

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community School
School District of Newberry County
Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 245
Principal: Joey L. Haney
Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Mr. Jody Hamm

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	Average	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Average	At-Risk	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2010	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	9	14	0	2

* 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 (%)	61.5%	71.8%	71.7%	74.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	26.9%	12.8%	17.5%	15.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.5%	15.4%	11.6%	12.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.2%	90.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	38	221
Number of Diplomas	31	144
Rate (%)	81.6%	71.8%

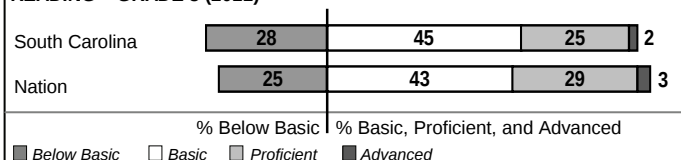
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	66.7	75.5
English 1	46.7	62.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	72.5	72.6
US History and the Constitution	48.0	46.0
All Tests	60.0	63.6

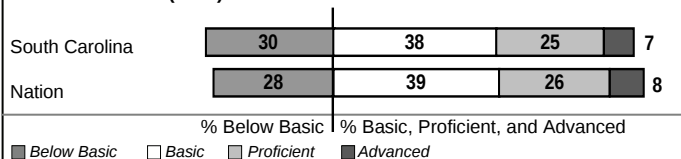
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

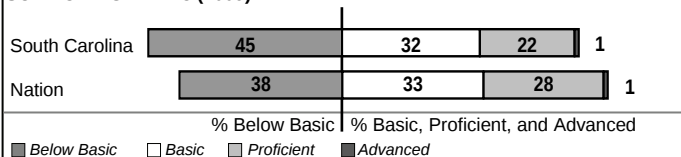
READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)



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=245)				
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 1.2%	3.9%	3.0%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 93.2%	95.5%	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	0.0%	Down from 1.9%	0.6%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	8.7%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	36.2%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.3%	Up from 26.9%	28.8%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	4.0%	Up from 0.8%	2.7%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.5%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	42	Up from 1	318	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	76.2%	N/A	81.8%	84.0%
Teachers (n=13)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Down from 63.6%	60.9%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8%	Up from 80.8%	86.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 96.2%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,515	Up 0.9%	\$46,908	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	4.8%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Down from 17.3 days	10.6 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.0 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	25.5 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 88.3%	90.0%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,218	Up 1.6%	\$8,183	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Up from 62.9%	56.8%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.6%	Down from 64.1%	61.0%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	97.7%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	91.4	N/A	77.9	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	14	15	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.3%	81.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.0%	89.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	86.7%	85.2%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School is a PreK-12 school located in the midst of the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County. Whitmire is commonly known to the state as the Pearl of the Piedmont. In 2003, the School District of Newberry decided to combine Whitmire Elementary (Pk-6) and Whitmire High (7-12) to form Whitmire Community School. WCS is accredited according to the AdvancED Standards for Quality, formerly known as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). WCS is an SREB/SDE High Schools That Work site and has also been recognized by the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program.

Our classroom instruction is based on South Carolina curriculum standards with our focal point being reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all content areas and the responsibility is equally shared by all stakeholders. Teachers across all content areas recognize "Writers of the Month" each quarter at success assemblies. Such programs and initiatives as Family Message Journals, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week provide authentic writing and reading opportunities throughout our school and community.

We continued to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1 through 10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics to identify each student's strengths and weaknesses to make instructional decisions. Our Leadership Team will analyze data and have meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers concerning student performance on MAP, PASS, HSAP, SAT, ACT, Odyssey, A+ Software, EOC, Dominie, and classroom assessment to establish goals and objectives for ongoing school improvement. A focus for professional growth continued to be creating assessments that are on target with state standards. A daily enrichment period was scheduled for grades 3-8 along with ELA/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

WCS continued to take advantage of the available technology such as Smartboards to integrate technology into daily instruction. Teacher shared with their peers a variety of instructional and technology strategies and best practices. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification.

We will continue to promote our unique PK-12 setting, use it to the advantage of student achievement, and work toward our mission of providing a safe, nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, to prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

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Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman

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