

ACCOLADES

- First high school in the nation awarded the US Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award four times
- Two-time Model School honoree by the by the US National Commission on Excellence in Education
- Six-time Palmetto Gold School Award winner by the South Carolina Department of Education
- Consistently designated as one of America's Best High Schools and Most Challenging Schools by US News and World Report, The Washington Post/Jay Mathews, and Newsweek
- US Presidential Scholars – 2021 - 2025

SHS 25-26 SIC GOALS

During the 2025–2026 school year, the SHS School Improvement Council remained committed to supporting student achievement, strengthening school culture, and recognizing the dedication of both students and staff. The council worked collaboratively with school leadership, teachers, families, and community stakeholders to identify meaningful ways to improve outcomes and build a positive school environment.

- A major focus of the council's work centered on supporting students enrolled in the Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) cohort. Recognizing the importance of Algebra I as a foundational graduation requirement and understanding the challenges many students face outside of school, the council explored and implemented strategies designed to increase student motivation and academic success. Efforts included developing student incentives tied to academic growth and tutoring participation, identifying resources to provide snacks during after-school tutoring and intervention sessions, and partnering with staff and community supporters to help remove barriers for students living in at-risk environments. The council also supported initiatives aimed at increasing access to tutoring opportunities and encouraging consistent student participation in academic support programs throughout the year.
- In addition to student achievement initiatives, SIC focused on teacher morale and staff appreciation. Understanding that a positive and supported faculty directly impacts student success, the council worked to develop a list of ongoing morale-boosting activities and support initiatives for teachers and staff members. Special attention was given to Teacher Appreciation Week, during which the council collaborated with PTO to recognize faculty members through meals, treats, notes of encouragement, and other expressions of gratitude. Their focus was to help create a culture where teachers felt valued, supported, and celebrated for their daily commitment to students.
- The council also focused on creating a school wide system of recognition and rewards connected to EOC testing performance and growth each semester. Discussions and planning included the development of an EOC Celebration Program that would recognize students through bronze, silver, and gold achievement levels based on effort, growth, and academic performance. Proposed celebrations included recognition medals, incentive lunches or cookouts, school wide celebrations, and opportunities for students to earn gift cards and other rewards. These initiatives were designed not only to celebrate achievement but also to build student motivation, school pride, and a culture that values academic success and perseverance.
- Another focus of the SHS SIC was promoting positive student behavior, strengthening school climate, and recognizing student and teacher accomplishments throughout the year. The council emphasized building Viking pride through grade-level competitions, recognition of academic excellence and positive character, teacher appreciation efforts, and activities such as intramurals and school tournaments to increase student engagement and school spirit.
- Overall, the SHS School Improvement Council's work during the 2025–2026 school year reflected a continued commitment to fostering academic excellence, supporting the well-being of students and staff, and strengthening a positive school climate for the entire SHS community.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Spartanburg High School serves Spartanburg School District 7 for grades 9 – 12. Spartanburg is a small city of 39,600 within a county of 380,000. Our student enrollment is 2,200 and we have 165 professionals on staff. SHS is accredited by AdvancED SC Department of Education.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Semifinalist	1	7	3	2	3	5
Commended	2	1	3	4	0	2

DEMOGRAPHICS

2,205 students enrolled

Black: 49.6%
 White: 35.1%
 Hispanic/Latino: 12.3%
 Asian: 3%
 Two or More Races: 1.7%
 American Indian/AK Native: .002%
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0%



2025 Score Summary

Total AP Students at Spartanburg High School: 291

Totals for this View	Total Exams
Number of Exams	532
%3 or Higher	85%

Subject Totals	No. of Exams	Average Score	%3 or higher
African American Studies	10	3.5	80%
Biology	16	3.94	100%
Calculus AB	33	3.7	79%
Calculus BC	20	4.3	100%
Chemistry	5	3.6	100%
Computer Science Principles	24	3	58%
English Language and Composition	60	3.9	95%
English Literature and Composition	52	3.9	94%
Environmental Science	37	3.7	89%
Human Geography	38	3.8	87%
Microeconomics	13	3	69%
Music Theory	8	2.8	63%
Physics I	12	3.3	75%
Psychology	48	2.9	65%
Research	22	3.6	100%
Seminar	13	4.2	100%
Statistics	5	3.4	80%
Studio Art:2-D Design Portfolio	3	3.3	100%
United States Government and Politics	19	3.7	90%
United States History	43	3.8	88%
World History	51	3.4	80%

AP SCHOLARS AT SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL: 2025

	<u>AP Scholar</u>	<u>AP Scholar with Honors</u>	<u>AP Scholar with Distinction</u>	<u>AP Capstone Diploma</u>
Number of Scholars	41	22	57	22
Average Score	3.22	3.57	4.20	4.18

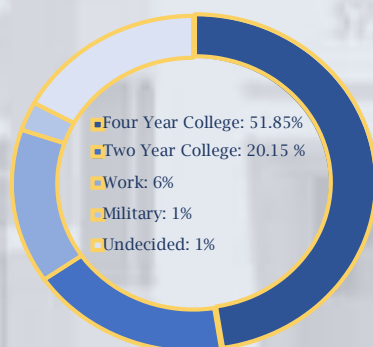
SHS CLASS OF 2024 SAT RESULTS: MEAN SCORES

	<u>EBRW</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Composite</u>
Top 5 Seniors	635	705	1340
Top 10% Class	646	646	1292
Top 25% Class	603	589	1191
Top 50% Class	584	558	1142
Top 75% Class	574	545	1119
Entire Class	566	538	1104

SHS CLASS OF 2025

470

South Carolina
Diplomas Awarded



Elected

Chair - Vance Hammond, Parent
 Vice-Chair - Rebecca Webster, Parent
 Secretary - Dr. Brittany Shell, Teacher
 Hannah Bishop, Teacher
 Sherrina Black, Teacher
 Torreon Davis, Student
 Oshay Davenport, Counselor
 Jade Gibson, Student
 Mark Hodge, Teacher
 Natasha Mullins, Teacher
 Jerome Rice, Administrator
 Kamryn Sainvil, Student
 Peyton Shell, Student
 Brett Vaughn, Parent
 Brooks Vaughn, Student
 A'Kyra Webster, Student

Appointed

Steve Battocchio, Community Member
 Julie Delaney, Community Member
 Tashma Glymph, Community Member
 Dorcas Miller, Community Member
 Lauralee Saad, Community Member
 Mary Means, Community Member
 Natasha Vaughn, Community Member
 Sarah Zemp, Community Member

Ex-Officio

Dr. Andrew McMillan, Principal
 Dr. Canzater M. Rice, Assistant Principal

SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL

School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents 2025 - 2026

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Vision Statement

Spartanburg High School is committed to ensuring that our graduates will be creative, critical thinkers, collaborators, effective communicators, and ethical citizens.

Mission Statement

The mission of Spartanburg High School is to inspire and equip our students for college and career and for meaningful lives of leadership and service as world citizens.