



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Hillcrest High School  
 Greenville County  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 2,080  
 Principal: Stephen Chamness  
 Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
 Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

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

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	2	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 (%)	80.4%	81.0%	84.4%	86.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.1%	14.0%	9.7%	9.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.5%	5.0%	6.1%	5.0%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.8%	95.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

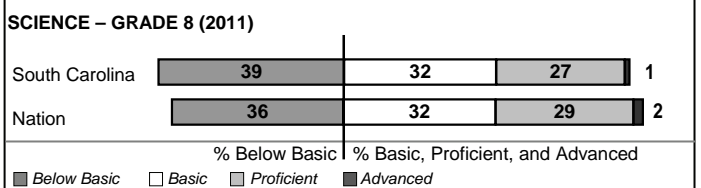
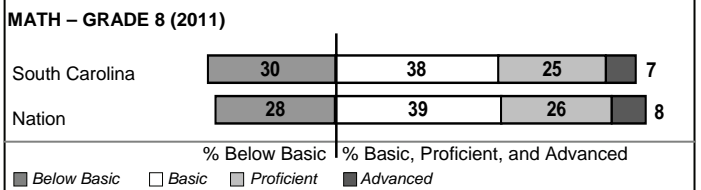
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	535	344
Number of Diplomas	425	279
Rate (%)	79.4%	81.4%

## 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	88.6	79.3
English 1	86.6	76.2
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	86.9	82.6
US History and the Constitution	73.2	67.6
All Tests	83.7	76.3

## 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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# Hillcrest High School [Greenville County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=2,080)</b>				
Retention rate	4.2%	Up from 2.5%	2.1%	2.9%
Attendance rate	92.9%	No Change	95.5%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.7%	N/A	24.7%	17.5%
With disabilities	9.7%	N/A	9.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	6.6%	N/A	6.0%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	35.4%	Up from 28.8%	25.1%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	46.0%	Up from 45.2%	52.5%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	60.8%	Up from 37.0%	34.2%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.2%	Up from 2.5%	2.1%	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=104)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.4%	Up from 63.7%	66.7%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	88.5%	Up from 84.3%	78.6%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Down from 92.1%	87.7%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,885	Up 1.7%	\$48,888	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Down from 3.9%	1.6%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Up from 9.7 days	10.8 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	5.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.9 to 1	Up from 31.2 to 1	27.8 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.2%	Down from 87.5%	88.9%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,336	Up 6.9%	\$6,723	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	Down from 62.0%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 62.7%	61.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6%	Up from 91.6%	98.0%	97.7%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	71.1	Down from 76.8	80.4	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For almost sixty years, Hillcrest High School has been a source of pride for the Simpsonville-Fountain Inn community. Hillcrest is proud of its students and faculty and their accomplishments. Many of our teachers hold masters degrees, masters plus thirty, as well as additional degree certifications such as National Board, Advanced Placement, Gifted and Talented, as well as being selected for state award winners. Our Assistant Principal is the 2013 Assistant Principal of the Year for the state of SC, and a National Top 3 Finalist. This year, our overall End-Of-Course exam pass rate has shown over a 10% increase. Our graduation rate is also improving yearly. Hillcrest offers a continuum of opportunities for its students beginning with the Freshman Academy for first-year ninth grade students. The Academy continues to hold a Freshman Day prior to the start of school. Approximately 400 of our new ninth grade students attended this event making it a great success.

Hillcrest offers a variety of opportunities for student involvement. The Speech and Debate program continues to have district, state and national winners. We also has one of the top athletic programs in the state with 22 varsity and 24 Sub Varsity teams that are consistently some of the top athletic teams in our state, as well as having many students who are college bound athletes. Hillcrest also offers over 21 clubs to keep our students apart of the HHS family.

Our student body in partnership with the community raised nearly \$86,000 in one week in support for Connie Maxwell Children's Home and Washington Center. The Greenhouse Industries program at Hillcrest sponsors plant sales throughout the year, offering student-grown plants and flowers to the public. The program earned over \$20,000 since its inception and is recognized by the state as an exemplary program.

Hillcrest's Guidance Department works with students and parents to ensure students' needs are met and that students are on track for graduation. Counselors and Administrators meet annually with students to develop and review each student's Individual Graduation Plan. The Career Development Facilitator provides various opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop their goals. Students have ample opportunity to investigate their interests through many outstanding classes at Hillcrest High.

Hillcrest is dedicated to providing a safe and engaging learning environment to create the best future possible for our students.

Stephen Chamness, Principal  
Mark Drango, SIC Chairperson

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	324	59
Percent satisfied with learning environment	73.5%	80.3%	76.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.7%	80.5%	67.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66%	89.1%	67.8%

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

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