



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:	9-12 High	Principal:	Berkeley Postell
Enrollment:	2,161 students	Superintendent:	Joseph R. Pye
School Phone:	843-760-4450	Board Chair:	Gail Hughes
School Website:	http://fdhs.ddtwo.org		



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

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 ...

Fort Dorchester High School is an International Baccalaureate World School that opened in 1992 and now serves 2100 students. Our mission is to prepare all students for college and careers by providing a world-class educational experience. The college and career readiness focus is centered on advanced level course offerings and certifications, as well as developing the whole student through a character education program. This program teaches students to strive for perseverance, respect, integrity, dependability, and excellence while developing skills needed to be successful in academia or the workforce. Our focus on world class knowledge is a key to our students' success. The International Baccalaureate Programme offers courses in French, German, Latin, and Spanish, as well as several levels of mathematics, science, history, English, and art. Students are also offered dual credit and Early College programs as well as an extensive Advanced Placement program. Students have opportunities in an EDGE Academy in STEM, Business and Finance Management, and Culinary Arts/Hospitality.

Building skills for employment is key to our college and career readiness focus. Students use their creativity through the IB Community Action and Service project and community service organizations. Students also volunteer in local elementary schools. A group of our athletes mentored at-risk elementary students last year. A focus on individual learning styles is seen through IB Theory of Knowledge classes, Freshman Seminar, and advisement program which involve all students.

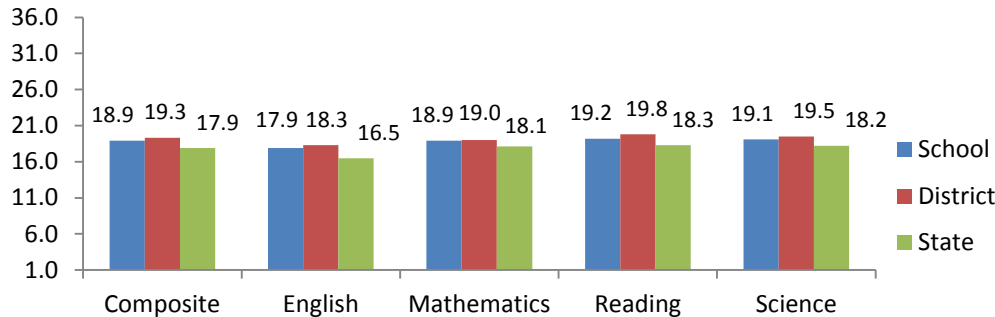
Skills for life and careers are fostered by our PBIS program and focus on Patriot P.R.I.D.E. (perseverance, respect, integrity, dependability and excellence) which is infused in everything we do. Students also are engaged in internships and work-based learning opportunities. This year all 10th grade students had a job shadowing experience either personally or virtually. Our school has partnered with schools in Spain, Romania, and Africa in our Teaching and Learning Across the Sea program, Skyping with classes in these countries to share cultures.

Fort Dorchester High School has been on a journey to reach world-class status. Students have grown in academics, responsibility, and school spirit. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and the growth they have shown. The professional learning community of Fort Dorchester High School is committed to continued growth and has plans for the coming year to capitalize on success while pursuing the path to world-class status.

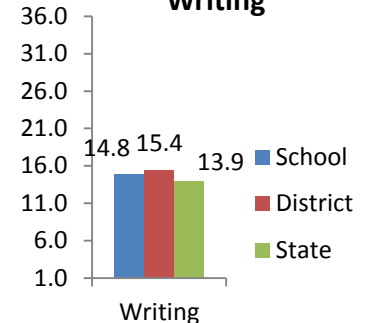
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

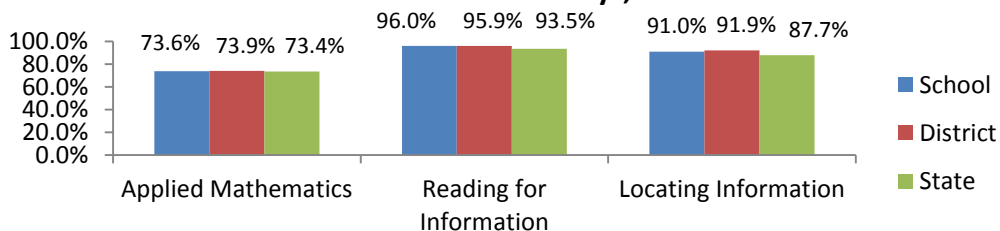


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
51	28.2	31.1	20.5	13.2

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.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
53.4	485	481	451	1416

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	81.0	84.2	85.7
English 1	74.7	75.6	75.1
Biology 1	78.0	80.1	77.8
US History and the Constitution	74.9	74.4	69.1
All Subjects	77.4	79.6	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
85.5	85.2	82.8	78.6

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
86.8	85.4	83.5	76.2

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
50.7	49.9	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
66.2	74.3	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 = 2,161)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	51.6	Down from 52.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.4	Down from 95.3%	94.7
With disabilities	9.0	Up from 7.7%	9.8
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.1	Up from 2.5%	1.1
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	23.5	Up from 23.2%	25.6
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	14.1	Down from 24.5%	21.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	62.0	Up from 55.2%	61.9
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.8	Down from 2.8%	2.6
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1986	Up from 895	1433
Students participating in work-based experiences	17.0	Down from 50.6%	7.6
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	291	N/A	265
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	85.0	N/A	81.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	97	N/A	56
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	99.0	N/A	79.3
Annual dropout rate	0.9	Down from 1.9%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	3.7
Percentage of students retained	3.2	Up from 1.3%	2.0
Teachers (n = 119)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	61.3	Up from 56.5%	64.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	77.3	Down from 77.4%	79.8
Teachers returning from previous year	86.4	Up from 85.3%	86.8
Teacher attendance rate	92.3	Down from 92.4%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$46,201	Up 0.8%	\$49,313
Professional development days / teacher	13.7 days	Down from 13.9 days	9.3 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2	Down from 0.6%	0.9
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.3

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	112	215	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.3	66.1	84.6
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.7	68.8	69.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.1	79.6	76.9

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

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
School			
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.1 to 1	Up from 26.2 to 1	28.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.0	Down from 87.3%	88.7
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	26.0	N/A	11.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4	Down from 98.6%	99.5
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	16.0	N/A	13.2
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	10.4	N/A	17.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	1.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,594	Up 6.4%	\$7,733
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.7	Up from 52.2%	58.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	53.9	Up from 52.5%	60.4

* 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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