

Branchville High School

1349 Dorange Road
Branchville, SC 29432



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:	7-12 High	Principal:	David B. Hess
Enrollment:	294 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Tim Newman
School Phone:	803-274-8875	Board Chair:	Peggy Tyler
School Website:	http://blsh.orangeburg4.schoolfusion.us/		



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

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Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing a high quality education that consist of high rigor in a small rural environment where children are more than a number. Branchville High School (BHS) serves the Branchville area of Orangeburg County as a 7-12 school with an approximately 294 student body located in a rural setting. The faculty and staff of BHS is made up of dedicated individuals who have high expectations for all students to learn and grow in a positive, safe and warm educational environment. We believe all students can learn and that parents should be involved in the education of their children. Our goal is to educate students who will be prepared to either excel in post-secondary education, be productive in the workforce, and become lifelong learners. Branchville High School has had many academic successes this year. We saw gains in our 2014-2015 End of Course test scores in Algebra 1, and Biology. Branchville High School had 78% of the 2014-2015 senior class accepted into post-secondary education with 45% of the class eligible for the Life Scholarship. This year South Carolina has removed the HSAP test and now 11th grade students will be taking the ACT test and Work keys. The high school students with the assistance of the 5th graders put on Aladdin, under the direction of Mrs. Toni Ott. Branchville Middle School had an absolute rating of Average for the 2014-2015 school year, but did see some gains made on the PASS Science scores from the previous year. This year Middle School Math and ELA state testing will be replaced by the ACT Aspire test.

In sports BHS captured the region championship in Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball. Furthermore, BHS had it's first every wrestling team. The two mottos that we, at Branchville, believe in is "Only the Best at BHS" and "Branchville is a Rayl Rode School (RRS) Respect, Responsibility, and Safety". BHS must provide students with academic rigor, relevance, relationships, and fun to be successful for the future. Through the combined efforts of students, parents and teachers, Branchville High School strives to help all students reach their full potential. We encourage all students to build positive memories while preparing to be productive citizens for the future.

We thank you for your continued support.

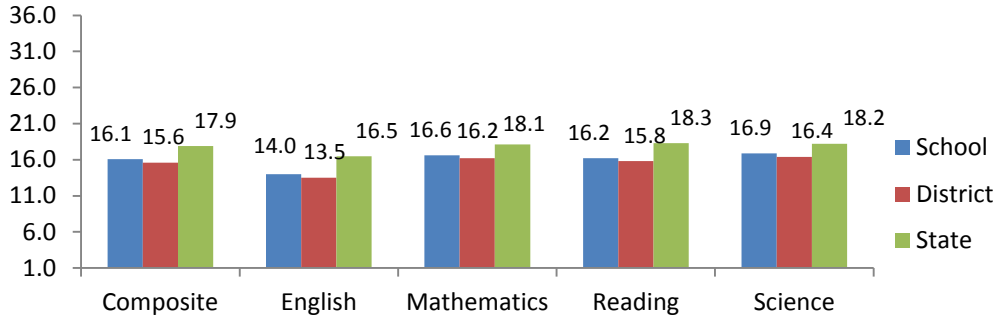
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Jennifer Wimberly SIC Chairperson

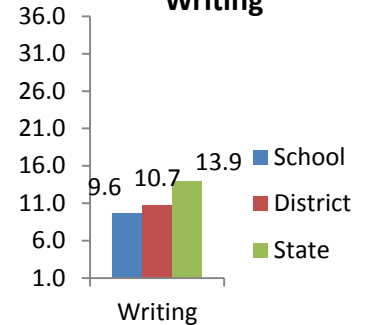
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

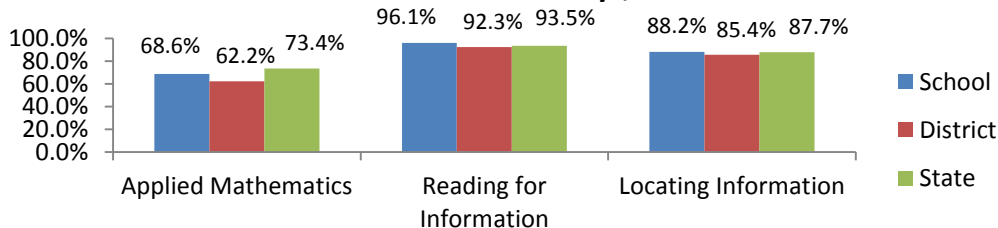


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
23.5	9.8	15.7	9.8	3.9

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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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
47.5	448	465	453	1366

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	95.2	79.5	85.7
English 1	51.4	66.3	75.1
Biology 1	58.6	76.1	77.8
US History and the Constitution	37.0	64.2	69.1
All Subjects	55.6	71.2	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
74.5	92.0	79.6	79.2

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
95.9	81.3	79.6	87.8

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
44.4	88.3	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
95.7	74.4	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 = 294)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	68.4	Down from 69.0%	N/A
Attendance Rate	97.7	Up from 95.3%	94.0
With disabilities	7.9	Down from 8.8%	12.1
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	13.7	Up from 13.0%	19.4
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0	No change	16.4
Successful in AP/IB programs	N/A	N/A	52.8
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	21.5	Down from 24.8%	1.2
Enrollment in career/technology courses	284	Up from 145	829
Students participating in work-based experiences	8.1	Down from 20.7%	15.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	39	N/A	214
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	56.8	N/A	69.8
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	23	N/A	65
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	96.2
Annual dropout rate	2.5	Up from 2.0%	2.6
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	5.8
Percentage of students retained	2.4	Up from 1.8%	3.0
Teachers (n = 19)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	68.4	Down from 75.0%	67.0
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	94.7	Up from 75.0%	82.6
Teachers returning from previous year	81.6	Up from 65.0%	88.1
Teacher attendance rate	95.9	Up from 95.2%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$49,545	Down 1.4%	\$48,867
Professional development days / teacher	28.2 days	Up from 17.1 days	10.8 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1	Down from 14.1%	2.1
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.5

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	26	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.2	73.1	84.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2	73.1	84.6
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7	96.1	76.9

* 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	No change	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Up from 23.7 to 1	28.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8	Up from 89.3%	87.6
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	19.0	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	100.0	No change	99.9
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	12.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	14.2	N/A	20.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.4	N/C	1.9
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.9	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,318	Up 7.2%	\$8,133
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.5	Up from 50.0%	57.2
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	51.7	Up from 50.6%	58.4

* 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	Good
2012	Average	At-Risk

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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