

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2007-2008

Under our new *Charleston Achieving Excellence* plan, we're making tremendous progress. Not only are ACT, PACT and AP exam scores showing terrific gains, but the measure that arguably matters most to parents and employers—**graduation rate**—is now 73%, which represents an 11-point jump from last year. It is our highest graduation rate in four years.

Our high schools, led by great principals and teachers, are doing better than ever. We know that when students graduate from high school prepared for college and the 21st Century workforce, it not only benefits them, but our economy and the community-at-large. That's why we've taken major steps to ensure that students are on track to graduate from high school:

- **Implementing a coherent, high-standards, college-prep curriculum** in every classroom—better tools for teachers and principals
- **On the strength of state, business and college partnerships**, promoting career academies that connect students' work in the classroom with their future and real-world applications
- **Developing and enhancing a *High Schools That Work* reform agenda** based on the country's best research and practices
- **Expanding programs like M-GAP and Credit Recovery** to help students who need extra time and remediation
- **Reforming alternative schools** so that students have the chance to take multiple paths to the same destination

We've also worked hard to document the good work of our high school students and schools, helping the state to form an accurate graduation picture.

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