

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney High School  
 Cherokee County School District  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,051  
 Principal: Marlene Davis  
 Superintendent: Dr. Quincie L. Moore  
 Board Chair: Mike Ellis

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	17	10	0	5

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	74.7%	74.4%	74.2%	76.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.9%	10.7%	15.5%	14.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.3%	15.0%	10.8%	11.1%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.4%	89.8%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

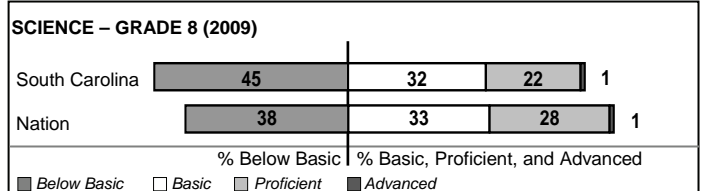
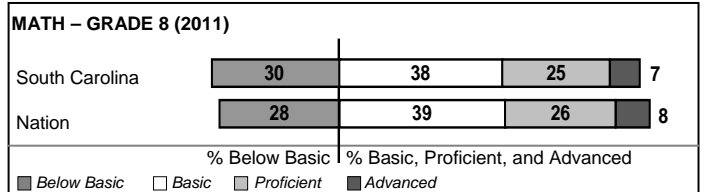
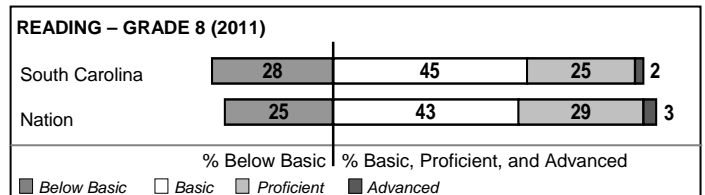
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	535	276
Number of Diplomas	424	183
Rate (%)	79.3%	71.8%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	63.0	74.6
English 1	60.4	65.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	55.5	76.5
US History and the Constitution	28.3	46.9
All Tests	52.2	65.4

## 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.*

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable   N/AV Not Available   N/C Not Collected   N/R Not Reported   I/S Insufficient Sample   TBD To be determined

# Gaffney High School [Cherokee County School District]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=2,051)</b>				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 5.2%	3.5%	3.0%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 95.7%	95.7%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 1.4%	0.4%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.6%	Up from 13.7%	10.9%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	44.7%	Down from 53.4%	46.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.7%	Up from 49.6%	30.0%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 0.9%	2.8%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.2%	Up from 0.0%	2.4%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	894	Up from 863	432	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.5%	Up from 85.2%	82.9%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=116)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.1%	Up from 59.8%	60.5%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	86.5%	Down from 87.6%	87.5%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 94.9%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,236	Up 4.7%	\$46,796	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.0%	Up from 1.0%	3.6%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	16.1 days	Up from 6.4 days	10.1 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	No Change	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.4 to 1	Down from 30.8 to 1	27.4 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 89.8%	89.7%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,704	Up 1.5%	\$7,581	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.1%	Up from 61.9%	57.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.7%	Up from 62.7%	60.7%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.9%	Down from 100.0%	97.9%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	70.8	N/A	75.9	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2011-2012 school year at Gaffney High School was a successful one. The senior class was the first to begin its high school career at our Freshman Academy. They were the largest graduating class in recent history and garnered \$11.1 million in scholarships. Many will be continuing their education in state and as far away as Massachusetts. They have set the bar high for those who follow. Students received accolades across the curriculum. More classes participated in the National History Day competition. Six groups qualified to present their research at the state competition and one group was selected to go to the national event in June. Several of our photography, art and English students won awards in the Conservation League contest and were celebrated at their annual picnic. Our Green Teens student organization designed and built a medicine wheel (in keeping with our mascot, the Indian) at the front of the school campus. They planted native herbs and other flora that were used in traditional medicines. This group was also instrumental in weekly recycling efforts throughout the school.

Our school-wide theme for the 2011-2012 year was "The Amazing Race". Many classrooms added "...to Graduation" and focused lessons on skills and benchmarks for attaining that goal. While students pursued their race to the future, members of the faculty worked towards educational goals of their own. Many took advantage of on-line courses for recertification or advanced degrees. Our advisor-advisee program, PowWow, gave students the opportunity to learn more about important issues facing many of them. These ranged from bullying to academic planning to appreciating diversity. Drama students in cooperation with our broadcasting classes were instrumental in the production of these programs. The boys' basketball team won its fifth State Championship since 2003 this winter.

Looking toward the future while enjoying the present and cherishing the past has served us well this year. The future is bright.

Marlene Davis, Principal  
Antoinette Gardner, SIC Chair

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	264	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	62.9%	72.2%	81.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.3%	79.2%	78.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	53.5%	79.9%	63.2%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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