

BEARCAT P.R.I.D.E

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

P.R.I.D.E in Academics

2015-2016 27 students graduated with highest honors, 30 honor graduates, 7 Academic Achievement Award graduates, 25 IB Diploma candidates, 111 Gold Seal Recipients and there were \$10,314,322 scholarships awarded. Additionally, Rock Hill High School had five students selected to attend the S.C. Governor's School for Science and Math and one student selected to attend the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

P.R.I.D.E in Arts

The Rock Hill High School Theatre Department received Superior play ratings at both the SC Theatre Association High School play competition and the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Festival. One student received an All-Star cast award at SCTA. Two students received superior acting awards at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Festival.

The Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction was an SCBDA 5A state marching band finalist and placed 8th overall in the most competitive class in the state of South Carolina. The band had 11 students selected to the South Carolina Region Three Band and 1 student selected for the South Carolina All-State Band. The Concert Band received a Superior Rating at the SCBDA Concert Band Festival and the Band program earned the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award for the 18th consecutive year!

Rock Hill High's Chorus Rock Hill High's Chorus Program received superior ratings at the South Carolina Choral Festival, placing 1st in sight-reading and 2nd in performance. Sixteen members made the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association (SC ACDA) Honors Choir, and 7 members were named to the South Carolina All State Chorus. Two students were selected to perform with the Southern Division ACDA Honor Choir.

The RHHS Strings Department continues to grow with the 3rd successful year of Guitar Class. This class presented its Guitar Ensembles Concert in May, consisting of large & small ensemble performances of classical, jazz, & popular music, in conduction with the RHHS Jazz Combos. This year also saw the addition of the Jazz Guitar Ensemble.

The RHHS Orchestra continues to grow in numbers and strive towards excellence, with the Orchestra earning an Excellent rating at the 2016 SCMEA Orchestra Division's Music Performance Assessment in Region 1.

The Visual Arts Department received 3 awards this year at the Teacher's Choice Youth Art Exhibit. An Honorable Mention was awarded in the 3D category, a Third Place was awarded in the Mixed Media category, and a First Place was awarded in the Mixed Media category. The department also held their first annual independent show, awarding the following categories: First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention.

P.R.I.D.E in Athletics

Rock Hill High Athletics had 44 SCHSL Scholar Athletes. These Seniors earned a 3.5 or above GPA and lettered in a varsity sport, 4 Region Champions in Girls Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Girls Basketball and Wrestling, 6 All State Athletes representing Track, Swimming, Girls Basketball, and Wrestling, All-Star Game Participants represented in North/South Wrestling and North/South Baseball; 57 All-Region Athletes and two individual state champions in wrestling and track.

SIC MEMBERS

Teachers/Guidance Counselor:

Barbara Addison Patrick Grimsley
Lukas Hopper Jeffrey Johnson
Scott Long Jeremy Shaw

Students:

Tamesha Benson Austin Brewington
Kayla Tolbert Kyle Tolbert
Jyra Lowrance

Parents:

Kim Hope Sandra Lowrance
Janice Tolbert Michael Tolbert
Tammy Young

Community:

Windy Cole Dilip Patel
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Principal: Mr. Ozzie Ahl, Principal
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Secretary: Sandra Lowrance, Parent
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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" 2015 - 16



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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

Positive School Climate

The Faculty and Staff at RHHS will improve the school climate by continuing the PBIS program.

- Advisor assigned to all students each year.
- Students' academic progress and graduation plans will be reviewed annually.
- Continue Bearcat Buck and PRIDE Programs
- Incentive program for zero referrals and attendance.
- At risk student will be identified and placed in mentoring groups.

Full Implementation of Canvas by Instructure

RHHS has implemented the Canvas by Instructure Program as a means of communicating with staff and parents, and delivering of instruction to students.

- Professional development on implementing Canvas
- Weekly department meetings on Canvas
- Weekly department meetings on delivering quality instruction

End-Of-Course Scores and Graduation Rate:

RHHS will increase the percentage of students Graduating to 84% and EOC pass rates to 80% and increase average scores in order to meet district goals.

- Teachers will administer and refine common assessments for all courses, especially EOC's, through PLC's.
- Teachers will follow District Curriculum Maps in each subject area and provide daily objectives so students have a clear understanding of the learning objective.
- All teachers will write a SLO this year focused on student growth in an area of need for each subject.
- Regular classroom observations will be conducted to ensure teachers are following outlined steps.
- 9GR Grad Rate data will be reviewed weekly for tracking purposes.

Student Achievement

South Carolina School Report Card Ratings

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Below Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	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 1/Math for the Technologies 2, English 1, Biology 1/Applied Biology 2, US History and the Constitution. RHHS 2015 EOC scores indicate that students had a passage rate of 85.7% in Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies (state 85.7%); 71.9% English 1 (state 75.1%); 77.6% in Biology 1/Applied Biology 2 (state 77.8%); and 73.8% in US History and the Constitution (state 69.1%). Strategies for continued improvement on EOC 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 <http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/>."

Additional Information

PBIS

(Positive Behavior Interventions & Support)

Currently we have issued 2592 Bearcat BUCKS to 1443 of our 2052 enrolled students.

64% of enrolled students have received 1 or more Bearcat BUCKS.

As of now:

354 Freshmen have received BUCKS
432 Sophomores have received BUCKS
348 Juniors have received BUCKS
309 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 will continue – Each nine weeks students are recognized for 0 absences or all absences have documentation.

Rock Hill High School continues to see a decline in the number of tardies issued to students.

