

South Carolina Virtual Charter School

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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:	K-12 High	Principal:	L Cherry Daniel
Enrollment:	3,728 students	Superintendent:	Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.
School Phone:	803-253-6222	Board Chair:	Warren Engle
School Website:	http://www.k12.com/scvcs		



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

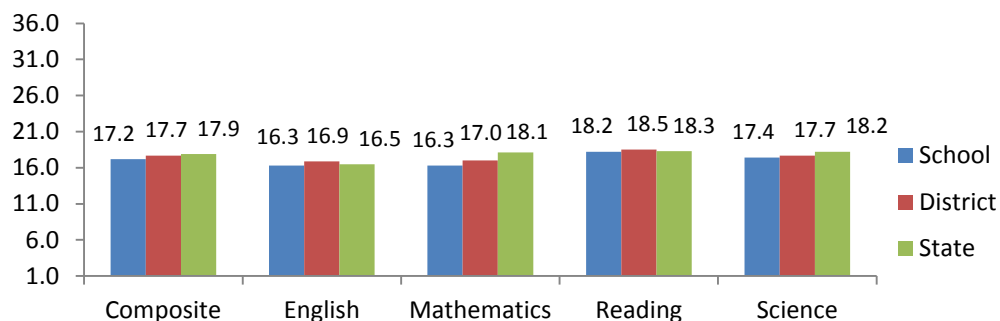
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS) is a public virtual charter school serving students in grades K-12. SCVCS opened in 2008-2009 and has successfully completed its seventh year of operation. SCVCS offers a robust and challenging curriculum to K-12 students throughout the state. All courses meet state and national standards while providing a degree of flexibility to meet the individual student's learning style. In the Spring of 2013, the South Carolina Public Charter School District approved the charter renewal for SCVCS for the next ten (10) years. SCVCS provides online course and class work. All classes are taught online by fully-certified, highly-qualified, experienced educators. Approximately 3,800 students were enrolled with SCVCS in 2014-2015. Learning coaches, parents and students conference regularly via Elluminate, telephone calls, and K-Mail, our secure internal messaging system. Students are able to enjoy social outings, field trips and book buddies throughout the year. Over 2000 students were enrolled in grades K-8. Students in grades K-8 enjoy a wide range of academic courses as well as electives such as Art, Music, and PE. Students in grades 3-8 are also able to enroll in a World Language course. Over 1,800 students were enrolled in SCVCS high school in 2014-2015. Courses are offered on a traditional year-long, 180 day schedule as well as a semester block schedule. Students are able to choose from a variety of college preparatory, advanced placement and honors courses. The SCVCS Freshman Academy was fully implemented in 2010-2011. SCVCS had the largest graduating class in 2015 held with 226 seniors earning diplomas. The class had over \$4,600,000 in scholarship offers, with eleven Palmetto Fellows scholar nominees. Seventy-two graduating seniors qualified for the Life scholarship. All students participate in the state testing, taking Aspire, PASS, ACT, Work Keys and End of Course Assessment. SCVCS students have performed well on all state testing. PSAT is also offered to qualifying students. More information about SCVCS can be obtained by contacting our school office. Our focus is to provide a high quality educational opportunity to ensure the academic success of our young people. L. Cherry Daniel, Head of School Peggy Hogan, Chair, SCVCS Board

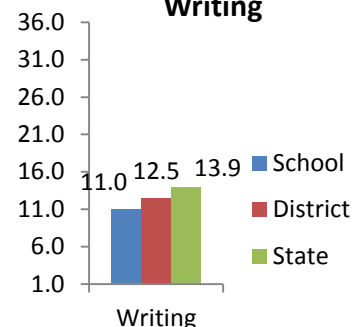
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

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



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

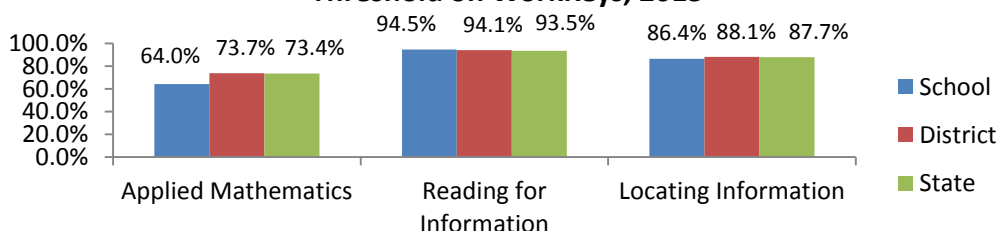


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
37.4	7.8	24.1	9.1	3.2

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
28.6	522	473	486	1480

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	80.8	80.9	85.7
English 1	79.3	67.1	75.1
Biology 1	76.6	76.5	77.8
US History and the Constitution	49.0	64.5	69.1
All Subjects	69.5	71.6	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
33.6	27.0	24.0	17.8

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
36.9	37.4	31.0	10.0

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
22.4	29.6	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
74.1	61.3	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 = 3,728)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	68.0	Down from 75.0%	N/A
Attendance Rate	98.4	Down from 98.9%	94.0
With disabilities	8.1	Down from 9.8%	12.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	No change	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	1.1	Up from 0.1%	19.6
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.5	Up from 2.5%	15.3
Successful in AP/IB programs	56.0	Up from 52.2%	52.8
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.6	Up from 0.0%	1.6
Enrollment in career/technology courses	3263	Up from 901	786
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0	Down from 7.8%	15.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	64	N/A	217
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	66.4
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	59
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	96.0
Annual dropout rate	26.5	Up from 20.8%	2.6
Dropout recovery rate	11.1	N/A	5.4
Percentage of students retained	8.3	Up from 5.9%	2.9
Teachers (n = 102)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	78.4	Down from 78.5%	66.7
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	100.0	Up from 96.8%	82.6
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4	Up from 84.3%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	96.4	Down from 98.0%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$42,848	Up 4.7%	\$48,770
Professional development days / teacher	12.3 days	Down from 15.1 days	10.7 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5	Down from 1.3%	2.1
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.6

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	28.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.7	Down from 97.2%	87.6
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	N/A	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	No	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.8
Character development program	Fair	Up from N/A	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	N/A	N/A	14.9
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	N/A	N/A	20.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.5	N/C	1.9
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.0	N/C	0.6
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,975	Up 7.8%	\$8,042
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	36.8	Up from 22.5%	55.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	69.2	Down from 75.6%	58.0

* 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	At-Risk	At-Risk
2013	At-Risk	Below Average
2012	At-Risk	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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