



YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER

711 Tomlinson Street
Kingstree, SC 29556

Grades	3-12 High School	
Enrollment	37 Students	
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	At-Risk	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A
2009	N/A	N/A

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
2	2	6	2	8

* 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 (%)	N/A	N/A	33.3%	49.6%	62.2%	61.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	N/A	66.7%	33.3%	27.4%	20.8%	21.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	100.0%	33.3%	33.3%	28.5%	27.3%	21.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013

Percent	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	0.0%	70.2%

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	10	14	77	74
Number of Graduates in Cohort	4	8	48	49
Rate	40.0%	57.1%	49.1%	57.5%

*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	10	9	84	78
Number of Graduates in Cohort	1	4	53	53
Rate	10.0%	44.4%	49.5%	56.9%

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	30.0%	52.7%
English 1	30.0%	46.6%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	27.3%	50.9%
US History and the Constitution	7.7%	29.8%
All Tests	22.7%	44.1%

* 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=37)				
Retention rate	5.3%	Up from 0.0%	3.6%	2.9%
Attendance rate	91.7%	Up from 90.2%	93.3%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.3%	N/A	7.9%	17.5%
With disabilities	26.3%	N/A	17.4%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	31.6%	N/A	13.2%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	N/R	N/R	0.5%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	N/R	N/R	8.8%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	N/R	N/R	22.7%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	1.7%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	4.5%	7.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	159	418
Students participating in work-based experiences	N/A	N/A	1.9%	14.6%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.3%	Down from 85.7%	84.7%	84.8%
Career/technology completers placed	N/A	N/A	96.7%	98.3%
Teachers (n=0)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	N/A	N/A	66.7%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/A	N/A	68.0%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	73.6%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	98.2%	N/R	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	I/S	I/S	\$43,806	\$48,699
Professional development days/teacher	N/R	N/R	9.1 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	N/R	N/R	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/R	15.0 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	N/R	87.6%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$13,610	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	54.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	59.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	N/R	N/R	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	N/R	N/R	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	N/R	N/R	97.8%	97.7%
Character development program	N/R	N/R	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	1	0.0%	44	22.7%	14	57.1%
Gender						
Male	N/A	N/A	13	23.1%	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	31	22.6%	10	60.0%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	44	22.7%	14	57.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	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
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	N/A	N/A	14	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	N/A	N/A	37	21.6%	10	60.0%

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

The mission of The Youth Academy Charter School, a non-profit public Charter School of Williamsburg County School District, is:

To provide a quality educational experience in a structured, supportive environment through the implementation and evaluation of specific students and program performance measures in the areas of academic preparedness, life skill competencies, vocational readiness, and behavior management skills for students with special needs, students seeking an alternate learning style and/or smaller environment. Students are accepted from the surrounding communities within Williamsburg County School District.

In accordance with Federal law & U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy, this instruction is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The school environment and philosophy places a unique holistic emphasis on working with the entire family to improve the overall living environment of each student.

The Youth Academy Charter School is chartered for grades K – 12; but currently serves 2nd through 12th grade. We currently serve five (5) primary students, twelve (12) elementary students and twenty two (22) high school students for a total enrollment of thirty nine (39) students. The 2011-2012 school term; YACS had four (4) graduates and five (5) early graduates equaling a total of 9 graduates; of the 22 high school students enrolled in grades 9th through 12th.

The school received an absolute rating of “N/A” due to the small number of students per sub group. Classroom ratios are 1:8 or 1:10, the smaller classroom settings provides the student with additional individualized instruction and teacher assistance.

Youth Academy Charter School (YACS) currently receives Title I funding based on the high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Youth Academy Charter School uses the following programs, in addition to state and district mandated assessments; MAP, PASS, HSAP, EOC, USA Test Prep and Study Island to give an accurate picture of the needs to connect student growth and achievement.

The APEX online curriculum and American School curriculum is offered to assists high school students with credit recovery, remedial, advanced placement, and honors courses as well as regular courses to obtain Carnegie units for graduation.

Youth Academy Charter School board has made several changes within the school to decrease management authority at the school levels; restructure the internal organization; and appoint an outside expert to advise the school to assist the school. Consultants contracted to work with YACS are one consultant from SC State level and one educational consultant.

YACS teachers regularly attend professional development conferences focused assessing individual student needs, student growth, teaching strategies, common core curriculum implementation, etc., and professional

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	3	10	10
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	100%	90%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	100%	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	100%	90%

* 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	N/A
Overall Grade Conversion	I

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

YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER 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	N/A	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.5%	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	75.7%	0.0%	No

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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	3	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics								
All Students	2012	3	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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