



Sumter High School

Principal	Dana Fall
Assistant Principal	Jarrod DuBose-Schmitt
Assistant Principal	Brian Harvey
Assistant Principal	Manuel Kennedy
Assistant Principal	Angela Palmer
Assistant Principal	Nicholas Pearson
Assistant Principal	Tamra Smith
Assistant Principal	Janice Wilder
Administrative Assistant	Terry Law
IB Coordinator	Marie Mulholland
Athletic Director	Reggie Kennedy
Guidance Director	Lynn Twitty
Media Specialist	Scott Palmo

Performance Goals

Goal One: The percentage of students who meet the requirements on EOC and HSAP will increase by 10% by 2017.

Goal Two: The percentage of ninth grade students who pass both parts of HSAP, earn a standard High School Diploma, and graduate in four years will increase by 10% by 2017.

Goal Three: With the use of a comprehensive program of recruitment, retention, and professional development, the school will strive for a workforce that is 100% Highly Qualified.

Goal Four: The percentage of parents, teachers, and students who respond to the state evaluation survey will indicate an increase in satisfaction with the learning environment by 2% each year.

Our Beliefs

We believe that:

- Children are our highest priority.
- The family has the greatest influence on the life of a child.
- The community is responsible for educating its children.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All children can learn.
- Everyone has inherent worth.
- Equal opportunity is an inherent human right.
- Human lives can be positively changed.
- Education for all is essential for the survival of society.
- Each individual has a responsibility to contribute to society.
- High expectations promote high levels of achievement.
- The pursuit of excellence requires hard work.
- Knowledge of national and international cultural diversity fosters understanding and cooperation.
- Positive role models are essential for the development of skills and values.
- The protection of our environment is crucial to our existence.

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Annual Report To The Parents

2013-2014

Mission Statement

The mission of Sumter High School, the hallmark in academics, arts, and athletics, is to provide exemplary learning experiences in order to insure that each student has the skills to compete in our global society.

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School Improvement Council

(Including Ex-Officio Members)

Hyacinth Kinley	Chair/ Community Member
Jacquelyn Graham	Community Member
Kimberlee Haeflin	Teacher
Karen Harris-Sweetman	Teacher
Marie Mulholland	Parent
Aliyah Scott	Student
Jessica McNeill	Student
Tammy Achziger	Community Member
Jennifer Levy-Gadson	Community Member
Randell Twitty	Community Member
Dana Fall	Principal
Nicholas Pearson	Assistant Principal
Karen Vipperman	Teacher of the Year

2013 Annual School Report Card

Absolute Rating: Average

Growth Rating: Average



2013 ESEA Federal Accountability System

Grade D

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Sumter High School is making great strides to improve on the absolute and growth ratings of AVERAGE it received on the 2013 Annual School Report Card. In addition, based on the ESEA Federal Accountability System (which replaced the old AYP federal accountability system in S.C.), Sumter High earned a D rating. The D rating is described in this manner: "Performance does not meet the state's expectations." This D rating has motivated the new administration to implement new programs and strategies to ensure that the current rating disappears. With that being said, our graduation rate of 81.0% continues to be one of the highest in the area. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff.

A major new program being developed for Sumter High School is the AVID program (to start in the 2014 – 2015 school year). AVID is an approved elective course taken during the school day. Next year 9th Grade students will be selected to enroll in an AVID class as one of their electives. For one class period a day, they will learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, receive academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college seem attainable. As students progress in AVID, their self-images improve, and they become academically successful leaders and role models for other students.

As we continue to prepare the students of Sumter High School for future endeavors, the support of the community will be vital to making this effort a success. Students today need more knowledge and skill leaving high school than ever before. We thank the community for all you done this year and will continue to do in the future. Your input and cooperation as we reshape the school climate at Sumter High is needed. We ask that if you receive a survey or a request to attend a meeting, please make every effort to participate so that your voice can be heard. Thanks for all you do for the students at Sumter High School.

Sincerely,
Hyacinth Kinley
School Improvement Council Chair

Dana Fall
Principal

Sumter High School Needs Assessment

The new Sumter High School Renewal Team analyzed test data, examined existing programs, and suggested new ones. This group of teachers, students, and community members examined the previous school renewal plans and initiated goals that would help our students succeed in taking the HSAP test, which is essentially the "exit exam" students have to pass to qualify for a high school diploma. The goals the team developed are as follows:

- The percentage of students who meet the requirements on EOC and HSAP will increase by 10% by 2017.
- The percentage of ninth grade students who pass both parts of HSAP, earn a standard High School Diploma, and graduate in four years will increase by 10% by 2017.

During our school renewal planning process this year, the team agreed that Sumter High School should continue to focus on student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and improving the school climate. After meeting with members from the community, students, and staff members, the team agreed to implement strategies to address the previously stated needs. We utilized information and data from HSAP test, state end-of-course tests, attendance reports and discipline reports. Surveys for students, parents, and staff members were included.

IT IS THE MISSION OF SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT to provide an intellectual and safe environment, which equips students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.