



# Rock Hill High School

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Rock Hill High School faculty and staff is facilitating the process for all students to develop the World Class Skills for Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by setting high expectations through rigorous coursework in all content areas. Rock Hill High has provided students the opportunity to be creative in academics, the arts, athletics, extra-curricular activities, character development, and community involvement this past year. We had 58 students graduate with highest honors, 39 with honors, and 138 received a gold seal diploma. One hundred and thirty-one students were CATE completers, and 9 seniors attempted to earn an IB diploma. We had twelve seniors recognized as Advanced Placement Scholars, and 13 seniors recognized as Advanced Placement Scholar Candidates by College Board. Out of 412 graduating seniors, 235 earned LIFE and 25 earned Palmetto Fellows scholarships. The grand total of all scholarships offered to graduates was over \$14.7 million dollars. In the arts, the Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction was once again a SCBDA 4A State Finalist in the most competitive classes in South Carolina. The band had 11 students earn chairs in the SC Region Three Honor Bands and two students earn chairs for the SC All-State Bands. The Concert Band received Superior Rating with Distinction at the SCBDA Concert Band Festival. The band program had three students selected to the Winthrop University Invitational Band Clinic. Three students were also selected for the University of South Carolina Honor Band Clinic. Rock Hill High's Choral Program had 7 members named to the South Carolina All State Chorus. Seven members were named to the SC American Choral Directors' Association Honor Choir. The Orchestra had four students selected by audition for the SC Music Educators Associations' Region 1 Honors Orchestras, and three students selected to perform as a part of the Winthrop University Orchestra. One orchestra student was also selected to receive this year's Rock Hill Music Club scholarship. The Rock Hill High School Theatre Department placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SC Theatre Association Festival. Both students in the production of "Jerry Finnegan's Sister" received the top awards for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actress. The cast of "Hush Little Celia" received a Superior play rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/ South Carolina Thespian Festival. Six students received superior acting awards as well. Several Visual Arts students won awards at the local, state, and regional level this year. These RHHS students received 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards at the Yorkville Art show. These students also received two 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in various categories at the Teacher's Choice awards. Bearcat student artwork won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the City of Rock Hill 2020 Black History Month Celebration and two other Bearcat artworks were reproduced on a large scale and are currently displayed in downtown Rock Hill. At the state level, three RHHS art students were chosen as a part of Converse College's Young Women in Art Juried art show. Another art student was chosen as runner-up in the District 5 Congressional Art Contest. Bearcat artists received one gold key, one silver key, and three honorable mentions for their

artwork at the regional level. In Athletics, Rock Hill High had twenty athletes sign scholarships, 57 senior scholar athletes, and 101 multisport athletes this year. Four of this year's senior athletes went to all-star games. Rock Hill High had 4 all-state athletes from fall and winter sports and two wrestlers make honorable mention All-American. Seven individual athletes made state tournaments as individuals in Swim and Wrestling. One wrestler set the state record in wins over a career. We had one individual state champion, and one runner-up in Wrestling, and a bronze medal in Swim. Rock Hill High had 7 teams make the playoffs from fall and winter sports. We also had twenty-four all-region athletes from fall and winter sports. Spring sports did not compete in all-region this year. Boys Golf finished their season ranked number one in 5A. We had region runner-ups in football, volleyball, girls' basketball, and wrestling. Boys' basketball made the playoffs for the first time in 6 years. All faculty and staff continued to focus on improving students' achievements on End of Course, ACT, and SAT testing. Graduation rate has improved, and we will continue to focus our efforts on improving in all areas. We will continue to work with students to provide the world class knowledge and skills needed to compete in a global society. The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program continued this year to improve school climate and character education at Rock Hill High School. Students were recognized with over 1,500 Bearcat Bucks for showing Bearcat PRIDE (Participation, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, & Excellence). We hope to have continued success with our positive intervention program.

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