SC Annual School Report Card Summary

PICKENS SENIOR HIGH
Pickens
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,467**
Principal: Marion Lawson
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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		
2011	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	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
17	6	8	0	0

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. 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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.5%	81.6%	80.6%	83.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.6%	9.9%	11.1%	9.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.8%	8.5%	8.6%	7.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.6%	93.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

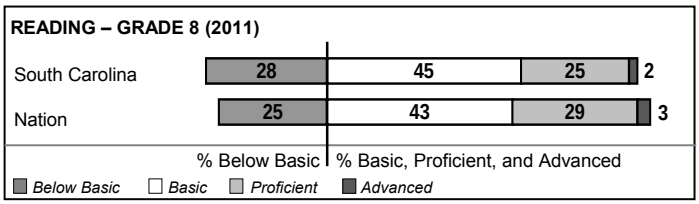
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	410	362
Number of Diplomas	286	276
Rate (%)	69.8%	72.3%

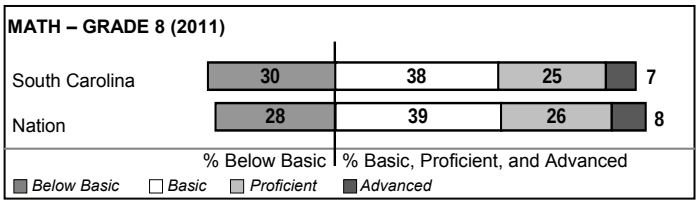
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

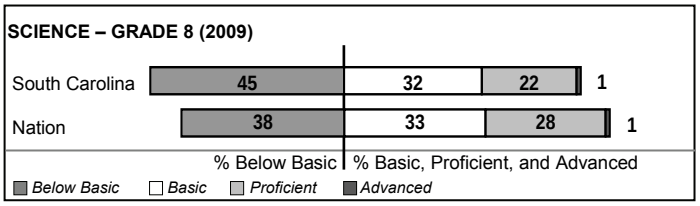
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	75.7	78.9
English 1	67.7	70.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	67.5	73.2
Physical Science	54.8	61.3
US History and the Constitution	54.9	52.6
All Tests	64.1	66.6

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

** Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.*







SC 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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,467)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Up from 2.0%	3.1%	3.4%
Attendance rate	93.7%	Up from 93.6%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.8%	Down from 14.8%	17.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.9%	Down from 13.4%	8.7%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	4.5%	Down from 7.5%	4.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.3%	Up from 12.1%	18.2%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	58.5%	Down from 67.2%	54.1%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	56.2%	Up from 49.7%	34.8%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Up from 3.3%	2.8%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.5%	Up from 1.0%	2.0%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	766	Up from 727	691	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.2%	Up from 79.4%	83.0%	83.0%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.6%	Up from 58.2%	63.3%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	89.9%	Up from 86.1%	84.0%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.2%	Down from 91.1%	88.3%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.9%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	$49,308	Up 0.1%	$48,464	$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	2.1%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Down from 9.3 days	11.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.9 to 1	Down from 32.4 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Up from 88.1%	89.3%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,092	Down 7.3%	$7,142	$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.2%	Up from 56.2%	58.5%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 61.4%	62.0%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 91.1%	96.6%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	Up from 64.7%	76.2%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	79	265	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.2%	77.4%	55.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.1%	83.5%	55.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.0%	87.4%	55.9%

*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

Pickens High School, fostering an environment of excellence, relies on the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, students, parents, School Improvement Council (SIC), and the community to provide a quality education for our students. Working to be a data driven school, Pickens High continuously focuses on student achievement.

The class of 2011 consisted of 294 graduates, 63 of whom were recognized as Honor Graduates. Ten graduates qualified for the prestigious Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, and 164 qualified for Life Scholarships. The class of 2011 was awarded $5,727,554.00 in scholarships.

Pickens High School is a High Schools That Work (HSTW) site. Our teachers incorporate the research-proven strategies into their instruction in order to provide students with comprehensive, rigorous, and relevant educational opportunities. Appropriate expectations of students and effective implementation of curriculum are guided by the HSTW 10 Key Practices.

Pickens High School continues to value academics. Professional development focuses on instruction and technology that engages students and prepares them to meet SC Curriculum Standards at the highest levels. Several opportunities for extra help and tutoring are available for our students. After school tutoring is provided two days a week until 5:00 pm. Teachers provide weekly after-school tutoring as well as special HSAP tutoring sessions. Online credit recovery in core subjects is offered for students at PHS.

Teachers at Pickens High School continue to increase the academic rigor in their respective courses. Needing to give students a greater offering of rigorous courses, PHS added AP Human Geography to its curriculum giving high achieving ninth-grade students an opportunity to begin earning AP credit. PHS also added AP Grammar and Composition to strengthen the offerings in the English Department.

2010-2011 was a year of mixed emotions for Pickens High School. Excitement built throughout the year as teachers, students, parents, and the community looked forward to moving into a new school building, while saying “farewell” to a school that served thousands of students for over 60 years. The Blue Flame is burning brightly at PHS!

Marion Lawson, Principal
Isaiah Scipio, School Improvement Chairman

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