

Report to the Parents 2019

Fort Mill High School SIC

School Achievements

Fort Mill High School continues to have amazing opportunities for student involvement through academics, athletics, performing arts and extracurricular clubs.

Fort Mill High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2018. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content.



Excellence in Athletics

This year approximately 940 of our students participated in athletics at Fort Mill High School. The school claimed 9 region championships in Cheer, Girls Swim, Boys Swim, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Soccer, Softball, and Boys Tennis. A total of 19 teams participated in state playoffs with 2 upper state championships. Fort Mill High School also had 86 senior athletes recognized by the South Carolina High School League as scholar athletes, and 34 have committed to play a sport in college.



**Girls Lacrosse 2019
Upper State
Champions**



**2019 Baseball
Region Champions**



**Boys Lacrosse 2019
State Champions**

Excellence in Performing Arts

The Fort Mill HS Band grew to over 200 members this school year. The marching band won grand championships at BandBeat and the Appalachian State University Marching Festival. All three concert bands earned "Superior with Distinction" ratings at SCBDA Concert Festival, and Wind Symphony 1 performed at the State Honors Festival at Irmo HS in May. 155 band students traveled to Scotland and England over spring break and performed at the Harrogate International Music Festival. Fort Mill Band students marched in the parade, played at Fountains Abbey, and performed a concert of British & American Classics at The Royal Hall.

Fort Mill High School's performing arts club, Studio E, produced two full-scale theatrical musicals— *The Wedding Singer* and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*—involving more than 100 students. This year, Studio E's spring show is also in contention for the Blumeys, the local musical theatre awards hosted by the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Senior Abby Anderson is also directing a third production, *Almost, Maine*, premiering this May. This final show is a passion project to honor some of the spectacular seniors of the program, to offer a traditional show opportunity for FMHS's acting students, and allow students control of all aspects of production. Every minute of the show is student-produced and directed.

Members of the FMHS Concert Chorus spent their Spring Break performing abroad in Austria and the Czech Republic. They visited the birthplace of Mozart, toured the filming locations of *The Sound of Music*, and experienced a performance by the Vienna Boys Choir during Palm Sunday Mass. Eight members of the Concert Choir were selected to represent FMHS in the 2019 South Carolina ACDA Honor Choir.

The FMHS Dance Team attended UDA Camp at Wake Forest where they earned 1st place in the Large Varsity Division as well as many other team awards, and all five seniors on the team were selected as UDA All Americans!



Seven Brides for Seven Brothers



FMHS Band



FMHS Dance Team

Excellence in Extracurricular Activities

The Fort Mill High School television production, *The Buzz*, earned multiple national honors this year including a 2018 Pacemaker from the National Scholastic Journalism Association, and 3 First Place finishes at the Student Television Network (STN) National Convention in Seattle as well as being named Best High School Weekly Broadcast in the Nation for the second time in program history.

The Fort Mill HS BPA club demonstrated professionalism and excellence at the South Carolina Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Conference in March where 62 students earned the opportunity to compete at nationals. In May, 44 FMH students will represent South Carolina at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim. The Business Law and Entrepreneurship students participated in the SCEconomics Stock Market Game and after 10-weeks of trading, we had teams place both 1st and 3rd for the spring game.

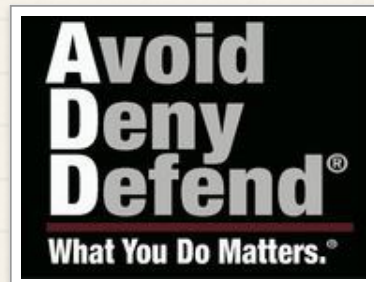
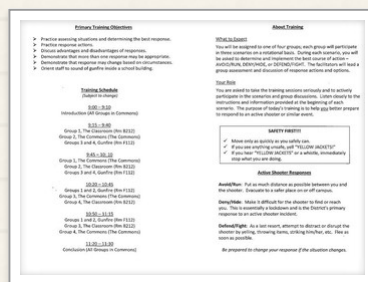
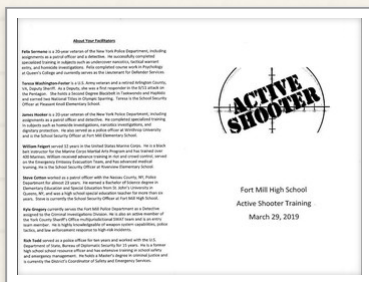


About the FMHS SIC

The School Improvement Council of Fort Mill High School is a group of educational stakeholders that attempt to promote and support academic achievement and civic engagement at Fort Mill High School. This group of students, parents, teachers, and community members attempts to facilitate meaningful parent and community involvement at Fort Mill High School. The SIC meets monthly to discuss ways to support academic, athletic,

fine art, and student body events. Also, they review policies and set annual goals aimed at targeting areas of need specific to the students of Fort Mill High School.

This year the SIC goal focus has primarily been on school safety and active shooter training for faculty, staff and students. This approach has been a multi-tiered effort by first having the FMSD coordinator of safety and emergency services (Rich Todd) and the executive director of student services (Dr. Antwon Sutton) meet with the SIC to cover the current safety procedures and discuss concerns from parents, community and students. The next step in the training process was for Mr. Todd and Mrs. Logan (assistant principal) to schedule and plan an active shooter training during a teacher workday given the input from the SIC as well as the teacher's needs at FMHS. FMHS then hosted a school wide training by the FMPD, the Defenders and York County Sheriffs office on March 29, 2019. This half-day training included an introduction with the entire faculty/staff, then moved to rotations at three different scenarios throughout the building and finally concluded with a session to answer questions. After the training was held the administrative team had a debriefing meeting with the trainers and Mr. Todd. FMHS administrators spoke with students from each grade level to hear their concerns or questions about preparedness of an active shooter incident and training for students. After the administration heard the concerns The Buzz TV show created a video for the students to watch so they are aware of the training procedures the teachers may have to use in an actual active shooter situation. After the video is shown to students administration will follow up with the students to hear any additional questions or concerns.



Active Shooter Training 2019

Training Agenda

Active Shooter Response

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.



2018–2019 SIC Members

Parent Representative

- Sharyn Lewis (Chair)
- Meera Cirian
- Barbara Little
- Wolford London

Ex-Officio Members

- Susan Certo
- Beverley Forebrich
- Stacie Haley

Teacher Representatives

- Hannah Rash
- Angela Struve
- Greg Pendarvis
- Caitlin McGlothlin

Student Representatives

- Courtney Smith
- Molly Wiggins
- Ross Imler

Community Representative

- Todd Leshner

Administration Representatives

- Gales Scroggs
- Holly Logan

Additional Information

Fort Mill High School proudly recognizes Ms. Celestine Peters as the 2019-2020 Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Mr. Dammeon Chisholm as the 2019-2020 Support Staff of the Year.

The Graduating Class of 2018 contained 500 students with 55% attending 4-year colleges and 33% attending 2-year colleges. The average SAT composite score for Fort Mill High School last year was 1174 (reading and math). The average ACT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was 23.58. These seniors collectively earned more than \$17 million dollars in scholarship offers.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 706 Advanced Placement exams were given to 639 Fort Mill High School students with 90.5% scoring a 3 or better.

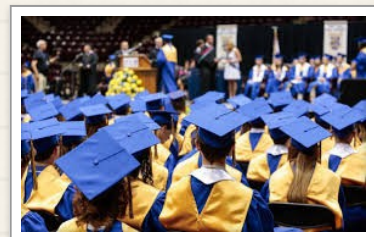
Fort Mill High School also boasts an on-time graduation rate of 94.7% and an EOC pass rate of 93% across all EOC courses last year.



**Celestine Peters –
FMHS Teacher of
the Year**



**Dammeon
Chisholm – FMHS
Support Staff of
the Year**



**FMHS Graduation
2018**

About Fort Mill and Fort Mill High School

The town of Fort Mill, South Carolina is located just south of the North Carolina state line. Nearly 18,000 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 50,000

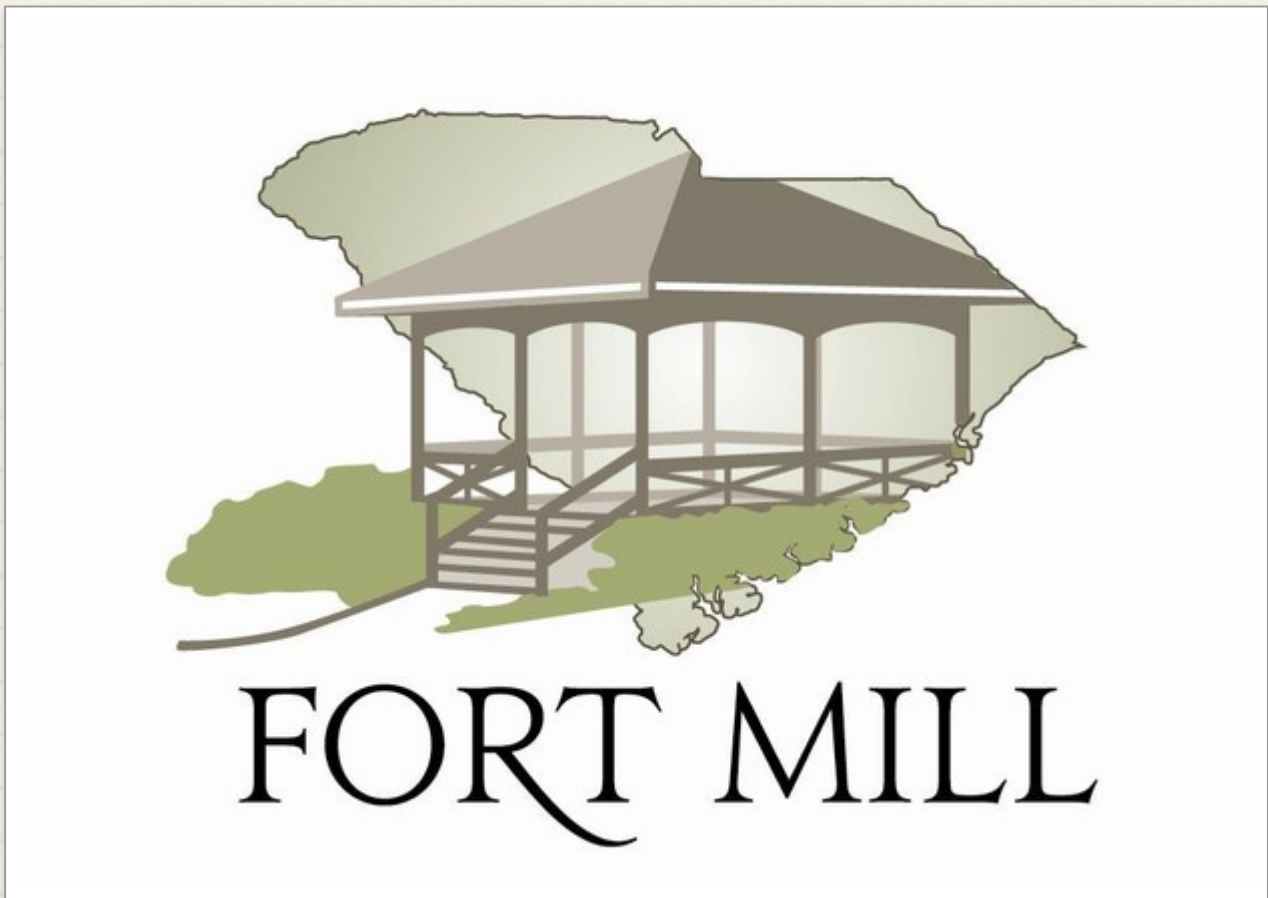
people residing within the entire township. The Township of Fort Mill currently supports two high schools with a third high school opening in the fall of 2019.

About Fort Mill High School

The faculty of Fort Mill High School consists of 132 teachers, one principal, five assistant principals, six school counselors, and one media specialist.

More than 200 course selections are offered, including Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory courses.

Fort Mill High School has 38 co-curricular activities and 24 athletic teams.




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.


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