



Horry County *My* Schools

2010 Annual Report

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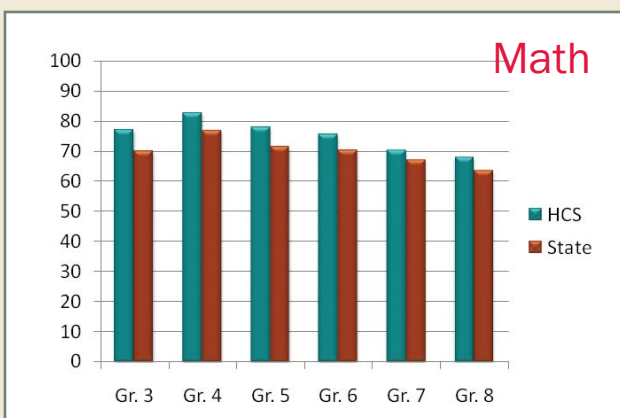
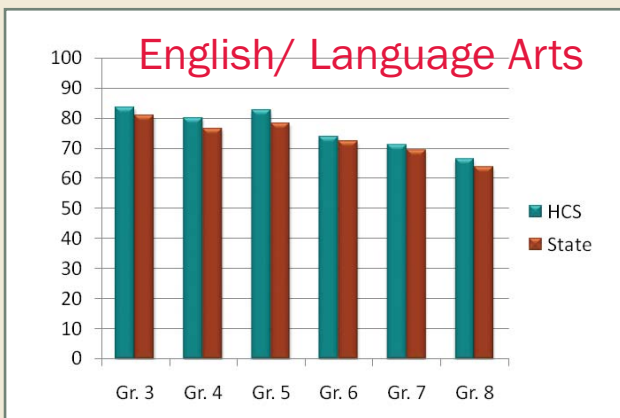
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PASS

In the second release of results for the State's new standards-based assessment for grades 3-8, Horry County Schools' students outperformed the state average at every grade level in every subject tested. The 2010 administration of South Carolina's Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) shows the percentage of HCS students meeting and exceeding standards is greater than the statewide average.

South Carolina and federal laws require end-of-the-year accountability tests for grades 3-8 that are based on state academic standards. PASS results include scores in five subject areas: writing, English language arts (reading and research), mathematics, science and social studies.

Scoring levels are *Exemplary*, *Met*, and *Not Met*.



SAT

Horry County Schools' composite scores for critical reading, math, and writing scores is 1,484, an increase of six points over last year. SAT scores went up in the same year when two-percent more students took the test. Four out of nine high schools topped the national average.

ACT

Horry County Schools' 2010 performance on the American College Testing (ACT) showed gains and exceeded the state average in a year when 12 percent more students took the test. The average composite score for HCS students was 20.3, an increase of two-tenths over last year. The 2010 state composite score of 19.7 and the national composite of 21.1 have remained the same for the last three years.

State Report Cards

Better test scores yielded higher ratings on State report cards issued for elementary and middle schools by the South Carolina Department of Education. More than half of Horry County Schools' elementary and middle schools improved their ratings from last year. Sixty percent scored at the two highest levels on Absolute and Growth ratings. Twelve schools were marked Excellent in both categories while 16 schools were marked Excellent in at least one.

Ninety-seven percent of HCS primary, elementary and middle schools had Absolute ratings of Excellent, Good or Average, up from 82 percent two years ago. Statewide, 82 percent of schools were rated Average or better in 2010. Ninety-five percent of HCS primary, elementary and middle schools received Growth ratings of Excellent, Good or Average, up from 40 percent in 2008. Statewide, 88 percent were rated Average or better in 2010.

High school and district report card ratings will be released in January, 2011.

Exit Exam

This year, 82 percent of Horry County Schools' second-year high school students passed the state's high school exit exam on their first attempt in spring 2010, a 0.5 point increase from 81.5 percent in 2009.

- The Class of 2010 earned \$42.4 million in scholarships; 73 percent plan to go to college.
- 16 HCS seniors were named semifinalists in 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Six seniors were recognized as 2010 National Merit Semi-Finalists; five were named National Merit Finalists.
- Nine seniors won Robert C. Byrd scholarships.
- HCS students gained six points on the 2010 SAT. Test takers increased two percent. HCS SAT scores in Math are five points above the national average. Four schools surpassed the national average on the 2010 SAT. They are Aynor, Carolina Forest, Green Sea Floyds, and Socastee high schools.
- HCS students gained two-tenths of a point on the 2010 ACT. Test takers increased 12 percent.
- Six high schools were recognized for their efforts on either the ACT or SAT college entrance exams. They are Carolina Forest, Aynor, Socastee, Myrtle Beach, Green Sea Floyds high schools, and the Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology.
- Twelve percent more HCS students participated in AP courses and took AP exams in 2010.
- Homewood Elementary and Burgess Elementary were named to the S.C. School Improvement Council's 2011 Honor Roll.
- Burgess Elementary and Loris Middle are among 10 schools named finalists for the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest award.
- 288 Horry County eighth graders were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars based on their performance on the PSAT and/or their recognition as Duke TIP Scholars.
- The Academy for Arts, Science and Technology was recognized by High Schools That Work as a "Pacesetter" school.
- The Scholars Academy was the highest scoring high school among the participating seniors from high schools across the nation that took the College and Work Readiness Assessment.
- Midland Elementary is a National Blue Ribbon School.
- The HCS Early College High School and Horry Georgetown Technical College were named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.



- Socastee High was listed among "America's Top Five Percent of High Schools" according to *Newsweek* for five consecutive years. Green Sea Floyds High and North Myrtle Beach High were two of 22 South Carolina high schools to make *US News & World Report's* annual ranking of "America's Best High Schools."
- Socastee High took first place in the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center's Carolina regional competition and competed internationally in Hawaii.
- Army JROTC Honor Units with Distinction: Aynor High; Green Sea Floyds High; Loris High; and St. James High. Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit Award: Socastee High.
- In 2009, 98 percent of schools received Absolute ratings of Excellent, Good or Average compared to 84 percent statewide.
- HCS met 94.6 percent of federal objectives for AYP, up from 91.9 percent in 2009.
- HCS students out-performed the state average at every grade in every subject tested on PASS.
- The S.C. Education Oversight Committee recognized 22 schools for significant improvement and closing the achievement gap of low-achieving students.
- HCS showcased the work of more than 300 students and teachers at its first Technology Fair. Burgess Elementary took top honors with Best-In-Show.
- Forestbrook Middle won the S.C. 2010 Middle School Mock Trial State Championship for the second consecutive year.
- Fifty-one HCS teachers earned National Board Certification. HCS ranks first in the state for the number of teachers with this new designation.
- Lakewood Elementary was nominated by the South Carolina Department of Education for recognition in the 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.
- Chad Sarvis, Aynor High's driver education teacher, was selected as the S.C. Driver Education Teacher of the Year.
- Burgess Elementary and Loris Middle earned *Programs of Excellence* awards from the S.C. Council for the Social Studies.
- The Scholars Academy *We the People* team won the state championship, earning a trip to Washington, D.C., this spring to compete in the national competition.
- The Myrtle Beach High Seahawks football team won the 2010 Class AAA State Championship.

About Our School District

The Horry County School District is a county-wide school system, serving a county of 264,000 people along the Atlantic Coastline of northeastern South Carolina.

A twelve-member Board of Education, elected from single-member districts, governs the school district, with the chairman being elected at-large. The Superintendent is appointed by the Board.

The school district has nine attendance areas: Myrtle Beach, Carolina Forest, Conway, Socastee, North Myrtle Beach, Loris, Aynor, Green Sea Floyds, and St. James. Each area consists of a high school and the elementary and middle schools that feed into it. Horry County Schools is the 3rd largest among the state's 85 school districts.

Number of schools

Total.....	51
Primary/Elementary Schools.....	26
Middle Schools.....	11
High Schools.....	10
Academies.....	2
Alternative Schools.....	1
Charter Schools.....	2

Enrollment (Fall 2010)

Total.....	38,206
Pre-kindergarten.....	1,217
Grades K-2.....	8,753
Grades 3-5.....	8,871
Grades 6-8.....	8,354
Grades 9-12.....	11,011

Ethnic Distribution (students)

White.....	70.3%
Black.....	21.1%
Hispanic.....	7.4%
Other.....	1.4%



Class Size

Grades 9-12.....	23 student average
Grades 6-8.....	22 student average
Grades 4-5.....	24 student average
Grades 2-3.....	21 student average
Grade 1.....	20 student average
Kindergarten.....	25 student average

High School Students

2010 graduates.....	2,126
Graduates attending 2 or 4 year colleges.....	73%
2010 scholarships.....	\$42.4 million

Meals Program

Elementary school lunch.....	\$1.85
Middle and high school lunch.....	\$1.95
Students receiving free/reduced lunches.....	60%
Breakfasts are served in all schools	

Employees

Total number of full-time employees.....	5,295
Classroom teachers.....	2,479
Professional employees with advanced degrees.....	1,946

Teacher Salaries (2010)

Bachelor's degree.....	\$34,270 to \$58,798
Bachelor's + 18 hrs.....	\$35,856 to \$61,203
Master's degrees.....	\$39,459 to \$67,51
Master's + 30 hrs.....	\$40,316 to \$68,816
Doctorate.....	\$43,381 to \$75,181

Financial Report, 2010-11 Consolidated Budget

Revenue:

Local	277,823,886.00	.....48.64%
Intergovernmental.....	20,745.00	.....0.00%
State	120,122,500.00	.....21.03%
Federal	56,454,035.00	.....9.88%
Other	116,801,442.00	.....20.45%
TOTAL	571,222,608.00	.....100.00%

Expenditures:

Instruction	238,382,649.00	.....43.63%
Supporting Services	146,137,803.00	.....26.74%
Community Services.....	1,424,422.00	.....0.26%
Debt Services	95,339,290.00	.....17.45%
Facilities & Construction Services...	53,547,842.00	.....9.80%
Other	11,592,560.00	.....2.12%
TOTAL	546,424,566.00	.....100.00%

Building Program Update

In 2010 HCS continued to wrap up projects included in the Phase III Building Program. Construction is well underway on the additions/renovations at Forestbrook Middle. The renovations at Myrtle Beach Middle are complete. Construction work on the new District Office is complete and staff is occupying the new facility. Renovations at the former Coke Plant to house the Maintenance and Construction Management Departments are underway.

Projects in the district's Phase IV building program include the following: Additions/renovations at Carolina Forest Elementary, construction of a New Elementary School on Augusta Plantation Dr, multiple drainage projects across the district, athletic facilities at numerous high schools, playground upgrades, and various other site improvements.





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