellent	Good
2007	Excellent	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE 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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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
17	14	3	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/18/2011.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=339)			
With disabilities other than speech	11.2%	Down from 19.7%	8.2%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	76.7%	Down from 100.0%	21.6%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	339	Up from 279	608
Students participating in work-based experiences	3.5%	Up from 0.7%	16.2%
Teachers (n=20)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	35.0%	Up from 27.8%	23.8%
Continuing contract teachers	70.0%	Down from 72.2%	76.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.7%	Up from 84.4%	90.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Up from 93.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,470	Down 5.4%	\$46,840
Professional development days/teacher	14.3 days	Up from 9.3 days	10.9 days
School			
Director's years at Center	1.0	Down from 10.0	6.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,941	Down 12.4%	\$3,211
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.6%	Up from 58.6%	58.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.5%	Down from 68.6%	66.9%
Parents attending conferences	78.2%	Down from 100.0%	79.8%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	97	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	80.4%	90.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.5%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	83.3%	88.7%	90.9%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A–Not Applicable N/AV–Not Available N/C–Not Collected N/R–Not Reported I/S–Insufficient Sample

Performance By Student Groups

	Technical Skill Attainment			Graduation Rate			Placement Rate		
	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %	This Center		State Center Average %
	n	%		n	%		n	%	
All Students	196	86.2%	87.6%	61	82.0%	94.7%	117	90.6%	96.3%
Students with Disabilities on Diploma Track	15	66.7%	75.9%	8	0.0%	70.3%	8	87.5%	95.6%
Gender									
Male	85	88.2%	84.8%	34	73.5%	93.6%	43	86.1%	96.5%
Female	111	84.7%	90.9%	27	92.6%	95.9%	74	93.2%	96.2%
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	69	100.0%	100.0%	25	100.0%	100.0%	56	87.5%	96.8%
African American	110	100.0%	100.0%	25	100.0%	100.0%	55	92.7%	95.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	100.0%	100.0%	5	100.0%	100.0%	0	N/A	97.5%
Hispanic	20	100.0%	100.0%	11	100.0%	100.0%	6	100.0%	96.1%
American Indian/Alaskan	15	100.0%	100.0%	7	100.0%	93.1%	0	N/A	88.0%
Migrant Status									
Migrant	0	N/A	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	16	93.8%	85.1%	0	N/A	93.7%	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	196	86.2%	87.6%	61	82.0%	94.8%	59	88.1%	95.0%

* n = number of students on which percentage is calculated.

Definitions of Performance Rating Terms

- * Technical Skill Attainment --- The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at the center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.
- * Graduation Rate --- The percentage of 12th grade career and technology students who graduate in the spring.
- * Placement Rate --- The percentage of career and technology completers available for placement over a 3-year period who are actually placed in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment.

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Report of Director and School Improvement Council

Donaldson Career Center, located in Greenville, SC, is a public school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We are a Technology Centers That Work site with the Southern Regional Education Board, which focuses the efforts of our center on "Ten Key Practices" to improve student achievement. Donaldson primarily serves students from Carolina Academy, Southside High School, Greenville Senior High Academy, and Woodmont High School, however, students from any Greenville County high school may elect to attend the center career programs not offered at their assigned center.

The 2010-2011 school year has been filled with hard work, excitement and accomplishment for the students, faculty and staff. We began our year with an intense focus on program curriculum and standards, high expectations for students, and rigor in our coursework. We are positive about the process of teaching and learning and believe in the success of every student we serve.

Donaldson is committed to offering industry certifications to our students and preparing them for study at the postsecondary level or employment in the workplace. In addition to our regular programs of study, several of our programs offer the opportunity to earn Early College credit from Greenville Technical College. There are currently plans underway to increase the number of programs participating in the Early College program.

The career programs offered at Donaldson Career Center include Aircraft Maintenance (through Greenville Tech), Automotive Technology, Building Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Health Science, Law Enforcement and Welding. During the 2011-2012 school year, we will add additional course offerings in Nail Technology and Medical Terminology.

This year we have successfully established (new) and maintained (current) relationships with local businesses, industry, and organizations to give authentic learning experiences to our students through cooperative learning, job shadowing, internships and field trips. In April, our center hosted its first career fair for our students, which was well received by everyone who participated. We are especially pleased and thankful for the efforts and support of our district, community, students, parents, faculty and staff in supporting our school's mission and goals this year.

Cassina L. Allen, Director
Dottie Ross and Margaret Register, SIC Chairpersons

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress

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