

ACCOLADES

- First high school in the nation awarded the US Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award four times
- Home of seven United States Presidential Scholars
- 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

SHS 24-25 SIC GOALS

At SHS, SIC plays a vital role in fostering collaboration between parents, educators, and community members to support student success and continuous school growth. This year, our SIC remained committed to creating a positive impact through data-driven goals, transparent communication, and meaningful initiatives. Our Goals and Initiatives will take place over a two-year period from 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. The SIC focus will encompass three primary goals: **Academic Achievement, Family and Community Engagement, and School Climate and Culture.**

Goal 1: Academic Achievement. Initiative #1: Strengthening Teacher Morale to Support Student Success

This year, the School Improvement Council (SIC) prioritized an important goal: **improving teacher morale** as a foundation for a positive and effective learning environment. Throughout the school year, the SIC brainstormed several initiatives aimed at boosting teacher morale and creating a more supportive professional culture, including:

- **Staff Recognition and Appreciation Events** – Monthly “shout-outs” in school newsletters and email, surprise treat days, and a Teacher Appreciation Week coordinated by PTO, SIC, and parent volunteers.
- **Wellness and Connection Activities** – Wellness challenges, staff breakfasts, and time set aside for peer collaboration and fellowship.
- **Feedback and Support Systems** – Regular surveys and listening sessions to gather teacher input and ensure that staff voices help shape school decisions.
- **Resource Support** – Partnering with the PTO and community sponsors to provide classroom supplies, snacks, and lunches.
- **Professional Development** – Advocate for professional development opportunities that support both instructional growth and personal well-being
- **Building an Appreciative Culture** – Continue building a culture of appreciation through regular, meaningful gestures of support

Goal 2: School Climate and Culture. Initiative #2: Mentorship for Student Achievement

Recognizing that students thrive when they feel supported, the SIC identified the need for a school-wide mentorship system to help bridge academic gaps, boost motivation, and strengthen student-teacher and peer relationships. The goals of the mentorship program are to:

- Improve academic performance through regular academic check-ins and encouragement
- Build student confidence and engagement
- Strengthen connections between students, staff, and community members
- Support social-emotional growth alongside academic goals

Goal 3: Family and Community Engagement. Initiative #3: Brand the School Name Throughout the Community

In a competitive educational landscape, building a strong school brand not only increases enrollment and retention but also fosters community pride and support. Our goal is to establish Spartanburg High School as a hub of academic excellence, innovation, and community collaboration.

- **Create a Consistent Visual Identity** including updated logos, school colors, and branded materials for all school communications and events.
- **Launch a School Branding Campaign** called “Proud to Be A Viking” that features student and staff spotlights, community testimonials, and alumni success stories.
- **Partner with Local Media** to share positive school news, highlight achievements, and promote upcoming events.
- **Distribute Branded Merchandise** (e.g., t-shirts, car magnets, banners) to students, staff, and local businesses.
- **Engage in Local Events** such as parades, festivals, and service projects, ensuring high visibility and active participation from staff and students.
- **Revamp the School Website and Social Media Platforms** to reflect the school’s identity, values, and achievements consistently.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Spartanburg High School serves Spartanburg School District 7 for grades 9 – 12. Spartanburg is a small city of 37,500 within a county of 300,000. 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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Semifinalist	8	1	7	3	2	3
Commended	1	2	1	3	4	0

DEMOGRAPHICS

2,200 students enrolled

Black: 52%

White: 30%

Hispanic/Latino: 12.8%

Asian: 2.5%

Two or More Races: 1.7%

American Indian/AK Native: .28%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: .37%



Totals for this View	Total Exams
Number of Exams	613
%3 or Higher	80%

2024 SCORE SUMMARY

Total AP Students at SHS: 292

Total AP Scholars: 128

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	Number of Exams	613	
	% 3 or Higher	80%	
Subject Totals	No. of Exams	Average Score	% 3 or higher
Biology	7	3.72	93%
Calculus AB	36	4.2	92%
Calculus BC	21	3.9	100%
Chemistry	6	2.8	88%
Computer Science Principles	8	2.3	56%
English Language and Composition	70	3.3	71%
English Literature and Composition	66	3.5	95%
Environmental Science	46	3.6	81%
Human Geography	39	3.5	78%
Microeconomics	14	3.1	49%
Music Theory	3	3.3	100%
Physics 1	15	2.9	36%
Psychology	45	2.9	47%
Research	18	3.7	94%
Seminar	26	3.5	100%
Statistics	12	3.1	40%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	5	3.4	100%
Studio Art: 3D Art & Design	3	3.0	67%
United States Government and Politics	43	3.7	97%
United States History	65	3.8	94%
World History	56	3.4	82%

AP SCHOLARS AT SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL: 2024

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Capstone Diploma
Number of Scholars	52	19	57	15
Average Score	3.21	3.39	4.16	4.14

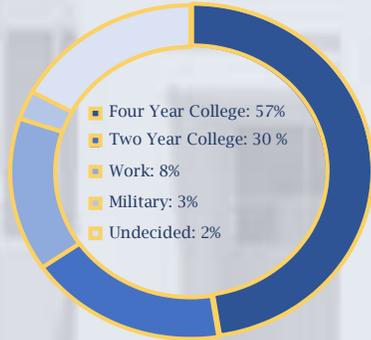
SHS CLASS OF 2024 SAT RESULTS: MEAN SCORES

	<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 2024

422

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
 Meredith Burroughs, Teacher
 Ty Bryant, Student
 Oshay Davenport, Counselor
 Mark Hodge, Teacher
 Peyton Jones, Student
 Natasha Mullins, Teacher
 Jerome Rice, Administrator
 Kamryn Sainvil, Student
 Nikia Tinsley, Student
 Brett Vaughn, Parent
 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 2024 - 2025

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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.