



Eastside High School  
GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent,

Our School and District Report Cards were recently released by the State Department of Education. For 2009-10, Eastside High School achieved an Absolute Rating of Good and a Growth Rating of Below Average. The Report Cards have been posted on our school district website at [www.greenville.k12.sc.us](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us).

- The Absolute Rating is based on the percentage of students on first attempt passing the high school exit exam (High School Assessment Program or HSAP), longitudinal HSAP pass rate, percent passing scores on End-of-Course tests, and on-time graduation rate. These results are measured against target levels of performance.
- The Growth Rating indicates the progress of achievement scores and graduation rates for different groups of students from one year to the next.
- Report Cards also include our status toward meeting the Federal requirements of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. The South Carolina School Report Card and AYP results can be confusing because a school or school district can score well on the Report Card and not achieve AYP. Our AYP status for 2009-10 was (result).

Why? Absolute and Growth ratings for School Report Cards are based on four achievement indicators: End-of-Course test results, on-time graduation rate, results for students taking the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) test for the first time, and HSAP passage results for the graduating class. For Report Cards, HSAP achievement is reported for all passing levels - Basic or Level 2 through Advanced or Level 4. Results to determine AYP are based on two achievement indicators: student results on the HSAP (first attempt) at the two highest levels - Proficient and Advanced – and on-time graduation rate.

AYP targets for percentages of students scoring Proficient (Level 3 or 4) in each content area are established by the state and increase every three years through the year 2014 when 100 percent of students are expected to score Level 3 or above. If just one student group in a school or school district fails to meet one objective in a given year, the school or district fails to meet AYP. Also, high schools must annually achieve an 88.3% student graduation rate, meet or exceed last year's graduation rate, or meet or exceed its three-year average graduation rate.

I encourage you to study the School and District Report Cards and to use their release as an opportunity to be more involved with your child's education and our school. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to working with you to ensure that our school continues to improve.

Sincerely,

Michael Thorne  
Principal