



Blythewood High School

10901 Wilson Blvd.
Blythewood,, SC 29016

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	1,607 Students	
Principal	G. Keith Price	803-691-4090
Superintendent	Katie Brochu	803-787-1910
Board Chair	The Honorable William R.	803-736-0015

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Good	Good
2009	Average	At-Risk

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 HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

Percent	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	82.5%	80.4%	85.5%	85.6%	85.2%	90.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.5%	11.7%	8.5%	9.1%	9.3%	6.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.0%	7.8%	5.9%	6.0%	5.7%	3.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013

Percent	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	94.5%	96.1%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012*	2013	2012	2013
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	519	424	382	368
Number of Graduates in Cohort	431	369	307	318
Rate	83.0%	87.0%	80.8%	86.7%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Number of Students in Cohort	548	491	387	367
Number of Graduates in Cohort	472	443	313	319
Rate	86.1%	90.2%	81.8%	87.3%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	82.1%	86.5%
English 1	86.2%	83.6%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	82.2%	87.9%
US History and the Constitution	78.7%	76.0%
All Tests	82.4%	83.5%

* High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,607)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 3.0%	2.1%	2.9%
Attendance rate	97.5%	Down from 97.7%	95.3%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.7%	N/A	33.8%	17.5%
With disabilities	9.3%	N/A	8.7%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	N/A	4.3%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.5%	Up from 2.8%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.9%	Up from 22.6%	39.4%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	73.0%	Up from 70.9%	57.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.1%	Up from 31.2%	37.9%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	1.3%	Down from 2.3%	1.4%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	16.6%	Up from 8.1%	0.0%	7.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	909	Down from 1091	601	418
Students participating in work-based experiences	37.8%	Up from 6.2%	15.8%	14.6%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	81.9%	Up from 81.1%	88.5%	84.8%
Career/technology completers placed	99.4%	Down from 100.0%	99.4%	98.3%
Teachers (n=100)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.0%	Down from 72.7%	66.0%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	79.0%	Down from 81.8%	82.4%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.0%	Down from 90.7%	88.2%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 94.3%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,853	Up 2.2%	\$49,261	\$48,699
Professional development days/teacher	9.9 days	Down from 11.0 days	8.9 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.6 to 1	Up from 29.3 to 1	28.8 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	N/R	90.2%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,432	Down 3.4%	\$6,692	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.0%	Down from 66.5%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.0%	Down from 69.4%	60.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Up from 98.1%	99.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Modern language program assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.0
Classical language program assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2013	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	365	94.5%	1544	82.4%	424	87.0%
Gender						
Male	174	93.7%	805	79.3%	201	84.1%
Female	191	95.3%	739	85.8%	223	89.7%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	159	96.9%	692	92.8%	180	92.2%
African American	184	91.8%	779	73.2%	216	82.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	26	88.5%	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	19	100.0%	42	81.0%	24	87.5%
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	29	55.2%	148	54.1%	31	45.2%
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	12	100.0%	26	80.8%	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	97	88.7%	466	69.3%	127	77.2%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

During 2012-13, Blythewood High faculty, staff and students completed another outstanding school year. Our school downsized to approximately 1600 students with the opening of another district high school. Students and staff supported the Blythewood community through participation in events such as the Blythewood Tournament of Bands, Breast Cancer Awareness activities and Special Olympics. Student-led service initiatives continued to support community agencies and activities including the Souper Bowl of Caring, Relay for Life, Children's Garden, God's Storehouse, Sister Care, Hidden Wounds, SCDSS foster children, and other fundraising efforts. Our school musical was very successful with collaboration from drama, music and building construction programs.

Blythewood High School received Palmetto Gold status for overall performance from the South Carolina Department of Education. Our school was home to 28 national board certified teachers. Our Teacher of the Year was named Richland Two's Teacher of the Year. We had one National Merit Scholar and one National Achievement Scholar. The Blue Legion Band advanced to the 4A state championships. Students and staff planned exchange programs with colleagues from Germany and Colombia. We sponsored a Columbia to Colombia program with great success where teachers and students had the opportunity to experience another community and school culture. Members of our culinary arts program traveled to Australia as part of an exchange program with support from local Rotarians. These initiatives with global partners allow educators and students to pursue meaningful conversations across cultural boundaries.

Blythewood High sports teams earned nine region championships including titles for football, volleyball, boys' bowling, girls' bowling, boys' golf, girls' soccer, softball, baseball and girls' tennis. Our baseball team was the Upper State Champion and Blythewood High is home to the South Carolina state champion for the 100 meter as well as the relay team which won the state championship in the 4 X 100. Individual and group programs and competitions for students recognized Blythewood students in the visual arts, drama, band, orchestra, Future Business Leaders of America and Health Occupation Students of America. Our extracurricular program provided opportunities for one hundred percent of our students to participate in school activities.

G. Keith Price, Principal
Kim Sizemore, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	72	272	7
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93%	76.8%	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	78.3%	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.4%	82.5%	N/A

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

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	80.9
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Blythewood High School school has been designated as a:

- Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality Data

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.3%	0.0%	No

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Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 9-12							
All Students	240.0	235.3	81.9	72.9	98.0	99.0	83.0
Male	236.6	234.4	81.4	73.3	98.5	99.5	77.6
Female	243.7	236.3	82.3	72.6	97.4	98.4	89.1
White	250.9	248.4	87.9	77.9	99.4	100.0	90.4
African American	230.8	224.3	77.8	69.9	96.6	98.1	79.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.7
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	213.9	207.4	65.5	64.4	87.8	97.6	48.1
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	229.3	223.0	76.0	69.1	96.3	99.1	74.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	226	223	77	73	95.0	95	74.1

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Two-Year HSAP Trend Data

	School Year	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	School % Proficient or Advanced*
English/Language Arts								
All Students	2012	544	98.7	10.3	28.8	35.6	25.3	60.9
	2013	391	98.0	6.3	23.2	34.5	36.0	70.5
Mathematics								
All Students	2012	544	98.2	16.1	22.7	30.3	30.9	61.2
	2013	391	99.0	13.2	29.5	27.6	29.7	57.4

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