

Fort Mill High School

# School Improvement Council: Report to the Parents 2014

## Student Achievements

### Noteworthy Accomplishments for the Jackets

- 3 Region Championship Teams
- Nationally Recognized Band
- Exceptional School Wide Altruistic Involvement

Great things are happening at Fort Mill High School. Our students are constantly demonstrating their excellence not only in the classroom but also on athletic fields, through performances, and by taking part in a whole host of extracurricular opportunities.

#### Excellence in Athletics

Fort Mill High School claimed region championships again this year in cheerleading, boys swimming and girls swimming.

Nearly every Fort Mill High School team participated in state playoffs, and the school proudly boasts a boys lacrosse team that brought home the state championship and a girls lacrosse team that finished as runner up for the upper

state championship. Fort Mill High School also has the potential to add a few more region or even state titles in boys golf, boys soccer, girls soccer, and softball in the days ahead.

#### Excellence in Arts

The Fort Mill High School Marching Band was selected as one of 16 bands, out of the more than 150 bands that applied throughout the country, to perform in the prestigious Music For All: National Concert Festival this year. They were also finalist in two Bands of America Regional events.

#### Excellence in Extracurriculars

The Fort Mill High School Student Council led students to raise more



than 11,000 pounds of food for the Fort Mill Care Center as part of the Student Hunger Drive, and in so doing won their third consecutive Hunger Drive Cup as part of a competition with Nation Ford High School.

The Fort Mill High School Model United Nations team won the renowned Winthrop Cup—the highest achievement in this area of the state—and several Outstanding Delegate awards at this year’s Winthrop University competition.

SIC members that are Fort Mill High School Employees may be contacted via their email addresses as posted on the school website. For contact information regarding parent, community, and ex-officio members please email Melissa White at [whitem@fort-mill.k12.sc.us](mailto:whitem@fort-mill.k12.sc.us)

## 2013-2014 SIC Members

#### Parent Representatives:

- ◆ Tracy Imler
- ◆ Cathy Lewis
- ◆ Lisa Lundy
- ◆ Melissa Thibodeau

#### Ex-Officio Members:

- ◆ Lori Hillman
- ◆ Shaun Masters
- ◆ Teri Tumoi

#### Teacher Representatives:

- ◆ Scott Kosanke
- ◆ Celestine Peters
- ◆ Martha Pietkewicz
- ◆ Elizabeth Williams

#### Student Representatives:

- ◆ Joseph Bass
- ◆ Kyle Brooks
- ◆ Chelsea Helms
- ◆ Ross Lordo
- ◆ Sarah MacPhee

#### Community Representatives:

- ◆ Michelle Branning
- ◆ Matt Cavin
- ◆ Martha Kinard
- ◆ Caryn Scroggs

#### Administrative Members:

- ◆ Dee Christopher
- ◆ Gales Scroggs

## SIC Annual Goals



Each year the School Improvement Council of Fort Mill High School sets forth annual goals aimed at targeting areas of need specific to the students of Fort Mill High School. This year the SIC established goals addressing expanding efforts to help more students effectively prepare for the SAT and providing supports to upperclassmen in their pursuits of career readiness.

### SAT Improvement

Last year, in efforts to provide support to all students at Fort Mill High School wishing to

take the SAT, the SIC established a SAT improvement workshop open to all juniors wishing to take the test. One on One Learning, based out of Marion, SC facilitated the whole day workshop. The cost to each student was \$30 and included instructional materials. Students assessed the presentation and highly encouraged us to offer the session again in the future. This year, the program was expanded to two sessions, one in the fall for juniors and one in the spring for sophomores. In total more than 225 students were able to attend a session and furnished

unanimously positive feedback.

### Career Readiness

Wishing to provide supports to juniors and seniors as they prepare to enter the workforce, the School Improvement Council established a career readiness subcommittee. This committee has begun planning career readiness events for the 2014-2015 school year, focusing on providing guidance regarding resume writing and interview skills with the assistance of local area business leaders.

## Academic and Other Notable Achievements

### The Mission of Fort Mill High School

*Fort Mill High School's mission is to provide each student with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to become a lifelong learner and a responsible, productive citizen in a democratic society.*

### Academic Achievement

Fort Mill High School won the Palmetto Gold Award for "general performance" and "closing the achievement gap". Fort Mill High School has earned the distinction of having won the Palmetto Gold Award every year since the award's inception in 1998.

Per the 2013 S.C. School Report Card, Fort Mill High School had an "absolute" rating of excellent and a "growth" rating of good.

For more information, you may view Fort Mill High School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).

### JROTC Achievement

The Fort Mill High School JROTC Rifle Team competed in two national championship matches this year. The team finished 7th in the nation among all Marine Corps teams.

The Fort Mill High School

JROTC Drill Team qualified for the Region Six Drill Championship, an invitation only tournament highlighting the best teams in the area.

The Fort Mill High School JROTC students also participated in numerous civic service events, including: collecting donations for the Toys for Tots program, assisting with the VFW Buddy Poppy Drive, and planting flowers throughout the town of Fort Mill.

## Additional Information



"Home of the Yellow Jackets"

Fort Mill High School proudly recognizes Ms. Adrienne Bynum as the 2014-2015 Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Ms. Sally Harvey as the 2013-2014 Fort Mill High School Support Staff of the Year.

The Graduating Class of 2013 contained 350 students. With 61% attending 4-year colleges

and 28% attending 2 year colleges. The average SAT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 1568. The average ACT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 23.6. These seniors collectively earned more than eleven million dollars in scholarships.

During the 2012-2013 school year, 474 AP exams were given with 93% scoring a 3 or better.

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### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Fort Mill High School, 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.”*

*For more information regarding the Fort Mill High School SIC please contact Gales Scroggs at [scroggs@fort-mill.k12.sc.us](mailto:scroggs@fort-mill.k12.sc.us)*



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## About Fort Mill and Fort Mill High School

### About Fort Mill

The town of Fort Mill, South Carolina is located just south of the NC state line. Nearly 12,000 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 50,000 people residing within the township. Fort Mill Township supports two high schools.

### About Fort Mill High School

The Fort Mill High School faculty consists of 108 teachers, one principal, four assistant principals, five guidance counselors and one media specialist.

Over two hundred course selections are offered including Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory and Applied Technology courses.

Fort Mill High School has 48 co-curricular activities and 30 athletic teams.

