

Great Falls High School

409/411 Sunset Avenue
Great Falls, SC 29055



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: 6-12 Middle
Enrollment: 402 students
School Phone: 803-482-2210
School Website: <http://chester.gfmh.schooldesk.net/>

Principal: Brenda S. Fort
Superintendent: Dr. Agnes Slayman
Board Chair: Mrs. Denise Lawson



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 ...

Great Falls High School (GFH) is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe environment where all students feel welcome and are challenged to do their best in all that they do. Great Falls High School has "Great Students, Great Teachers, and is a Great Place to Grow," which echoes Chester County School District's motto, "A Great Place to Grow, committed to excellence for all students."

GFH has embedded "Pride" and "Flex time" into their daily schedule for students and teachers to devote their time to the 3R's: Recovery, Redo, and Reteach. Also, the teachers at GFH are continually striving to learn and apply new strategies that foster the growth of world class knowledge. Each day, teachers implement the district 1-to-1 hiTEC initiative with fidelity. This invaluable technology provides students with a multitude of resources and possibilities, as well as puts global perspectives at their fingertips. Students at GFH are involved in innumerable activities that help develop and support world class skills and life and career characteristics. These activities include involvement in the World Class Scholars Program, the Youth Apprenticeship Program, the S.W.A.T program, multiple opportunities for dual-credit course offerings, completion of Senior Projects that have a service-learning requirement, marching band, JROTC, Beta Club, and much more.

Great Falls High School strives to provide students with an education that prepares them with world class knowledge and skills, infused with life and career characteristics. The success of the students is always the top priority and with the help of the parents, community members, and business leaders, we will continue to realize growth and success of all of our students at Great Falls High School.

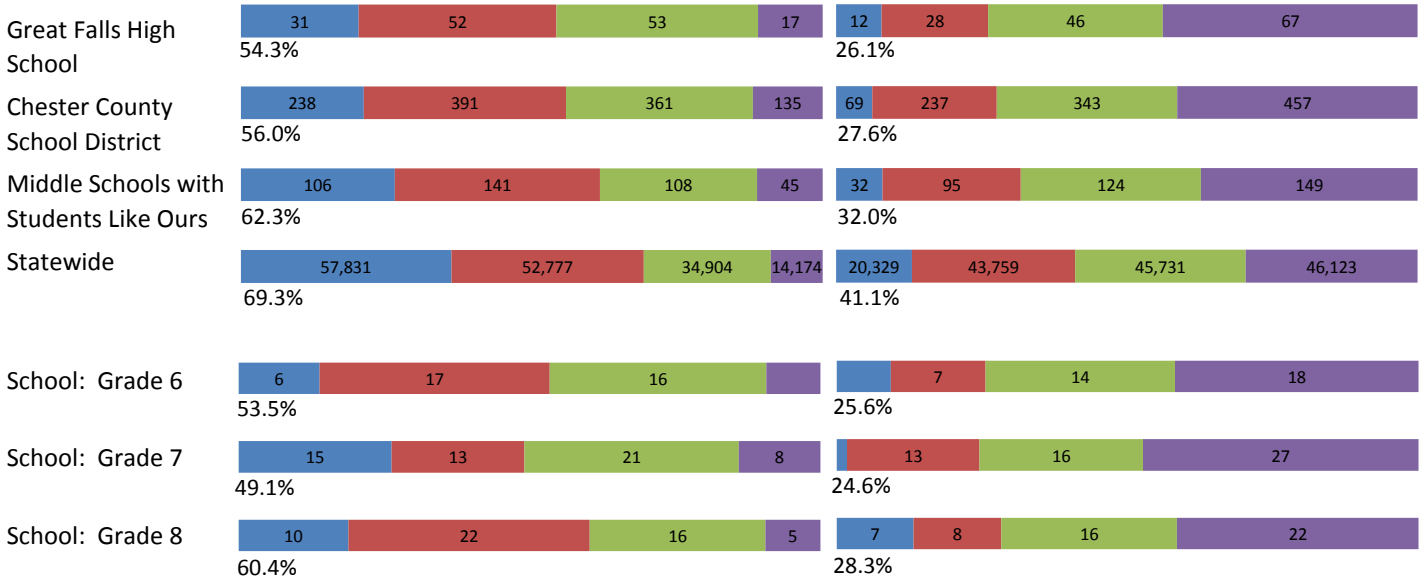
Brenda Fort, Principal of Great Falls High School

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

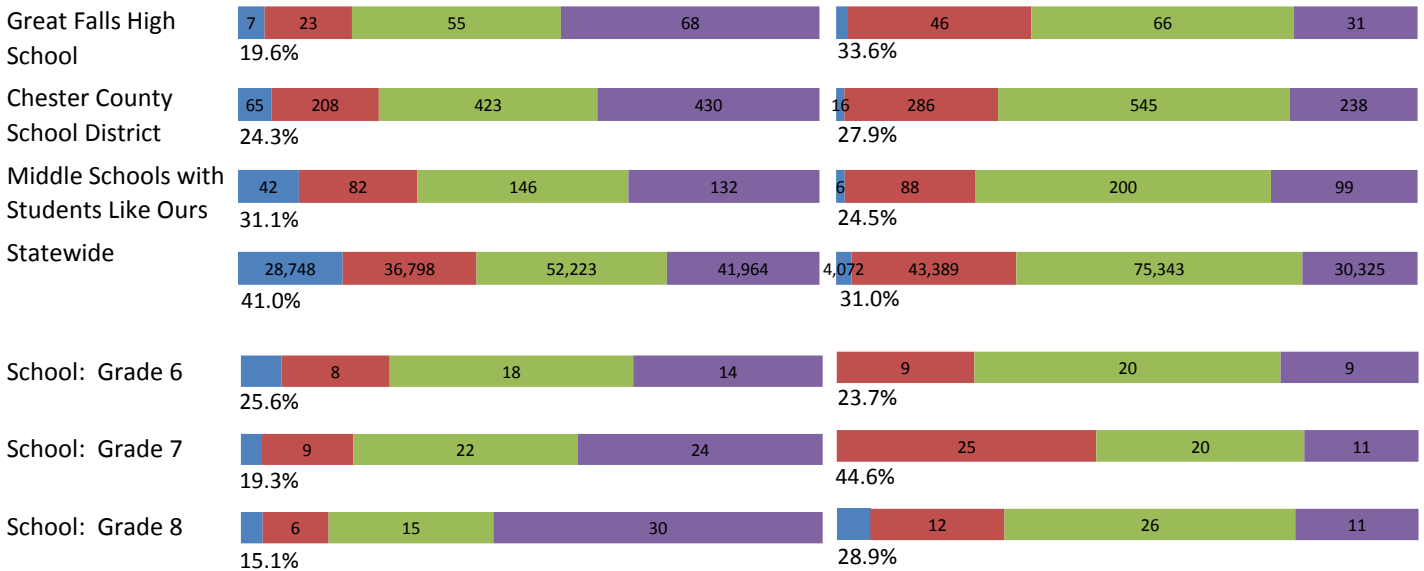
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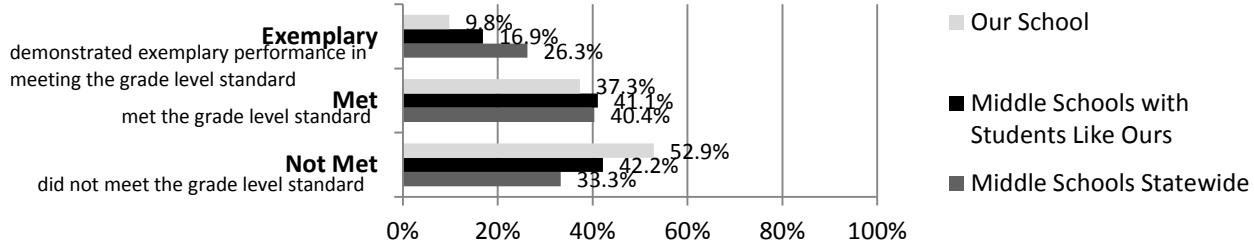
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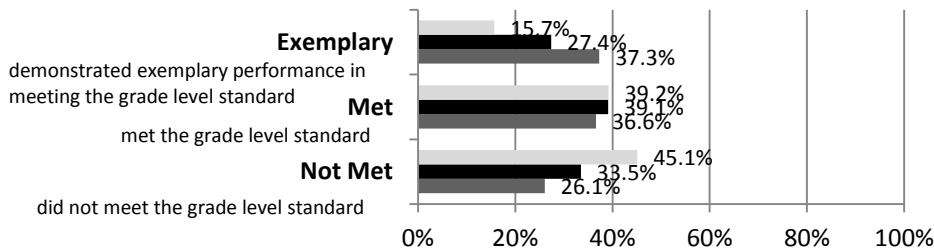
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science



Social Studies



Science SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
46.5	43.9	50.9

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
79.1	38.6	52.8

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	"Exemplary" : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" : student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	84.8	95.7
English 1	60.5	91.1
Biology 1	58.3	69.0
US History and the Constitution	32.6	52.4
All Subjects	59.0	93.4

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 402)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	80.9	Down from 81.4%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	17.5	Up from 15.4%	23.5
Attendance Rate	94.0	Down from 95.4%	95.0
With disabilities	13.1	Down from 14.5%	15.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0	Down from 0.5%	0.9
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	17.5	Down from 20.3%	15.8
Percentage of students retained	3.1	Down from 4.7%	0.9
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 30)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	63.3	Down from 66.7%	58.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	73.3	Up from 69.7%	72.2
Teachers returning from previous year	79.6	Down from 84.6%	84.4
Teacher attendance rate	91.1	Down from 94.8%	94.7
Average teacher salary*	\$46,940	Up 1.0%	\$46,457
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	11.0 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	N/A	N/A	0.5
School			
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.6	Down from 89.3%	88.4
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	N/A	N/A	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 95.1%	99.5
Character development program	Good	Up from Fair	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	14.8
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	16.8	N/A	25.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.5	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.3	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.1	Up from 7.0%	5.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,415	Up 13.0%	\$7,902
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.8	Up from 56.7%	61.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	57.2	Up from 57.1%	62.5

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**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 at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Below Average	Good
2013	Average	At-Risk
2012	Average	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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