

BEARCAT P.R.I.D.E

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

P.R.I.D.E in Academics

2014-2015 15 students graduated with highest honors, 20 honor graduates, 2 Academic South Carolina Honor Award graduates, 15 IB Diploma candidates, 97 Gold Seal Recipients and there were \$10,296,242 scholarships awarded.

P.R.I.D.E in Arts

The Rock Hill High School Theatre Department received a Superior play rating at the SC Theatre Association High School play competition. Three students received All-Star cast awards at SCTA as well. Two students received superior acting awards at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Association Festival. Stephanie Daniels was awarded the SC Theatre Association's Outstanding Educator Award for 2014-2015.

The Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction was named Overall Grand Champions at James F Byrnes Tournament of Bands and the Providence Cup Tournament of Bands and was a finalist at the Bands of America Regional Championships in Winston Salem! The band had 21 students selected to the South Carolina Region Three Band and 7 students selected for the South Carolina All-State Band. The Symphonic & Concert Bands received Superior Ratings at the SCBDA Concert Band Festival and the Band program earned the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award for the 17th consecutive year!

Rock Hill High's Chorus Rock Hill High's Chorus Program received superior ratings at the South Carolina Choral Festival and was named the 4A State Champions for the South Carolina. Sixteen members made the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association (SC ACDA) Honors Choir, and 10 members were named to the South Carolina All State Chorus. The Concert Choir was selected, by audition, to perform at the SC ACDA Fall Conference and the SC School Board Association Annual Conference.

The RHHS Strings Department continues to grow with the 2nd successful year of Guitar Class. This class presented the first Guitar Class Concert, consisting of large & small ensemble performances of classical, jazz, & popular music. The RHHS Orchestra continues to mature & develop, with the Chamber Orchestra earned an Excellent rating in Grade V, at the 2015 SCMEA Orchestra Division's Concert Festival at the Region 1 performance site.

The Visual Arts Department received 7 awards this year. An Honorable Mention and 3rd place were awarded at the York County High School Art Show. At the Teacher's Choice show students won both 2nd and 3rd place for Mixed Media as well as Honorable Mention. At this show they also placed 3rd for the 3D category. Finally, a student placed as the DC Chief of Staff Pic.at the Congressional Show.

P.R.I.D.E in Athletics

Rock Hill High Athletics had 42 SCHSL Scholar Athletes. These Seniors earned a 3.5 or above GPA and lettered in a varsity sport, 2 Region Champions; 1 in Baseball and 1 in Wrestling, 10 All State Athletes representing Track, Swimming, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, and Wrestling, All-Star Game Participants represented in North/South Wrestling and North/South Football; 41 All-Region Athletes. RHHS won state championship in wrestling.

SIC MEMBERS

Teachers/Guidance Counselor:

Barbara Addison	Haley Barts
Jennifer Blake	Toni Crain
Meredith Johnson	Scott Long
Jeremy Robertson	Jeremy Shaw
Cody Strong	

Students:

Gillian Casteen	Heaven Totherow
Tamesha Benson	J'Zabrimon Boger
Kayla Tolbert	Kyle Tolbert
Alysa Berry	William Peeler
Bailey Jensen	Noah Michaw
Camden Jensen	Jyra Lowrance

Parents:

Marcia Burnette	Sandra Lowrance
Kim Hope	Laverne Berry
Janice Tolbert	Michael Tolbert

Community:

Windy Cole	Dilip Patel
Tim Templeton	

Principal: Mr. Ozzie Ahl, Principal
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Chair: Mr. Patrick Grimsley, Teacher
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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" 2014 - 15



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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

Graduation Rate and Positive Climate

The faculty and staff at RHHS will increase the Graduation rate to 85.0%, increase the student perception of the Learning Environment to 74% positive, and increase the Social and Physical Environment to 74%.

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

Implementation of Canvas by Instructure

RHHS has implemented the Canvas by Instructure Program as a means of communicating with staff and to help enhance the various digital tools and resources that our teachers use in the classroom

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

End-Of-Course Examination Program

(EOCEP):

RHHS will increase the percentage of students passing Algebra 1 EOC, English 1 EOC, Biology EOC, & US History EOC by making a 70 or higher and increase average scores in order to meet district goals.

- Teachers will develop and administer common assessments in all EOC courses.
- Teachers will follow District Curriculum MAPS in each subject area and provide daily objectives so students have a clear understanding on the learning objective.
- EOC teachers will use USA Test Prep for practice tests and bell ringers.
- EOC teachers will collaborate with EOC teachers from neighboring school in the district to work on common assessments and discuss effective classroom instruction.

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 2014 EOC scores indicate that students had a passage rate of 85.4% in Algebra 1/Tech 2 (state 79.7%); 71.3% English 1 (state 76.4%); 79.6% in Biology 1/Applied 2 (state 81.2%); and 66.3% 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’ passing rate for both English Language Arts and Mathematics is 77.7% (state 77.4%). 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 3438 Bearcat BUCKS to 1240 of our 1931 enrolled students.

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

As of now:

- 368 Freshmen have received BUCKS
- 427 Sophomores have received BUCKS
- 376 Juniors have received BUCKS
- 310 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.