



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwestern High
 York 3 - Rock Hill
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,734
 Principal: James Blake II
 Superintendent: Dr. Lynn P. Moody
 Board Chair: Jim Vining

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 | B | N/A |
| 2012 | Good | Average | N/A | N/A | B | N/A |
| 2011 | Good | Below Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 26 | 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 (%) | 81.0% | 88.6% | 84.9% | 86.3% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%) | 12.2% | 7.0% | 9.4% | 9.2% |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 6.8% | 4.4% | 5.9% | 5.0% |

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

| | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Passage Rate | 94.7% | 95.2% |

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

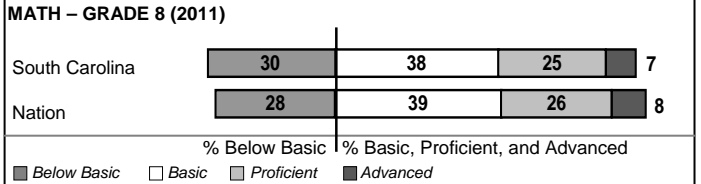
| | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students | 423 | 339 |
| Number of Diplomas | 351 | 276 |
| Rate (%) | 83.0% | 81.5% |

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 | 78.0 | 79.7 |
| English 1 | 72.5 | 76.7 |
| Biology 1/Applied Biology 2 | 83.8 | 83.3 |
| US History and the Constitution | 65.4 | 67.9 |
| All Tests | 75.6 | 76.7 |

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.

Abbreviations Key

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Northwestern High [York 3 - Rock Hill]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | High Schools with Students Like Ours | Median High School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Students (n=1,734) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 2.9% | Down from 3.1% | 2.1% | 2.9% |
| Attendance rate | 95.1% | No Change | 95.6% | 95.1% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 29.1% | N/A | 25.3% | 17.5% |
| With disabilities | 14.6% | N/A | 10.1% | 11.9% |
| Older than usual for grade | 6.0% | N/A | 6.0% | 7.9% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.5% | Down from 0.6% | 0.9% | 1.1% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 27.3% | Down from 41.3% | 23.6% | 15.1% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | 43.8% | Down from 53.4% | 53.9% | 51.5% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 30.6% | Down from 55.3% | 34.0% | 30.6% |
| Annual dropout rate | 2.5% | Down from 3.0% | 2.2% | 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 |
| Teachers (n=95) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 63.2% | Up from 54.5% | 66.7% | 63.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 74.7% | Down from 79.8% | 79.7% | 78.8% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 85.4% | Down from 89.6% | 87.9% | 86.2% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.5% | Up from 95.1% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$49,851 | Up 3.7% | \$49,444 | \$48,699 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 1.1% | Down from 1.4% | 1.4% | 2.5% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 8.3 days | Down from 14.5 days | 11.0 days | 9.8 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 10.0 | Up from 9.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 32.8 to 1 | Up from 28.2 to 1 | 27.8 to 1 | 26.9 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 89.8% | Up from 89.2% | 89.0% | 89.0% |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$6,683 | Up 0.5% | \$6,762 | \$7,919 |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 61.0% | Up from 60.9% | 59.0% | 57.0% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 63.0% | Up from 61.8% | 61.0% | 60.0% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 99.3% | Up from 95.8% | 98.0% | 97.7% |
| Character development program | Excellent | No Change | Good | Good |
| ESEA composite index score | 87.1 | Up from 83.1 | 81.1 | 77.4 |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwestern faculty and staff provide world class instruction to a diverse group of young adults. Their overall dedication to their profession earned the staff acclaim noted by three finalist for and two fellow colleagues being named as South Carolina's State Teachers of the Year. Our school site program of studies offerings like CATE, Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way gained school wide award and recognition. Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the High School That Works Technical Assistance Visit team, Northwestern has been annually recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for academic excellence. Our student's talents are always showcased with state honors being recognized for "Visions" literary magazine. In the 2013 graduating class, twenty seniors graduated with Highest Honors, twenty-six graduated with Honors, fourteen completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, thirty six took three or more Advanced Placement Exams, one hundred and one were awarded a Gold Seal diploma, eight were awarded the SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, and fourteen were recognized as Palmetto Fellows. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2013 exceeded \$9.3 Million.

Northwestern's performing and visual arts program produced many Allstate performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions with many pieces receiving top honors. Our schools orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring superior rating on the highest level of performed music in the SC Music Educators Association competition. The choral students entertained our community with a winter holiday and spring concerts, along with other many requested community events. Our theater department preformed multiple shows for the school and community as well. The Purple Regiment Marching Band advanced through state and regional competitions, and finished as bronze medalist for the 2012 marching season, which helped our total band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the SC Band Director's Association for the 24th consecutive year.

As a result of the competitive spirit of our student/athletes and twenty Varsity teams, Northwestern continues to perform well in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition which recognizes the classifications most competitive athletic programs. Over ninety percent of our varsity teams were successful in gaining a birth in post season play. Northwestern finished the school year with six region championships (girls basketball, baseball, boys and girls track, boys and girls soccer) and a state runner up finish in football. The SC High School League recognized and awarded Northwestern athletes and coaches, a state leading fifty-three Scholar athletic certificates, sixty-three All Region athlete awards, five Region Coaches of the Year awards, eighteen All State Athlete certificates and medallions, six North All Star athlete selections, one Shrine Bowler, and one Individual State Champion Athlete award. Seventeen seniors in this year's graduating class have been offered athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

It is Northwestern's mission to provide the greatest educational experience for its students, staff, and community.

Ms. Gwendolyn Conner – SIC □ Mr. James Blake II - Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 97 | 285 | 181 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 91.8% | 78.2% | 84% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 96.9% | 88.6% | 84.9% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 89.6% | 81.9% | 80.4% |

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

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