

BEARCAT P.R.I.D.E

"STRIVE TO EXCEL...NOT TO EQUAL!"

P.R.I.D.E in Academics

2012-2013 15 students graduated with highest honors, 23 honor graduates, 5 Academic South Carolina Honor Award graduates, 16 IB Diploma candidates, 90 Gold Seal Recipients and there were \$ 8,886,978 scholarships awarded.

P.R.I.D.E in Arts

The Rock Hill High School Drama Department received a Superior play rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Association Festival. 4 students received superior acting awards, and 1 student received an International Thespian Scholarship.

The Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction was named Overall Grand Champions at James F Byrnes Tournament of Bands and the Blythehood Tournament of Bands, Upper State Champions and 3rd overall at 4A State. The band has 18 students selected to the South Carolina Region Three Band and 6 students selected for the South Carolina All-State Band. The Symphonic Band received a Superior Rating at the SCBDA Concert Band Festival and the Band program earned the SC Outstanding Performance Award for the 16th consecutive year!

Rock Hill High's Chorus/Rock Hill High's Chorus Program received superior ratings at the South Carolina Choral Festival and are named the 4A State Champions for the South Carolina. 16 members made the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association Honors Choir. 19 members were named to the South Carolina All State Chorus.

The Orchestra Department of Rock Hill High had 2 students selected for the SCMEA Orchestra Division's Region 1 Orchestra. 1 student selected for All-State Orchestra. The Concert Orchestra & Chamber Orchestra earned a rating of Excellent, at the 2014 SCMEA Orchestra Division's Concert Festival.

The Visual Arts Department received 4 awards this year. A first place award in the Mixed Media category and a second place award in the Drawing category at the York County Teacher's Choice award, as well as one Honorable Mention at the District Congressional Arts Awards and one Honorable Mention at York County Christmasville Show.

P.R.I.D.E in Athletics

Rock Hill High Athletics had 34 SCHSL Scholar Athletes. These Seniors earned a 3.5 or above GPA and lettered in a varsity sport. 2 Region Champions. 1 in Volleyball and 1 in Wrestling. 6 All State Athletes representing Volleyball, Swimming and Wrestling. All-Star Game Participants represented in North/South Wrestling, North/South Volleyball, and All Star Girls Basketball ; 19 All-Region Athletes.

SIC MEMBERS

Teachers:

Haley Barts Patrick Grimsley
Joey Fowler Andrew Puzio
Andrew Williams Cheryl Henderson

Students:

Joel Watson Rickii Banks
Demaiza Crawford Tamesha Benson
Sharon Nealy Gabriela Plata Martinez

Parents:

Andrena McCullough Marcia Burnette
Robin Bitting Sandra Lowrance

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Randy Barfield Dilip Patel

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Secretary: Haley Barts, Teacher
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Purpose of the Report

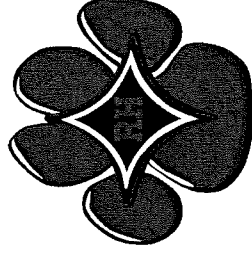
"This Report is issued by the Rock Hill High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."



ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"REPORT TO THE PARENTS"
2013 - 14



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Mission Statement

The Rock Hill High School community works to provide a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment in which each student chooses a unique path to success in a global society.

SIC Annual Goals

Retention and Graduation

The faculty and staff at RHHS will reduce 9th Grade Retention rate to 7.0% and increase the Graduation rate to 75.92%.

- Advisory Assignment
- Utilize Content/Credit Recovery
- Utilize RTI "Bearcat" Time
- Better recording/tracking of 9GR

Preparing learners for College or Work

Common core standards for all states have been developed to better prepare students for college and work after high school. The staff at RHHS must develop the capacity to instruct all students with these new standards using 21st century technology.

- Training for implementing Common Core
- Weekly department meetings on Common Core
- Weekly department meetings on delivering quality instruction
- Thirty classroom sets of iPads for teacher cohort

Positive Environment: *RHHS continued to implement the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Model to improve school climate. As a result of our success, we were asked to present at a school meeting and were featured in the Palmetto Administrator Journal. As we continued this initiative we:*

- Received additional professional development on PBIS
- Created individual classroom behavior expectation matrices
- Continued positive referrals "Bearcat BUCKS"
- Continued incentive parties for attendance
- Identified additional at-risk students for mentorships and added two more mentoring groups

Student Achievement

South Carolina School Report Card Ratings

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Below Average*
2011	Excellent	Below Average

*The School's 2012 Growth Rating was raised one level because of substantial improvement in the achievement of students belonging to historically underachieving groups of students. The Growth Rating may or may not have been affected by the performance of these groups in prior years.

State End-of-Course(EOC) Examinations

The examinations, which count 20 percent of the students' final grade in each gateway or benchmark course, currently include Algebra I/Math for the Technologies 2; English I; Biology I/Applied Biology 2; US History and the Constitution. RHHS 2013 EOC scores indicate that students had a passage rate of 75.9% in Algebra I/Tech 2 (state 79.7%); 71.6% English I (state 76.4%); 76.9% in Biology I/Applied 2 (state 81.2%); and 57.4% in US History (state 66.0%). Strategies for continued improvement on EOC scores will be included in the School Improvement Plan.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP)

On the state's exit exam, RHHS's tenth graders' average score on both English Language Arts and Mathematics is 92.2% (state 92.2%). Strategies for continued improvement on HSAP scores will be included in the School Improvement Plan.

"For more information, you may view Rock High School "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

Additional Information

PBIS

(Positive Behavior Interventions & Support)

Currently we have issued 2854 Bearcat BUCKS to 1376 of our 1936 enrolled students.

71% of enrolled students have received 1 or more Bearcat BUCKS.

As of now:

- 592 Freshmen have received BUCKS
- 583 Sophomores have received BUCKS
- 515 Juniors have received BUCKS
- 399 Seniors have received BUCKS

Our Bearcat BUCKS "Positive Referrals" outweigh the negative referrals when we focus on the areas of Defiance, Disruptive Behaviors, and Disrespect to Administration and/or staff

Attendance Celebrations – Each nine weeks students are recognized for 0 absences or all absences have documentation.

RHHS continues to see a decline in the number of tardies issued to students.