

# HIGH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Report to Public

High Hills Elementary School, a Palmetto Silver Award Recipient, strives to develop lifelong learners while also helping them grow socially and emotionally. High Hills Elementary, a Title I school, provides students in grades four and five a great place to learn. The culmination of data for High Hills Elementary School is obtained while the learner is engaged in active class experiences and test experiences. This allows for self-evaluation, peer evaluation, teacher and administrative evaluations, and is ongoing and continuous. This information is used as a basis for decisions regarding future learning and to focus on the accomplishments of students. The information from the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS), Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), Common Formative Assessments, and parent, teacher, and student surveys allows us to assess our instructional program and make programmatic changes as needed.

Our teachers continue to use unit plans, which address standards and provide students with critical thinking skills and problem solving activities. Our dedicated teachers meet weekly to plan instructional activities that correlate to our state standards. Our teachers used on going student data to address areas of weakness as well as areas of strengths.

Our students are unique and come from very diverse backgrounds; therefore, our staff continuously strives to meet the needs of all students. High Hills made AYP for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009. We missed in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 by 1 subgroup out of 21. In 2009-2010 our school received the Palmetto Silver Award for overall performance. Again in 2010-2011 we received the Palmetto Silver for General Performance and Gold for Closing the Achievement Gap. Once again, in 2011-2012 we received both awards for General Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap. Also in 2011-2012 our ESEA Report Card Grade was an A. In 2012-2013 our ESEA Report Card Grade was a B and was recognized as a Reward School. In 2013-2014, we maintained our ESEA Report Card Grade of a B. Because of our student success we will continue implementation of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

We have an math interventionist teacher who is working with lower achieving students to strengthen math skills. These students are performing below grade level. Talented and gifted (TAG) students are now pulled out for Quest. In addition to these programs, we are continuing other successful programs already in place.

Bertha King, School Improvement Council

Dr. Maggie J. Wright, Principal

## Performance Goals

As part of our ongoing process of improvement, our school renewal committee developed three performance goals to guide future growth. Goal one establishes that the average score for students will increase by 5 percentage points on the PASS each year. Goal two states that the number of discipline referrals will decrease by 5% by 2017. The third goal addresses teacher quality and affirms that 100% of the teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals will be highly qualified by 2017. The third goal of teacher quality has been met by High Hills Elementary, all teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals are highly qualified.

# High Hills Elementary School

Principal.....Dr. Maggie J. Wright

Assistant Principal..... Angela Edwards

Guidance Counselor.....Golden Talps

Curriculum Coach .....Theresa Cousar

PTA President.....Desiree McMillan

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*2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Met Adequate Year Progress*

*2007-2008 SC Young Writers Award Winner*

*2007-2008 Sumter School District II Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence in Composition*

*2008 Governor's Citizenship Award*

*2009-2010 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award*

*2010-2011 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver and Gold Awards*

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*2013-2015 Awarded DoDEA Patriot Project Grant*

*2013-2014 South Carolina Reward School*

*2014-2015 Clean School Award*

*2014-2015 AdvancED Accreditation*

*2014-2015 Reward for Performance*

2015-2016

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## Annual Report to Parents

### Mission Statement

The mission of High Hills Elementary School is to provide each student with a quality education by developing academic and social skills in a safe environment.

### Vision Statement

The vision of High Hills Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence.

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# School Improvement Council

Dr. Maggie Wright.....Principal  
Angela Edwards.....Assistant Principal  
Theresa Cousar.....Curriculum Coach  
Golden Talps.....Guidance Counselor  
Bertha King.....Speech Therapist  
Hope Alexander.....Reading Coach  
Desiree McMillan.....PTA President  
Dr. Melissa Morris.....Community Member  
Rev. John Kennedy.....Community Member  
Elizabeth Huggins.....Community Member  
Jennifer Nichols.....Parent

## ▶ Student Achievement:

The emphasis at this level is the implementation of strategies that address academic expectations, assessment procedures, and literacy skills.

## ▶ School Climate:

Review of perception data, discipline and attendance records indicates a need for connecting with students and the community. Again, professional development is shown to be a major need along with the establishment of more communication routes to the home.

## ▶ Teacher Quality:

In order to ensure that teachers are highly qualified, ongoing professional development is provided. Therefore, a major area of focus for the Teacher Quality Performance is the emphasis on training and retention.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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## SCHOOL BELIEFS

- Each student is a valued individual.
- We believe all children can learn.
- Students learn in different ways.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process.
- Each student has unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
- Teachers, parents, students and community are responsible for the support of the school's mission.
- Challenging expectations increase student performances.
- Student self-esteem is enhanced by mutual respect among and between staff and students.
- A safe and inviting environment promotes student learning.
- A curriculum that includes cultural diversity education increases a student's understanding and respect of different people.

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