



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community High  
 Newberry County  
 Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 248  
 Principal: Joey L. Haney  
 Superintendent: Bennie Bennett  
 Board Chair: Jody Hamm

## 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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Average	At-Risk	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	10	12	0	1

\* 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 (%)	71.8%	83.9%	74.4%	76.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.8%	16.1%	15.7%	14.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.4%	N/A	12.9%	10.9%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	82.6%	90.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

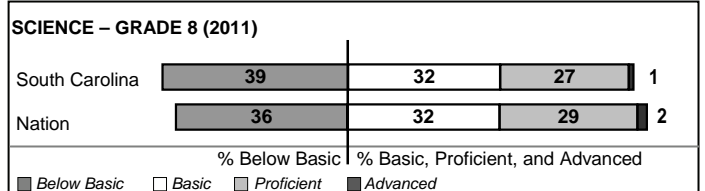
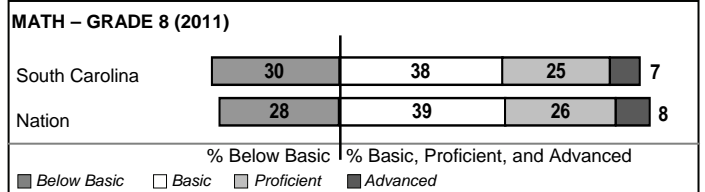
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	27	195
Number of Diplomas	18	141
Rate (%)	66.7%	74.4%

## 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	55.3	72.0
English 1	58.8	64.8
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	80.6	73.0
US History and the Constitution	48.3	47.9
All Tests	60.6	61.9

## 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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# Whitmire Community High [Newberry County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=248)</b>				
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.0%	3.6%	2.9%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 94.8%	95.4%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.6%	N/A	15.6%	17.5%
With disabilities	9.8%	N/A	12.7%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	7.8%	N/A	9.7%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Up from 0.0%	1.5%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	7.6%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	41.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.6%	Up from 27.3%	30.2%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.0%	Down from 4.0%	2.7%	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=13)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	No Change	59.4%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Down from 84.6%	77.5%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.2%	Down from 85.8%	83.6%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 97.3%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,047	Down 0.9%	\$48,207	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	3.6%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	18.7 days	Up from 16.0 days	9.7 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Down from 18.0 to 1	26.9 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Down from 90.2%	89.0%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$3,224	Down 60.8%	\$8,214	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.0%	Down from 63.0%	54.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	10.0%	Down from 63.6%	58.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	97.8%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	35.0	Down from 91.4	73.0	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School, embedded in the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County, offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The rural town of Whitmire is commonly known to residents and travelers as the Pearl of the Piedmont. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvancEd Standards for Quality. WCS is also a SREB High Schools That Work site and has been recognized by the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Programs.

The classroom instruction at WCS is based on South Carolina state standards with a focus on reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all grade levels and content areas with a shared responsibility of all students, parents, and teachers. WCS promotes reading and writing throughout the school and community with programs and opportunities such as Family Message Journals, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, SC State Read-In, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week.

WCS continues to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1-10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The Leadership Team analyzes data and has meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers to discuss data, set goals, and decide on the best instructional strategies for students based on individual strengths and weaknesses. Goal-setting is based on data from the following: classroom assessments, Dominie, MAP, PASS, HSAP, and EOC. Computer software such as Odyssey and A+ is used for remediation, enrichment, and credit recovery. A daily enrichment period is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices, and instructional technology. Teachers are instructional leaders by sharing best practices and technology strategies with their peers. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification.

The WCS Nature Trail is a major addition to the campus. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors.

WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

Joey L. Haney, Principal  
Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	21	21
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.5%	85.7%	95.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5%	95.2%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.8%	90.5%	95.2%

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

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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