



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:	James Blake II
Enrollment:	1,856 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Kelly U. Pew
School Phone:	803-981-1200	Board Chair:	Jim Vining
School Website:	http://nw.rock-hill.k12.sc.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

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

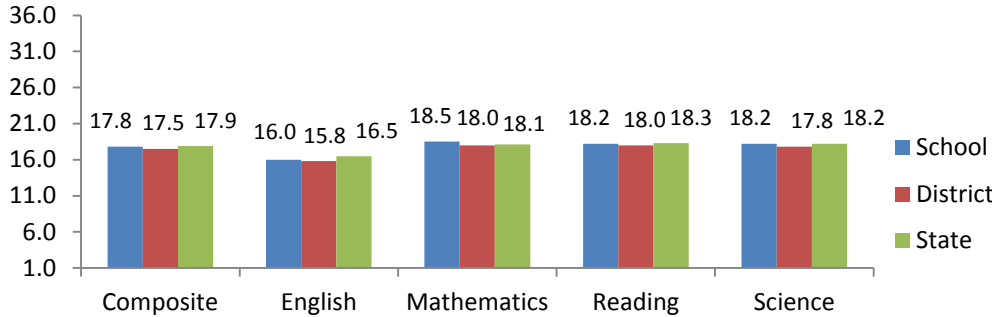
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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

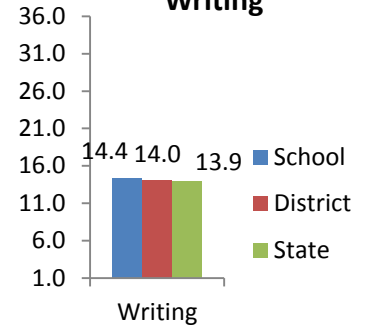
Northwestern prides itself in providing opportunities for all students to be successful academically, artistically, and athletically. Our faculty and staff provide world-class instruction to a diverse group of young adults. Their overall dedication to their profession earned the staff acclaim noted by honors received locally, statewide and nationally. Our school site program of studies offerings like CATE, Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way gained school wide award and recognition. Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the High School That Works Technical Assistance Visit team, Northwestern has been annually recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for academic excellence. Our student's talents are always showcased with state honors being recognized for "Visions" literary magazine. In the 2015 graduating class, thirty five seniors graduated with Highest Honors, thirty six graduated with Honors, fourteen completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, forty five took three or more Advanced Placement Exams, one hundred thirty nine were awarded a Gold Seal diploma, seventeen were awarded the SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, one hundred completed all requirements in a specialized area of study and were classified as a completer in their program of study and twenty one were recognized as Palmetto Fellows. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2015 exceeded \$10.4 Million. Northwestern's performing and visual arts program produced many Allstate performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions with many pieces receiving top honors. Our schools orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring superior rating on the highest level of performed music in the SC Music Educators Association competition. The choral students entertained our community with a winter holiday and spring concert, along with other many requested community events. In state competition, our Troubadours finished tied for second. Our theater department preformed multiple shows for the school and community as well, gaining honors and recognition at the 2015 Blumey Awards. The Purple Regiment Marching Band advanced through state and regional competitions, and finished as bronze medalist for the 2014 marching season, which helped our total band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the SC Band Director's Association for the 24th consecutive year. As a result of the competitive spirit of our student/athletes and twenty Varsity teams, Northwestern continues to perform well in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition which recognizes the classifications most competitive athletic programs. Over ninety percent of our varsity teams were successful in gaining a birth in post season play. Northwestern finished the school year with five region championships (football, girls basketball, softball, and boys and girls track) and a state runner up finish in boys track. The

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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

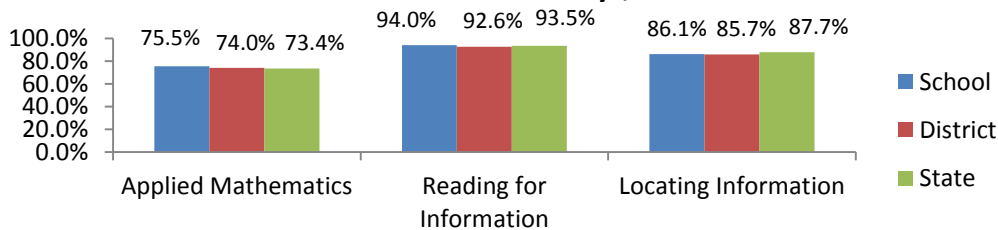


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
36.5	26.1	25.5	17.8	12.8

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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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
61.1	478	480	450	1407

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	86.9	83.3	85.7
English 1	72.4	74.6	75.1
Biology 1	84.6	81.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	72.9	72.5	69.1
All Subjects	79.4	78.4	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
90.9	83.4	83.0	82.3

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
84.0	83.1	86.4	76.4

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
65.9	61.5	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
71.3	70.7	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 = 1,856)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	53.8	Down from 57.8%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.4	Down from 95.6%	94.7
With disabilities	15.6	Up from 15.3%	10.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.2	Up from 0.4%	1.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	27.3	Down from 31.4%	25.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	51.0	Up from 33.3%	21.6
Successful in AP/IB programs	48.3	Up from 42.8%	60.3
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.1	Down from 2.0%	1.8
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1787	Up from 1090	1489
Students participating in work-based experiences	14.8	Down from 21.1%	8.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	267	N/A	354
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	73.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	65	N/A	64
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	82.7
Annual dropout rate	1.8	Down from 2.2%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	3.8
Percentage of students retained	2.0	Down from 2.7%	2.1
Teachers (n = 101)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	62.4	Down from 63.3%	64.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	74.3	Up from 73.5%	81.0
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9	Up from 83.8%	87.0
Teacher attendance rate	96.1	No change	95.3
Average teacher salary*	\$48,742	Down 1.4%	\$49,484
Professional development days / teacher	10.1 days	Up from 8.9 days	11.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.0	Up from 4.5%	1.1
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	85	274	197
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1	82.2	85.2
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6	78.5	81.2
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.1	83.6	62.7

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	34.2 to 1	Up from 32.8 to 1	28.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6	Down from 90.9%	88.6
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	3.0	N/A	12.0
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	99.1
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	12.0	N/A	13.5
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	7.4	N/A	19.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.0	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.7	N/C	1.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,269	Up 3.4%	\$7,435
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0	Up from 61.9%	60.1
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	63.2	Up from 62.6%	61.9

* 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	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Good	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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