

Charleston County School Of The Arts

5109-B West Enterprise Street

North Charleston, SC 29405



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	6-12 High	Principal:	Dr. Shannon Cook
Enrollment:	1,120 students	Superintendent:	Mr. Michael L. Bobby, Acting Superinte
School Phone:	843-529-4990	Board Chair:	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats
School Website:	http://soa.ccsdschools.com/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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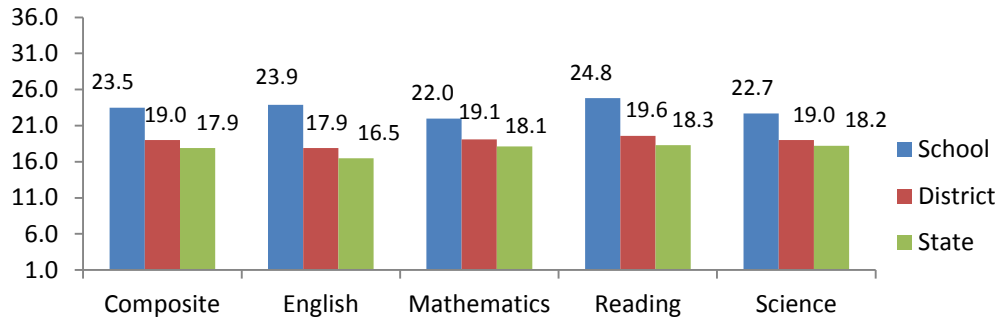
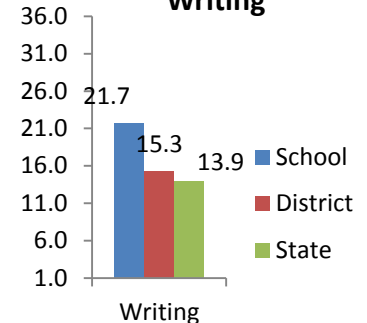
Charleston County School of the Arts is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by creating a unique learning environment that provides focused arts instruction and rigorous courses in math, language arts, science and social studies. Our students spend 90 minutes daily honing their art skills, and this year we earned national recognition from The Scholastic, Inc. Art and Writing Awards, the American String Teachers Association, the American Choral Directors Association, and colleges and universities across the country. In 2014, over 97% of our middle school students scored Met or Exemplary on standardized testing, and 65% of 11th and 12th graders took advantage of one or more of our 15 Advanced Placement courses. We were identified as one of the top three high schools in the state by US News and World Report for our curricular offerings and student achievement.

All of our scholars are encouraged to use their artistic gifts as they reach out to local and global communities. We were recognized by the Jefferson Awards Foundation for outstanding public service, and we celebrated the 14,256 service hours logged in by our compassionate student body. Our artists communicated their support to the families of victims of tragic shootings in Charleston through poetry, a benefit concert, and the creation of a YouTube video in memory of those slain.

Our staff members continue to look for ways to support our students through new courses like Interns that Work, designed to give students real world experiences in potential career fields and Leadership, a class that brings our students in contact with aspiring artists in Title 1 schools. Freshman Focus, a systemic support class for 9th graders transitioning into high school, includes units centering on study skills and college and career readiness, and also fulfills the state's health education requirement. Overcoming Obstacles, a character education curriculum used school-wide during advisory periods, has been tailored to meet the needs of our students and focuses on multiculturalism, integrity, self-advocacy and respect.

At Charleston County School of the Arts we are committed to challenging and supporting our students as they develop their artistic gifts and grow in their ability to learn, create, express, focus and positively impact the world around them.

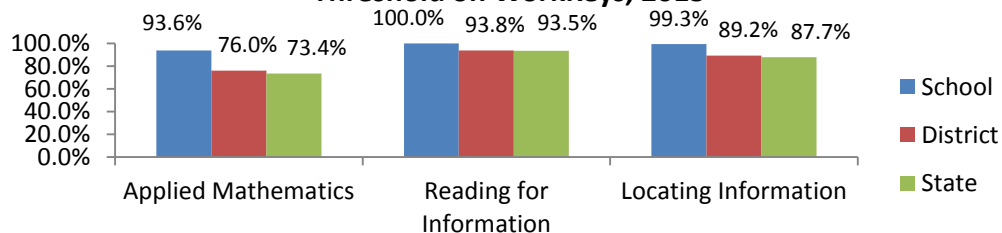
Dr. Shannon Cook, Principal
Ms. Yancey Richmond, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015****Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
85	52.1	72.9	42.1	32.9

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015

ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
91.8	563	527	555	1645

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.5	96.5	85.7
English 1	96.9	92.0	75.1
Biology 1	100.0	96.4	77.8
US History and the Constitution	97.2	90.1	69.1
All Subjects	98.2	93.8	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
99.3	97.8	98.4	98.4

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
98.6	98.4	98.4	96.9

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
32.2	38.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
99.3	78.4	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,120)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	20.9	Down from 24.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.0	Down from 96.2%	96.1
With disabilities	2.9	Down from 3.1%	7.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4	Up from 0.8%	1.2
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	92.9	Down from 98.5%	45.1
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	64.0	Up from 57.7%	39.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	76.5	Up from 73.9%	76.5
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	9.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1080	Up from 155	1139
Students participating in work-based experiences	26.5	Up from 0.6%	16.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	107	N/A	212
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	98.6	N/A	88.0
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	6	N/A	191
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	98.5
Annual dropout rate	0.0	Down from 0.2%	0.3
Dropout recovery rate	N/A	N/A	6.7
Percentage of students retained	0.3	Up from 0.0%	0.4
Teachers (n = 76)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	53.9	Down from 55.4%	65.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	72.4	Down from 81.1%	86.0
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4	Down from 91.7%	90.0
Teacher attendance rate	96.6	Up from 95.8%	96.3
Average teacher salary*	\$49,549	Up 0.5%	\$50,634
Professional development days / teacher	9.0 days	Down from 9.3 days	10.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.5	Up from 12.0%	5.3
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.1

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	116	73
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.8	84.4	93.1
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.9	85.2	97.2
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.2	94.7	81.7

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
School			
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	7.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.7 to 1	Down from 28.1 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1	Down from 90.4%	91.1
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	1.0	N/A	5.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.3	Up from 84.6%	99.8
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	N/A	N/A	11.8
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	N/A	N/A	18.5
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.1	N/C	1.8
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.6
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,536	Up 5.3%	\$8,243
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.9	Up from 60.5%	59.3
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	61.0	Up from 60.8%	62.4

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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