



BEARCAT P.R.I.D.E

“STRIVE TO EXCEL...NOT TO EQUAL!”

P.R.I.D.E in Academics

In June of 2017 we had 19 students graduate with highest honors, 38 with honors, and 125 received a gold seal diploma. One hundred and nine students were CATE completers, and 17 seniors attempted to earn an IB diploma. Out of 436 graduating seniors, 235 earned LIFE and 24 earned Palmetto Fellows scholarships. The grand total of all scholarships offered to graduates was over \$8.1 million dollars.

P.R.I.D.E in Arts

The Rock Hill High School Theatre Department received a Superior play rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Festival. Two students received superior acting awards there as well. One student was awarded the Blair Beasley Theatre Scholarship for acting.

The Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction was an SCBDA 5A State Finalist in the most competitive class in South Carolina. The band placed in the top 8 at the SC Marching Band Championships for the 15th consecutive year and received the SC Band Directors Association's Outstanding Performance Award for the 19th consecutive year.

Rock Hill High Choral Program had 20 members named to the SC All State Chorus. Nine members were named to the South Carolina Choral Directors Association Honor Choir.

The RHHS Orchestra Department had one student participate in the 2016 SC Cello Choir. One student received the Marine Corps' Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence.

The Visual Arts Department received numerous awards this year. At the Yorkville Show they received Best in Show and two Honorable Mentions. In the Teacher's Choice Show, they received 1st and 2nd place in Drawing, 1st and 3rd place in Mixed Media, and 3rd place in Sculpture. In the Scholastic Regionals they received two Gold Keys, two Silver Keys, and four Honorable Mentions. At the Scholastic Nationals they received a Silver Key.

P.R.I.D.E in Athletics

Rock Hill High Athletics had fifteen athletes sign scholarships, fifty-one senior scholar athletes, and seven of this year's seniors went to all-star games. Rock Hill High had sixteen all-state athletes and twenty-three individual athletes make state tournaments. We had one individual state champion in wrestling. The Girls Tennis team won the State Championship. Rock Hill High had 57 all-region athletes, three region players of the year, two region coaches of the year, one SA coach of the year, and the 5A Region Athletic Director of the year.

SIC MEMBERS

Teachers/Guidance Counselor:

Barbara Addison
Kim Hope
Chris Mack

Students:

Josh Dunlap Ellie Farley
Bailey Jensen Kyndal Jordan
PaHoua Vang

Parents:

Wendy Cole Misty Dunlap
Christy Farley Stephanie Hooper
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ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

“REPORT TO THE PARENTS” 2017-2018



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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.”

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

Positive Climate

The Faculty and Staff at RHHS will improve the school climate by continuing the PBIS and Advisory Assignment programs, and implementing a positive recognition program for teachers and staff.

- Continue Bearcat Buck and PRIDE Program
- Incentive program for zero referrals and documented attendance
- At risk students will be identified and assigned a mentor.
- Advisor assigned to every student.
- Guidance counselors will meet with every student to review their academic progress and graduation plan.

Graduation Rate

The Faculty and Staff at Rock Hill High School will work to increase the graduation rate to 83%.

- Teachers will administer and refine common assessments for all courses through their PLC's.
- All teachers will write a SLO this year focused on student growth in an area of need for each subject.
- Administration and counselors will look at 9GR Grad Rate and tracking each week.

End-Of-Course Examination Program

(EOCEP): *Increase the percentage of students passing and increase average scores on all EOC's in order to meet district goals.*

- Teachers will administer and refine common assessments in all courses through PLC's.
- Teachers will follow District Curriculum MAPS in each subject area and provide daily objectives so students have a clear understanding on the learning objective.
- All teachers will write a SLO this year focused on student growth in an area of need for each subject.
- Administration and department chairs will conduct regular classroom observations to ensure outlined steps are being followed.

Student Achievement

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 1/Math for the Technologies 2, English 1, Biology 1, and US History and the Constitution. RHHS 2017 EOC scores indicate that students had a passage rate of 67.6% in Algebra 1/Tech 2 (state 75.1%); 61.2% English 1(state 77%); 71.4% in Biology 1 (state 73.8%); and 70.7% in US History (state 67.9%). Strategies for continued improvement on EOC scores will be included in the School Improvement Plan.

ACT

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2017 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 1 to 36. RHHS students took the ACT in the spring of 2017. We had an average score of 16.1 on the English subtest (state 16.6); 17.8 on the Math subtest (state 17.9); 17.5 on the Reading subtest (state 18); 17.7 on the Science subtest (state 18.1); and a 17.4 composite (state 17.8).

ACT WorkKeys

ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments. RHHS students took the test in the spring of 2017. 71.2% met Platinum, Gold, or Silver in Applied Mathematics (state 69.9%); 93.4% met Platinum, Gold, or Silver in Reading for Information (state 91.6%); and 67.3% met Platinum, Gold, or Silver in Locating Information (state 72.6%)

"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)

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

All staff members are encouraged to submit one student name per week to award them with a Bearcat Buck. Faculty and staff issued over 2,200 Bearcat Bucks this past school year.

Attendance/ Zero Referral Celebrations – Each nine weeks students are recognized for Perfect Attendance (documented absences), and if they did not receive any referrals.

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