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TO: Members, Commission on Higher Education

FROM: Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr., Chairman, Committee on
Academic Affairs*JJT 9/1/90*Report on Admission Standards for Fall, 1990

Act 629 of 1988, The Cutting Edge, contains this requirement with respect to admission standards at public colleges and universities:

In consultation and coordination with the public institutions of higher learning in this state, the State Commission on Higher Education shall ensure that minimal admission standards are maintained by the institutions. (Section 59-104-10 (A))

In April, 1988, the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs adopted a recommended procedure that requires each institution annually to specify the minimum approximate SAT score (combined math and verbal) that is required of applicants for admission as freshmen. In most cases, the required score will vary inversely as the applicant's rank in class.

Attached is a table in which institutional requirements for Fall, 1990, are reported. Where changes were made by any institution, last year's criteria are included in parentheses. These comparisons are for your information only. After review by the Commission, the staff will distribute this information to prospective students through the secondary schools.

Approximate Minimum SAT Score (Combined)
Required for S. C. Residents
Fall, 1990 (1989)

Institution	High School Class Rank		
	25%	50%	75%
College of Charleston (3)	750	920	1120
The Citadel (1)(3)	800	800	800
Clemson University (2)	900	(640-980)	1050 (820-1160)
Francis Marion College	650	750	850
Lander College	800	(600)	900 (700)
S. C. State College	600	700	800
USC-Columbia (2)	700-1000	(700)	900-1220 (900)
USC-Aiken (4)	700	700	1000-1460 (1000)
USC-Coastal (2)(3)	650	(650)	700 850 (830)
USC-Spartanburg (5)	700	700	700
Winthrop College	800	(600)	900 (800)
USC-Beaufort	600	(500)	600 (600)
USC-Lancaster	600	(500)	600 (600)
USC-Salkehatchie	600	(500)	600 (600)
USC-Sumter	600	(500)	600 (600)
USC-Union	600	(500)	600 (600)

(1) Does not use a predictive equation. Minimum scores required do not depend on high school class rank.

(2) Applicants must have achieved a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Ratio (on a 4.0 scale) in high school. Minimum score required varies by intended course of study.

(3) Slightly higher scores are required for out-of-state applicants.

(4) Does not use a predictive equation. Minimum scores required do not depend on high school class rank. Minimum scores required are 350 each on verbal and quantitative portions of the SAT.

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(6) Applicants must have achieved a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Ratio (on a 4.0-scale) in high school. Lower SAT and high school rank may qualify students for a specially designed curriculum to enhance students' skills necessary to be successful at USC (i.e., Opportunity Scholars or Provisional Year Programs).