



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Ashley Ridge High School  
 Dorchester 2  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,039  
 Principal: Karen Radcliffe  
 Superintendent: Joseph R. Pye  
 Board Chair: C. Gail Hughes

## 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
2013	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	0	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. 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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	93.3%	88.9%	85.9%	86.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	3.2%	8.2%	8.9%	9.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	3.4%	2.9%	5.2%	4.8%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.0%	95.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	438	385
Number of Diplomas	365	318
Rate (%)	83.3%	82.5%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	89.0	78.4
English 1	82.9	78.1
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	92.3	85.5
US History and the Constitution	80.2	69.7
All Tests	86.1	79.2

## 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.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=2,039)</b>				
Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 1.3%	2.6%	2.9%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 96.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.8%	N/A	28.5%	17.5%
With disabilities	9.8%	N/A	9.7%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	6.1%	N/A	6.6%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.9%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.0%	Down from 14.8%	27.3%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	72.0%	Up from 66.9%	52.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.9%	Down from 51.6%	31.3%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	1.2%	Down from 1.3%	2.5%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Teachers (n=110)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.5%	Up from 50.0%	64.4%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	72.7%	Up from 69.0%	78.6%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.7%	Up from 89.4%	86.5%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	No Change	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,376	Up 1.8%	\$48,885	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Down from 1.4%	1.6%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	Up from 7.8 days	8.9 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	7.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.8 to 1	Down from 29.9 to 1	29.5 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 89.2%	89.8%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,492	Up 7.3%	\$6,651	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.0%	Down from 58.1%	60.5%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 59.1%	63.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Down from 100.0%	98.3%	97.7%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	79.8	Down from 92.0	79.8	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	115	373	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.5%	86.4%	92.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3%	90.4%	86.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.4%	89.1%	92.1%

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

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

A living, breathing, dynamic institution of secondary education, Ashley Ridge High School is more than the bricks and mortar and swamplands that constitute our campus. Our proud chant, "We ARE A.R.! – everywhere else is just a school," underscores our striving to be better today than we were yesterday; our commitment to educating well-rounded citizens for the next generation; and our culture of integrity, responsibility, and community engagement. Ashley Ridge provides educational opportunities in a safe, supportive environment which fosters pride, inspires excellence, promotes respect, and builds strong relationships.

We ARE dedicated to the success of every student. Our faculty creates a strong, professional learning community that ensures quality instruction and assessment. The Swamp Fox Freshman Academy provides a devoted environment with specialized teachers to seamlessly acclimate 9th graders to high school life, expectations, and standards. Our Prevention & Intervention team monitors and supports at-risk students (academically, behaviorally, and socially) through progressive programming including a student-faculty mentoring program, evening school classes, and the Higher Learning Academy to educate students on post graduation opportunities.

We ARE committed to producing engaged citizens. Partnering with local and national organizations like the Low Country Food Bank, Trident United Way, Water Missions International, Children in Crisis, National Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, and the Red Cross, our student organizations have contributed thousands of dollars and service hours to communities in need. The annual "Ashley Ridge Swamp Fest" is the hallmark of student-centered learning and emblematic of our spirit of civic responsibility. This school-wide endeavor is a defining moment for many students who witness first-hand the fulfillment of public service, thinking beyond oneself, and making a notable difference in the lives of others. For their dedication and involvement, Ashley Ridge students have earned the Regional Jefferson Award for Public Service.

We ARE scholars, leaders, musicians, athletes, and even award-winning gardeners. Our graduating class earned over 19.7 million dollars in scholarship money, 161 students qualified for LIFE Scholarships, 26 seniors are Palmetto Fellows, and 10 senior earned South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Awards. As an AAAA school fielding 19 athletic teams, our students have clinched 2 individual state championships, 2 region titles, and dozens of individual athletic recognitions. The U.S. Air Force has honored our AFROTC program with the Distinguished Unit Award for four straight years. With two state championships and an "Outstanding Performance Award" from the SC Band Director's Association, our Marching Band, Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guards are the pride of the Swamp. Finally, our student-led "Swamp Fresh Garden" where students plant, harvest, and sell their produce, has earned the USDA Good Agricultural Practices and Good Handling Distinction. We ARE continuing to raise the bar every year. The culture of Ashley Ridge is one where teamwork, collaboration and community engagement drive the educational and personal development of students and faculty. Our efforts and accomplishments as a school have been recognized on the state level –most notably our 2013 designation as Palmetto's Finest and a Palmetto Gold winner. Never content to rest on our laurels, we continue to challenge ourselves and our students to expand horizons and push limits. We are proud of who we are and what we have accomplished. We ARE, A.R.!

Karen Radcliffe, Principal  
Don Baus, SIC Chairperson

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status