



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:	Karen Radcliffe
Enrollment:	2,201 students	Superintendent:	Joseph R. Pye
School Phone:	843-695-4900	Board Chair:	Gail Hughes
School Website:	http://arhs.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

* 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 ...

Ashley Ridge High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by developing collaboration and communication among all stakeholders. Ashley Ridge challenges students through creativity and innovation as well as collaboration and teamwork. It is our mission to provide educational opportunities in a safe, supportive environment which fosters pride, inspires excellence, promotes respect and builds strong relationships in all of our graduates.

Ashley Ridge High School provides graduates with world class knowledge through rigorous standards in language arts and math for college and career readiness. Students are offered stringent coursework through Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Honors, and Project Lead the Way classes. A partnership created between Trident Technical College for the Early College Program as well as ECPI allows students to earn certifications and degrees upon successful completion of the programs.

The Ashley Ridge graduate encompasses the world class skills of creativity and innovation, critical thinking, and collaboration. Creativity is fostered through the Horticulture program's working garden as well as the STEM program's grant project to address community flooding. Ashley Ridge maintains active Project Lead the Way and Career and Technology Education programs which encourage collaboration and critical thinking. The student body of Ashley Ridge annually hosts Swamp Fest, a field day for students with disabilities from across the district. All stakeholders are involved in the planning and execution of this event.

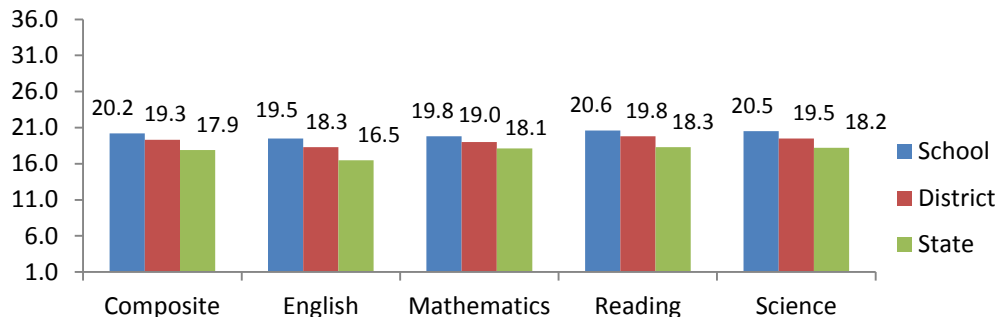
Graduates from Ashley Ridge have been equipped with appropriate life and career skills in order to be both college and career ready. Students are offered the opportunity to develop integrity, self-direction and interpersonal skills through an incredibly active leadership program, an advisory program for the Freshman Academy, a RAMP-certified school counseling program and the various clubs and organizations which meet monthly during the school day. Student achievements are celebrated through the Jefferson Leadership program quarterly. All students create Individualized Graduation Plans in order to prepare students for college and career readiness.

The Ashley Ridge graduate is prepared to enter the world of work, military, or post-secondary education equipped with the skills needed to be successful. The Ashley Ridge graduate is college and career ready.

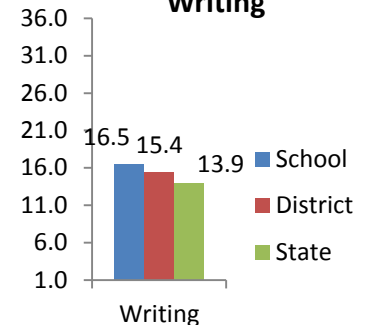
Karen Radcliffe, Principal Stephanie Wells, SIC Chair

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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

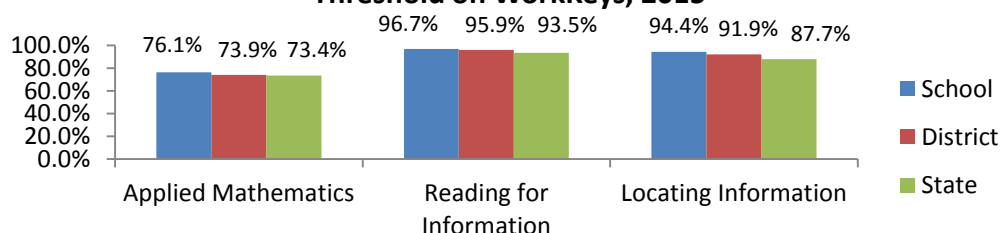


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
58.6	34.2	40.2	32.2	22.1

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
29.5	532	524	507	1562

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	87.3	83.7	85.7
English 1	84.2	76.0	75.1
Biology 1	89.1	78.0	77.8
US History and the Constitution	76.6	75.1	69.1
All Subjects	84.2	79.7	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
90.2	88.0	83.3	81.6

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
88.7	85.5	84.7	86.8

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
55.3	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
83.8	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 = 2,201)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	47.0	Down from 51.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.4	Down from 95.1%	95.1
With disabilities	7.5	Down from 8.6%	9.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2	Down from 1.5%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	20.9	Down from 22.5%	24.8
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.7	Down from 15.2%	20.6
Successful in AP/IB programs	65.0	Up from 61.8%	65.0
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	8.3	Down from 13.4%	1.1
Enrollment in career/technology courses	2115	Up from 1128	1304
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.2	Down from 23.7%	12.2
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	297	N/A	240
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	77.5	N/A	85.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	157	N/A	58
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	95.0	N/A	82.4
Annual dropout rate	0.9	Down from 1.1%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	5.7
Percentage of students retained	5.1	Up from 1.8%	1.4
Teachers (n = 118)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	52.5	Down from 56.8%	64.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	66.9	Up from 66.1%	79.8
Teachers returning from previous year	85.1	Down from 87.2%	86.9
Teacher attendance rate	93.6	Down from 93.7%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$45,715	Down 1.4%	\$49,084
Professional development days / teacher	8.2 days	Up from 8.1 days	8.2 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9	Down from 1.2%	1.1
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	120	397	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.9	74.5	97.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.1	72.1	86.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.1	90.7	74.4

* 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	7.0	Up from 6.0	2.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.4 to 1	Up from 26.7 to 1	28.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.2	Down from 87.9%	89.0
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	28.0	N/A	14.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.1	Down from 98.6%	99.7
Character development program	Poor	Down from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	10.0	N/A	12.4
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	8.4	N/A	17.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	1.6
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.1	N/C	1.5
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,788	Up 4.3%	\$6,999
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9	Up from 57.5%	58.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	58.7	Up from 58.3%	59.6

* 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	Good
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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