

Great Falls High School

409/411 Sunset Avenue
Great Falls, SC 29055



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:	Brenda S. Fort
Enrollment:	402 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Agnes Slayman
School Phone:	803-482-2210	Board Chair:	Mrs. Denise Lawson
School Website:	http://chester.gfmh.schooldesk.net/		



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

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Great Falls High School (GFH) is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe environment where all students feel welcome and are challenged to do their best in all that they do. Great Falls High School has "Great Students, Great Teachers, and is a Great Place to Grow," which echoes Chester County School District's motto, "A Great Place to Grow, committed to excellence for all students."

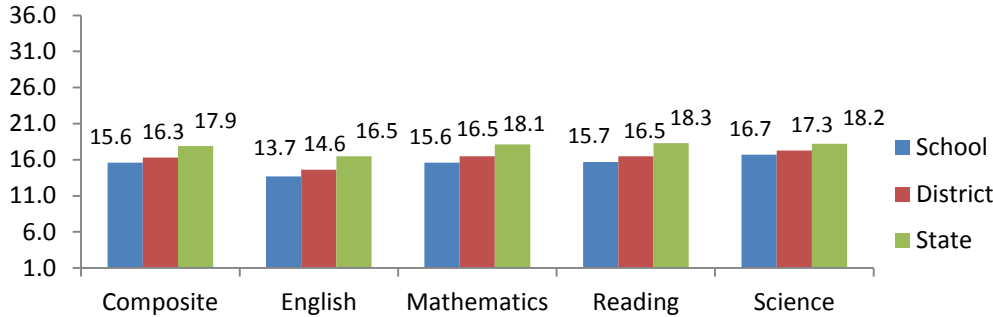
GFH has embedded "Pride" and "Flex time" into their daily schedule for students and teachers to devote their time to the 3R's: Recovery, Redo, and Reteach. Also, the teachers at GFH are continually striving to learn and apply new strategies that foster the growth of world class knowledge. Each day, teachers implement the district 1-to-1 hiTEC initiative with fidelity. This invaluable technology provides students with a multitude of resources and possibilities, as well as puts global perspectives at their fingertips. Students at GFH are involved in innumerable activities that help develop and support world class skills and life and career characteristics. These activities include involvement in the World Class Scholars Program, the Youth Apprenticeship Program, the S.W.A.T program, multiple opportunities for dual-credit course offerings, completion of Senior Projects that have a service-learning requirement, marching band, JROTC, Beta Club, and much more.

Great Falls High School strives to provide students with an education that prepares them with world class knowledge and skills, infused with life and career characteristics. The success of the students is always the top priority and with the help of the parents, community members, and business leaders, we will continue to realize growth and success of all of our students at Great Falls High School.

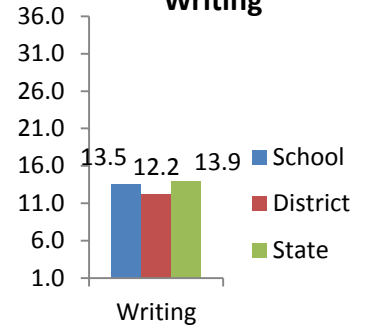
Brenda Fort, Principal of Great Falls High School

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

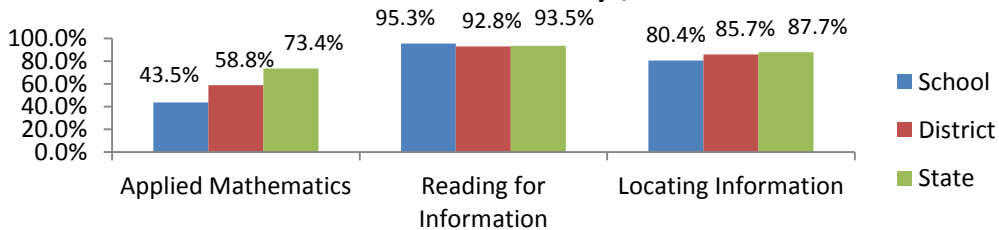


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
22.9	6.3	4.2	8.3	0

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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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
6.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	84.8	76.8	85.7
English 1	60.5	59.1	75.1
Biology 1	58.3	68.0	77.8
US History and the Constitution	32.6	57.0	69.1
All Subjects	59.0	65.5	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
89.5	72.9	77.2	70.3

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
72.9	82.3	71.6	85.5

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
33.3	35.5	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
58.6	57.8	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 = 402)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	80.9	Down from 81.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.0	Down from 95.4%	93.9
With disabilities	13.1	Down from 14.5%	13.4
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	Down from 0.5%	1.4
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	17.5	Down from 20.3%	14.5
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0	No change	8.0
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	33.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	8.3
Enrollment in career/technology courses	408	Up from 98	625
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.2	Down from 33.7%	5.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	31	N/A	113
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	79.6
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	21	N/A	43
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	95.7
Annual dropout rate	3.0	Down from 3.1%	1.9
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	3.1
Percentage of students retained	3.1	Down from 4.7%	3.1
Teachers (n = 30)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	63.3	Down from 66.7%	58.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	73.3	Up from 69.7%	73.0
Teachers returning from previous year	79.6	Down from 84.6%	81.7
Teacher attendance rate	91.1	Down from 94.8%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$46,940	Up 1.0%	\$46,287
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	11.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.1	Up from 7.0%	4.2
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	N/A	N/A	0.5

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	6	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	71.4	I/S	100.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.6	I/S	90.9
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	39.1	I/S	63.7

* 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	4.0	Up from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.6	Down from 89.3%	87.0
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	6.0	N/A	9.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	N/A	N/A	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 95.1%	99.1
Character development program	Good	Up from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	14.8
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	16.8	N/A	25.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.3	N/C	2.0
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.5	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,415	Up 13.0%	\$9,414
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.8	Up from 56.7%	55.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	57.2	Up from 57.1%	57.0

* 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	Good	Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Below Average

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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