



FROM THE PRINCIPAL & SIC CHAIR

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As we propel through the final quarter of the academic year, we want to extend our gratitude to our dedicated staff, students, and families for their unwavering commitment to excellence. With the state testing season fast approaching, our focus remains steadfast on ensuring every student is equipped with the support they need to succeed in demonstrating the growth that they have experienced in each classroom this year.

Our data team has been diligently analyzing the winter and spring MAP test results, identifying individual student needs and tailoring instructional supports and interventions accordingly. We are thrilled to share that our efforts are yielding significant progress, with students demonstrating notable growth towards their learning targets in preparation for state assessments. While achievement is paramount, it's equally gratifying to witness the holistic development of each child throughout the year.

In line with our commitment to excellence, we are delighted to announce the recruitment of exceptional educators to join our ranks for the 2024-2025 academic year. Your continued support in sharing our #MyTribe recruitment video shorts on social media is invaluable as we seek to build an even stronger educational community.

We are immensely proud to recognize Mrs. Green, our esteemed 7th Grade Science teacher, as the recipient of the 2024-2025 campus Teacher of the Year award. Mrs. Green's dedication to her students and passion for science education exemplify the high standards we uphold at Furman. She is also the recipient of the Shirley Tomlin Award and is a finalist for the Sumter School District Teacher of the Year.

We invite all stakeholders to mark their calendars for our upcoming Earth Fair on April 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Building on the success of Winterfest, this whole-community open house will celebrate our arts programs, featuring student artwork and performances from our band and choral programs. Vendor tables will be available for reservation, and a variety of educational activities for families will be offered throughout the event.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing the academic, artistic, and athletic growth of our students. Together, we continue to cultivate a thriving educational tribe where every child can flourish.

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Teaching vacancies filled that remained from the 2022-2023 school year.

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Community service projects completed thus far, several more scheduled this year.

40%

Reduction in total disciplinary infractions (Category I-III) from 2022-2023 year.

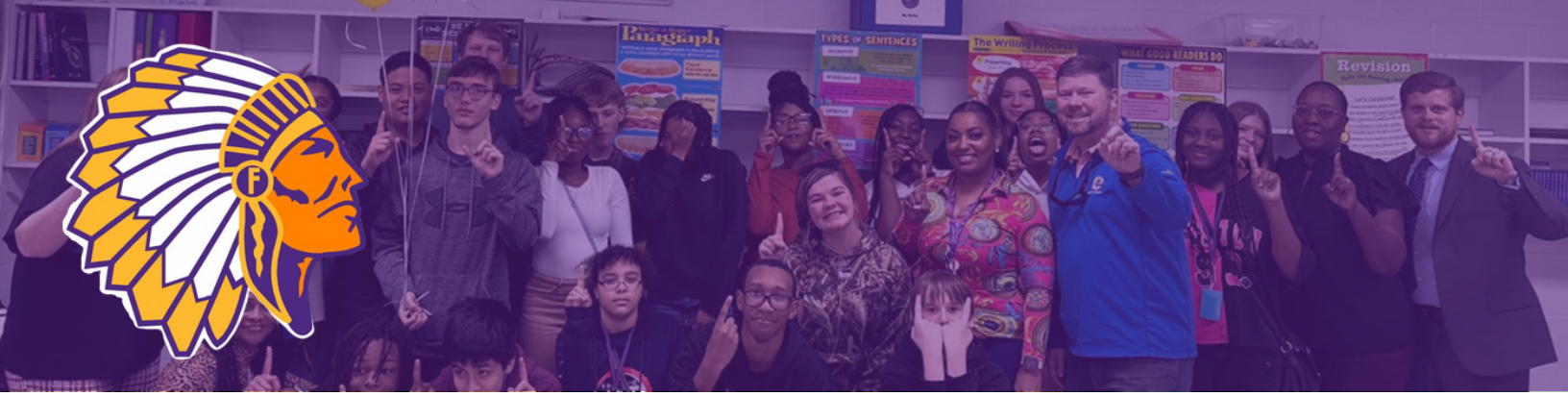
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Reduction in targeted disciplinary infractions (Category II-III) from 2022-2023 year.

Growing Our
TRIBE



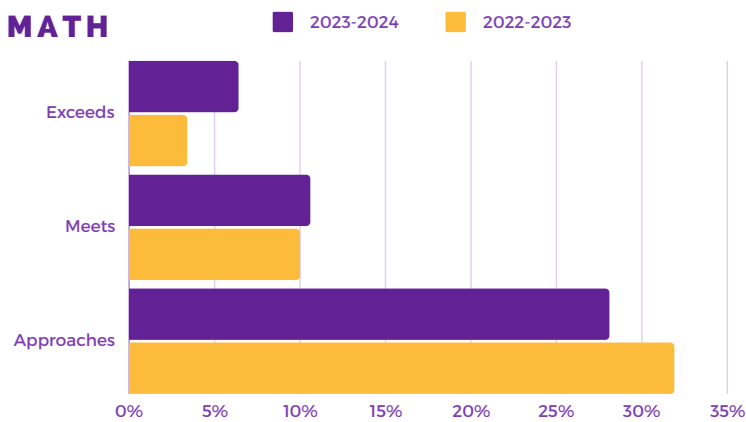
Our hiring efforts have been marked by swift and efficient processing of applications, with a commitment to reviewing submissions within 24 hours of receipt. As a result, we have already selected six new teachers to fill vacancies remaining from the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, we are pleased to report that we anticipate retaining all of our current teaching staff. Furthermore, our recruitment strategy has been multifaceted, with a focus on leveraging social media platforms through our #MyTribe campaign to attract candidates. We continue to actively engage with the Sumter School District transfer portal to identify qualified educators seeking new opportunities and we remain dedicated to filling our remaining six positions with talented individuals who align with our school's values and mission.



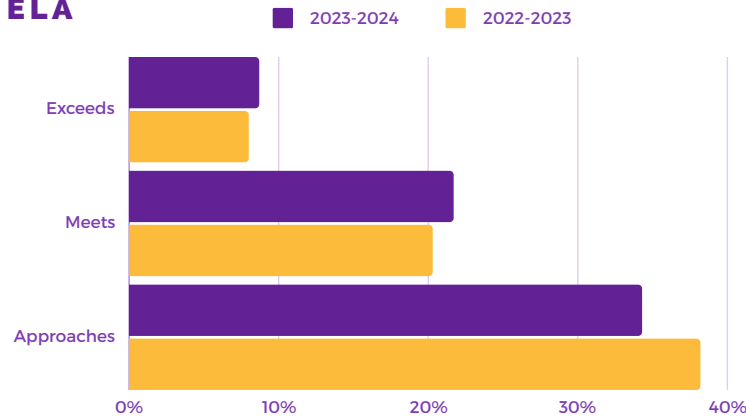
MAP PROJECTED PROFICIENCY

Projected proficiency shows students' projected performance on the SC Ready assessments based on their performance on the Spring MAP test and the NWEA alignment/linking study.

MATH

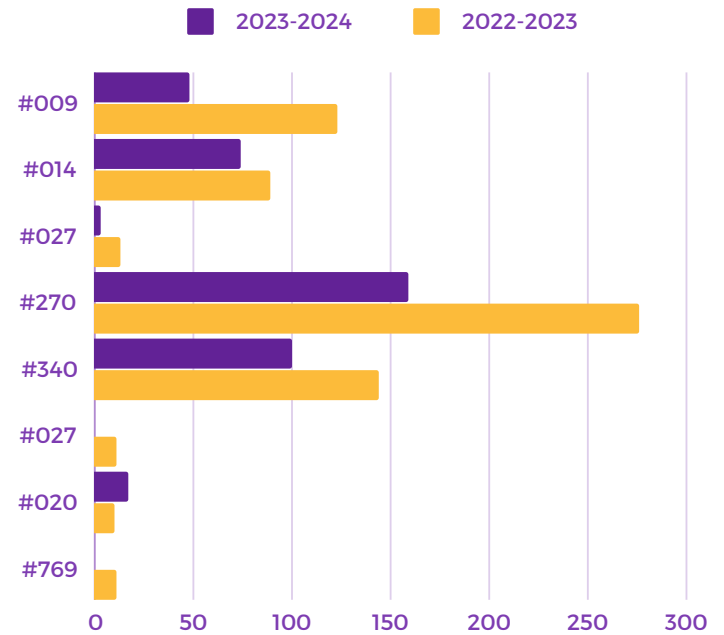


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TARGETED DISCIPLINE

Targeted discipline includes all Category 2 and 3 offenses. This chart displays some of the key areas that our team prepared to address in reflection of the 2022-2023 school year disciplinary data.



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Looking
AHEAD



For the second semester, we're implementing a comprehensive plan to elevate student achievement. A recent addition to our team is a curriculum coach and a math coach. These professionals will play a crucial role in our strategy by spending the semester embedded in core classrooms. The dual responsibility of these coaches involves not only collaborating with classroom teachers to enhance their professional development but also facilitating small group interventions directly with students. This approach aims to provide additional resources and personalized support to students who may be grappling with specific concepts.



Outstanding

FEATURES & PROGRAMS

- AVID
- Boys to Men & Girls With Pearls Mentoring
- Career & Technical Education Courses
- Engaging Creative Minds Partnership
- Industrial Technology & STEAM Courses
- Project Lead the Way Courses
- Student Mentoring Groups
- WATCH Mentoring & Support Program

EXPERIENCE FURMAN



STUDENT LIFE ACTIVITIES

- Band
- Be Pro, Be Proud
- Book Club
- Chorus
- ECM Initiative
- First Priority
- FBLA
- Morning News
- NJHS
- Newspaper
- PRIDE Time
- Principal Student Advisory Council
- Project Lead the Way
- See You At the Pole
- TRIBE PRIDE



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Heart Walk
- Countless Student-led Service Projects
- March of Dimes
- Principal for the Day
- Relay for Life
- School Improvement Council
- School Strategic Planning Committee
- SPCA
- Sumter United Ministries
- United Way

OPPORTUNITIES

- Collaborative Teams
- Data Teams
- ELA, Math, & Science Nights
- Hybrid Teacher Leader Teams
- Instructional Task Force
- New Teacher Institute
- Parent-Teacher-Student Association
- School Improvement Council
- Teacher Advisor Council
- Teacher Leadership Team
- Teacher Mentors

S.I.C.

- Erica Maple, Elected Parent, Chair
- Operdella Choice-Miller, Elected Teacher, Vice-Chair
- Ella Mathis-James, Elected Teacher, Secretary
- SFC Ebony Houck, Appointed Community Partner
- Chuck Wilson, Appointed Community Partner
- Mia Stukes, Elected Student
- Macy Purcell, Elected Student
- Lorenza Bowen, Appointed Community Partner
- J. Tanner Curry, Principal
- Bridgett Henderson, Assistant Principal

Your dedication to the T.R.I.B.E. mindset is critical in making this school year a success.

Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Balance, and Empowerment.