

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

St. James High  
Horry

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,311

Principal: Joe Dowling

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Good            | Average       | TBD                        | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2007 | Good            | At-Risk       | N/A                        | Not Met    | N/A                     |
| 2006 | Good            | N/A           | N/A                        | Met        | N/A                     |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 2         | 9    | 17      | 2             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/26/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

|                        | Our High School |       | High Schools with Students Like Ours |       |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                        | 2007            | 2008  | 2007                                 | 2008  |
| Passed 2 subtests (%)  | 80.2%           | 84.5% | 79.9%                                | 83.8% |
| Passed 1 subtest (%)   | 14.2%           | 7.1%  | 11.7%                                | 9.3%  |
| Passed no subtests (%) | 5.6%            | 8.4%  | 8.4%                                 | 7.1%  |

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

| Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 95.4%           | 94.1%                                |

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

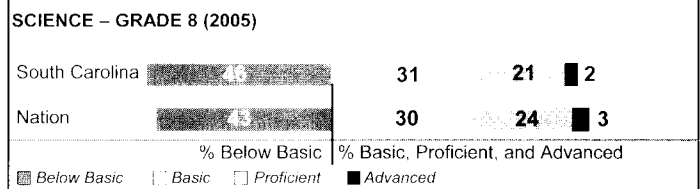
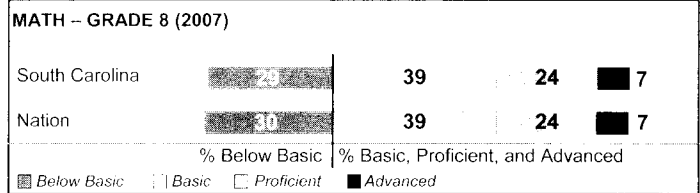
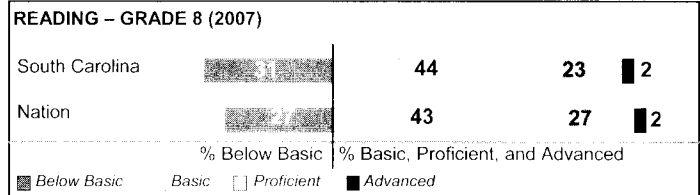
|                    | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of students | 308             | 336                                  |
| Number of Diplomas | 214             | 243                                  |
| Rate (%)           | 69.5%           | 73.3%                                |

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our High School | High Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 76.4%           | 77.3%                                |
| English 1                             | 80.9%           | 68.6%                                |
| Physical Science                      | 72.8%           | 59.8%                                |
| All Tests                             | 76.6%           | 68.2%                                |

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

|  | Our School    | Change from Last Year | High Schools with Students Like Ours | Median High School |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Students (n=1,311)</b>  |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Retention rate   | 4.6%          | Down from 5.2%        | 5.6%                                 | 6.1%               |
| Attendance rate  | 93.8%         | Down from 99.4%       | 95.2%                                | 95.0%              |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 29.4%         | Up from 22.6%         | 10.8%                                | 8.3%               |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 15.8%         | Up from 15.6%         | 11.7%                                | 13.0%              |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 3.2%          | Up from 3.1%          | 1.3%                                 | 1.5%               |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs   | 12.7%         | Down from 20.3%       | 16.7%                                | 11.4%              |
| Successful on AP/IB exams  | 58.6%         | N/A                   | 60.8%                                | 54.3%              |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship  | 27.9%         | Down from 29.0%       | 32.4%                                | 30.5%              |
| Annual dropout rate  | 4.1%          | Up from 2.3%          | 4.1%                                 | 3.5%               |
| Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations                  | 1.3%          | Up from 0.0%          | 1.4%                                 | 3.1%               |
| Enrollment in career/technology courses                                    | 788           | Up from 712           | 781                                  | 559                |
| Career/technology students attaining technical skills                      | 84.1%         | Up from 75.9%         | 79.0%                                | 79.6%              |
| <b>Teachers (n=72)</b>   |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 62.5%         | Down from 66.2%       | 61.6%                                | 57.4%              |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 73.6%         | Up from 69.6%         | 72.3%                                | 69.6%              |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                        | 8.1%          | Down from 11.1%       | 5.3%                                 | 8.7%               |
| Teachers returning from previous year                                      | 85.2%         | Down from 88.4%       | 86.5%                                | 85.0%              |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 94.4%         | Down from 95.1%       | 95.3%                                | 95.4%              |
| Average teacher salary   | \$47,276      | Down 2.4%             | \$46,904                             | \$46,061           |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                            | 4.2%          | Up from 2.4%          | 2.0%                                 | 4.3%               |
| <b>School</b>  |               |                       |                                      |                    |
| Principal's years at school  | 2.0           | Up from 1.0           | 5.0                                  | 3.0                |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                     | 18.0 to 1     | Down from 31.1 to 1   | 28.1 to 1                            | 25.4 to 1          |
| Prime instructional time   | 86.5%         | Down from 93.0%       | 89.9%                                | 89.1%              |
| Dollars spent per pupil*   | \$7,687       | Up 15.9%              | \$6,376                              | \$7,279            |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*                              | 55.7%         | Down from 59.8%       | 55.4%                                | 55.3%              |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction*                                   | 61.0%         | Down from 63.2%       | 60.8%                                | 60.8%              |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Excellent     | No Change             | Excellent                            | Excellent          |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes           | No Change             | Yes                                  | Yes                |
| Character development program  | Below Average | Up from At-Risk       | Good                                 | Good               |
| Modern Language Program Assessment   | Good          | N/A                   | Good                                 | Good               |
| Classical Language Program Assessment                                      | N/A           | N/A                   | Good                                 | Average            |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 82.4%         |                       | 93.7%                                | 90.5%              |

This report has been prepared for you and the members of the community who are interested in St. James High School. The report reviews progress made on our strategic plan for increasing levels of student achievement and the goals accomplished during the 2007-2008 school year. The graduation rate remains lower than our goal, and we will continue to work on that in the 2008-2009 school year.

Our teachers have made themselves available to students more than ever by offering tutoring before and after school. Our students have been extremely involved in extracurricular activities and athletics. The choral and band departments have had many accomplishments. Please continue to regularly check the school website for updates at [www3.hcs.k12.sc.us/high/sjh](http://www3.hcs.k12.sc.us/high/sjh).

The School Improvement Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the media center. Meetings are open to the public. We welcome new members to the School Improvement Council. Anyone interested in serving in 2008-2009 can call the school. Our partnership with the School Improvement Council has been very successful. We look forward to working with them and all organizations to help improve the quality of our educational system.

Thank you to the parents, community, and teachers who contributed to the success of our students. If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call 843-650-5600.

Joe H. Dowling, Principal  
Janice Morreale, School Improvement Council Chairman

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 59       | 235       | 8        |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 72.4%    | 55.8%     | I/S      |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 87.9%    | 61.8%     | I/S      |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 66.1%    | 75.7%     | I/S      |

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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