



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pickens High School  
 School District of Pickens County  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,387  
 Principal: Marion Lawson  
 Superintendent: Dr. Kelly U. Pew  
 Board Chair: Mr. Alex Saitta

## 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	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
24	7	1	0	0

\* 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 (%)	81.6%	79.3%	83.6%	84.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	9.9%	12.8%	9.9%	9.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.5%	7.9%	7.0%	6.4%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.9%	94.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	359	354
Number of Diplomas	266	280
Rate (%)	74.1%	79.0%

## 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	73.5	81.2
English 1	64.0	74.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	78.6	80.5
US History and the Constitution	53.7	56.7
All Tests	67.9	72.8

## 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

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# Pickens High School [School District of Pickens County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,387)</b>				
Retention rate	2.7%	Up from 2.2%	2.5%	3.0%
Attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.7%	95.4%	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	0.9%	Down from 1.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.2%	Down from 14.3%	19.5%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	64.3%	Up from 58.5%	54.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	56.7%	Up from 56.2%	36.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	5.0%	Up from 4.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	1.5%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	647	Down from 766	666	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	84.5%	Up from 83.2%	85.0%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=74)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.5%	Down from 64.6%	66.7%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.9%	Up from 90.2%	89.6%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 95.4%	95.7%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,438	Up 0.3%	\$48,691	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	1.5%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 7.4 days	9.7 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.5 to 1	Down from 29.9 to 1	29.3 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 88.2%	89.3%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,340	Up 4.1%	\$7,125	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.7%	Up from 58.2%	58.7%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.0%	Up from 59.5%	60.3%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.3%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	65.8	N/A	80.3	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## 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 2012 consisted of 275 graduates, 80 of whom were recognized as Honor Graduates. Twelve graduates qualified for the prestigious Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, and 156 qualified for Life Scholarships. The class of 2012 was awarded \$6.3 million 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. In addition, literacy strategies were a focus of professional development leading towards common core standards for all content areas. Teachers at Pickens High School continue to increase the academic rigor in their respective courses. Wanting to offer a greater variety of rigorous courses, PHS encourages students to participate in a comprehensive AP program. The addition of AP Grammar and Composition and AP Human Geography strengthened the offerings of the AP program at PHS. 150 Blue Flame Drive officially became our new home. Months of planning, construction, inspections, and countless hours of packing and preparation culminated into a move where a new journey would begin. Grateful to our teachers, staff, and administration for their continued commitment to excellence, the new facilities and available technology are in place to provide an education that will truly prepare students for life and work in the 21st Century. Through plays, concerts, pageants, athletic events, ball games, and other competitions, the Pickens community as a whole can enjoy Pickens High School...Where Excellence Has a New Address!

Marion Lawson, Principal and Isaiah Scipio, School Improvement Chairman

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	80	260	100
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.7%	80.2%	85.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.9%	85.2%	82.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.1%	88.4%	68.4%

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

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