



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Palmetto State E-cademy  
 SC Public Charter  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 253  
 Principal: Dr. Barbara Stoops  
 Superintendent: Wayne Brazell, Ph. D.  
 Board Chair: Don McLaurin

## 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	At-Risk	Excellent	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	F	N/A
2011	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CSI-AYP

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

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
27	7	0	0	3

\* 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 (%)	55.7%	70.3%	78.2%	83.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	31.4%	23.0%	13.5%	11.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.9%	6.8%	8.4%	5.9%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	71.2%	91.7%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

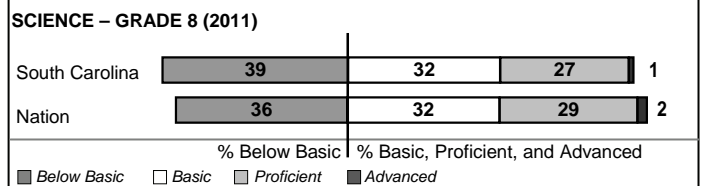
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	187	297
Number of Diplomas	31	227
Rate (%)	16.6%	77.1%

## 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	92.9	77.5
English 1	81.8	74.5
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	86.7	80.3
US History and the Constitution	48.3	63.7
All Tests	72.5	73.7

## 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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# Palmetto State E-cademy [SC Public Charter]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=253)</b>				
Retention rate	15.2%	Up from 11.6%	2.4%	2.9%
Attendance rate	86.3%	No Change	95.1%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	0.3%	N/A	20.5%	17.5%
With disabilities	10.4%	N/A	11.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	27.0%	N/A	6.5%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.3%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	1.5%	Down from 4.5%	19.7%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	53.9%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	18.4%	Down from 36.1%	33.2%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	25.4%	Up from 14.4%	2.9%	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=17)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	82.4%	Up from 77.3%	65.2%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	88.2%	Up from 86.4%	85.6%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.7%	Down from 88.8%	88.0%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	99.9%	Up from 99.5%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,820	Up 3.3%	\$50,381	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Up from 0.0%	1.6%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Down from 9.4 days	11.5 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.8 to 1	Up from 16.8 to 1	28.3 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.0%	Up from 85.6%	87.9%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,752	Up 28.8%	\$7,422	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	Down from 71.9%	56.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Down from 73.0%	59.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.0%	Up from 64.8%	96.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	15.9	Down from 47.6	83.2	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Palmetto State E-cademy (PSE) is a public virtual charter school founded in 2008 to serve students in grades 9-12 through the state. School offices are located in Columbia and our student body of 345 students demonstrates the same blend of diversity as found in the state. PSE is one of only two virtual schools in the state to achieve the prestigious AdvancEd accreditation. Our excellent teachers work from their homes in various locations throughout the state and they along with the PSE staff are dedicated to the success of our students. This year's EOC scores are an excellent demonstration of the quality instruction that our students receive. Particularly in Algebra 1 where 93% of our students passed the EOC and 84% passed the Biology exam.

Teachers facilitate homerooms of students located in the same geographic region allowing all students the opportunity to participate in social school gatherings, service projects, and to garner additional academic support. Palmetto State E-cademy's curriculum is rigorous and learning coaches are provided to support students in the more difficult subjects such as math and English. A Graduation Coach guides seniors and jumping-juniors through their last high school courses to assist them in their goal of earning a diploma. Homerooms, learning coaches, and the Graduation Coach all demonstrate PSE's commitment to support our students and to aid them in accomplishing the important goal of high school graduation.

The mission of Palmetto State E-cademy is to significantly reduce the dropout rate in South Carolina by retaining and returning high school age students into the public school system, helping them achieve success and reach their individual potential while in school, and ensuring they graduate. To that end, the staff and Board of Directors have implemented a rigorous curriculum that is AdvancEd accredited and aligned to Common Core objectives. Quality professional development for staff, regular interaction with students and parents, and engaging delivery of instruction through live teaching and coaching have led to the continued success of Palmetto State E-cademy.

Mickey Stokes, Board Chair

Dr. Barbara Stoops, Principal/Executive Director

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	14	8
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	85.7%	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.4%	92.3%	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.1%	76.9%	N/A

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

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