

Fort Mill High School

School Improvement Council: Report to the Parents 2012

Student Achievements

Noteworthy Accomplishments for the Jackets

- 2 State and 10 Region Championship Teams
- Internationally Recognized Band and Choral Program
- Unprecedented School Wide Philanthropic 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 this school year in baseball, wrestling, boys basketball, girls track, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls swimming, and boys and girls soccer.

Nearly every Fort Mill High School team participated in state playoffs, and the school proudly boasts two state championship

winning teams—boys swimming and girls lacrosse—with the potential to add a few more state titles in baseball, boys golf, girls track, and boys and girls soccer in the days ahead.

Excellence in Arts

The Fort Mill High School Marching Band won the coveted Bands of America Regional Championship in Akron, Ohio this past fall and was later invited to take part in the prestigious St. Patrick's Day Parade next year in Dublin, Ireland.

The Fort Mill High School Chorus recently returned from a performance tour of Italy and Greece, that included a special performance at the Vatican.



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 the first ever 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 Secretariat Award at this year's Winthrop University Model UN competition.

2011-2012 SIC Members

Parent Representatives:

- ◆ Lisa Lundy
- ◆ Melissa Quinn
- ◆ Laura Lewis
- ◆ Pam Martin

Ex-Officio Members:

- ◆ Laura Thompson
- ◆ Karen Field
- ◆ Amy Killebrew

Teacher Representatives:

- ◆ Martha Pietkiewicz
- ◆ Jennifer Burriss
- ◆ Adrienne Bynum

Student Representatives:

- ◆ Tyler DeRosa
- ◆ Shiva Mohan
- ◆ Chelsea Helms
- ◆ Walker Koontz
- ◆ Paul Cornely

Community Representatives:

- ◆ Martha Kinard
- ◆ Jeff Harr
- ◆ Teresa Glover
- ◆ Susan Palmer
- ◆ Matt Cavin
- ◆ Stormy Young

Administrative Members:

- ◆ Dee Christopher
- ◆ Gales Scroggs

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

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 increasing SAT scores and targeting our At-Risk students.

SAT Improvement

In efforts to provide support to all students at Fort Mill High School wishing to take the SAT, the SIC investigated establishing a SAT improvement workshop for all juniors and seniors wish-

ing to take the test. Many of the professional testing consultants that put on workshops for other high schools in our area were either booked or too cost prohibitive to meet the needs of our students during the 2011-2012 school year, so the project stayed in the exploration stage for this year with hopes of implementing a workshop during the 2012-2013 school year.

At-Risk Students

Building off of previous years' goals focused on narrowing the achievement gap, the SIC dis-

cussed strategies for better identifying and meeting the needs of at-risk students. A focus group comprised of teachers, counselors, and administrators attempted to establish criteria for identifying at-risk students as well as establishing a one-on-one mentoring program for these students. Also, nationally renowned author and speaker Milton Creagh was brought in for an assembly of all junior and seniors to discuss the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse, working up to one's full potential, and other behaviors common among at-risk students.

School Achievement

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.

Each year Fort Mill High School is recognized for its outstanding achievement. This year was no different as Fort Mill High School was selected as one of three state finalists for the Palmetto's Finest award. Fort Mill High School also won the Palmetto Gold Award for "general performance" as well as "closing the achievement gap".

Per the 2011 S.C. School Report Card, Fort Mill High School had an "absolute" rating of excellent and a "growth" rating of good.

During the 2011-2012 school year Fort Mill High School also participated in a High School's That Work (HSTW) Technical Assistance Visit. Fort Mill High School has participated in the Southern Regional Education Board's HSTW initiative since 1993. Technical Assistance Visits provide our school with elaborative feedback about the programs and instruction offered and perceived challenges that the school works diligently towards addressing.

Last year Fort Mill High School

participated in a district evaluation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which rated Fort Mill High School as having met 6 of 7 standards at the highest level of achievement.

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.

Additional Information



"Home of the Yellow Jackets"

Fort Mill High School proudly recognizes Ms. Beverly DeMayo as the 2012-2013 Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Ms. Nancy Edmiston as the 2012-2013 Fort Mill High School Support Staff of the Year.

Fort Mill High School also salutes Mr. Gales W. Scroggs IV

as the 2011-2012 District Teacher of the Year.

The Graduating Class of 2011 contained 330 students. With 55% attending 4-year colleges and 33% attending 2 year colleges. The average SAT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 1592. The aver-

age ACT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 22.9. These seniors collectively earned more than five million dollars in scholarships.

During the 2010-2011 school year, 236 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



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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 9,400 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 35,000 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 102 teachers, one principal, four assistant principals, four 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.

