



Rock Hill HS School Improvement Council

REPORT TO THE PARENTS

2021-22

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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 59 students graduate with highest honors, and 25 with honors. One hundred and eleven students were CATE completers, and 3 seniors attempted to earn an IB diploma. We had sixteen seniors recognized as Advanced Placement Scholars, and 6 seniors recognized as Advanced Placement Scholar Candidates by College Board. For more information on academic achievement, go to the SC Department of Education School Report cards at ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards. In the arts, the marching band was a state finalist in the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) 5A marching band championships. We had 14 students earn chairs in the SCBDA Region 3 honor band. The Concert Band earned a Superior Rating at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment. The Symphonic Band earned a Superior with Distinction rating at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment. This is the highest rating a band can receive. The winter guard earned the Gold Medal in the Scholastic 3A class at the Carolina Winter Ensemble Association (CWEA) Championships. The indoor percussion ensemble earned the Silver Medal in the PSA class at the CWEA Championships. The band program had 9 events earn Superior ratings at the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble festival. The overall band program is most likely going to earn the Outstanding Performance Award from the SCBDA. This is the highest award given to a high school band program in the state of South Carolina. Very few band programs earn this award each year because it requires maximum performance in the four assessment areas, Marching Band, Concert Band, Region Band, and Solo and Ensemble. Rock Hill High's Choral Program had 2 members named to the South Carolina All State Chorus. Three members were named to the SC American Choral Directors' Association Honor Choir.





In Athletics, Rock Hill High Girls' Junior Volleyball team were Region Champs and in Girls' Basketball, the Lady Bearcats won the 5A State Championship. Other athletics achievements can be found at rockhillbearcats.net. 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.

Rock Hill High's SIC has contributed to the school and student success with establishing these goals and initiatives toward overall school improvement:

SIC Goals for 2021-22 were:

- Improve Teacher and Staff morale at school
- Address student concerns for Water Filling Stations
- Student focused contest for reducing undocumented absence/behavior referrals
- Improve Parent Communication to and from School

SIC Outcomes for 2021-22:

- Held 7 plus teacher/staff treat events where food/desserts were provided.
- Created and provided a Snack Cart that was stocked with treats and waters for teachers/staff to grab-n-go during the school day.
- Followed up and all water filling stations were installed for students.
- Advertised and rewarded students who met requirements for absence/referral contest.
- Added an SIC facebook page and facilitated School Newsletter to be posted regularly on school webpage. Also provided good feedback to administration about where communication could be improved.

*Note: The RHHS SIC collaborated with many Rock Hill Community businesses, organizations and RHHS families to be able to shower the teachers and staff and students at Rock Hill High with treats, food and rewards. As an SIC, we strongly felt that all we did to raise the teacher and staff morale also had a positive impact on the students as well. Not only did it help the teachers and staff to feel appreciated by Rock Hill families and community, but it showed kindness in action to the students and its positive effects. We also believe that our student focused absence/referral contest improved awareness of the negative effects of high

absences and/or referrals. We will continue to hold this contest in future years and gather some data. We truly could not have accomplished everything that we did this year without those community, business and family member sponsors. A special thank you to all of them for their collaboration with us this year.

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