

2019–2020 REPORT TO PARENTS

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL

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 recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award winning school for the 2018-2019 school year, as well as a Palmetto Gold Award winning school for the 2017-2018 school year. The award recognition is determined by the school's report card indicators, which are Academic Achievement, Preparing for Success, Graduation Rate, and College/Career Readiness.

Fort Mill High School is proud of the hard work and dedication shown by the students, faculty, staff, parents, and the community. Together We Swarm!



Excellence in Athletics

The FMHS athletic year may have been shortened due to COVID-19, but the Yellow Jacket athletes still achieved success on the field and in the classroom. This year approximately 924 of our students participated in athletics at Fort Mill High School. The school claimed 5 region championships in Girls Swimming, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Girls Tennis, and Boys Cross Country. Fort Mill High School also had 97 senior athletes recognized by the South Carolina High School League as scholar athletes (3.5 G.P.A. with 2 varsity letters), and 22 have committed to play a sport in college.

Excellence in Performing Arts

The Fort Mill HS Band started summer rehearsals in July, working on their 2019 marching band show "The Hollow Crown." The fall production included British music spanning 300 years, from Purcell and Handel to The Beatles and Tears for Fears. Fort Mill won the Grand Championship at the Midlands Marching Classic hosted by River Bluff HS on Sept. 28th. At District 3 Stadium on Oct. 5th, Fort Mill won the Grand Championship at BandBEAT and on October 19th won the 38th Annual Blue Devil Classic at Mooresville HS. After winning their class at the Bands of America (BOA) Regional in Powder Springs, GA on October 26th, the band completed preparations for the November 9th BOA Regional in St. George, Utah. The band flew to Las

Vegas, drove to southern Utah, and visited the Grand Canyon. Fort Mill placed 4th out of 33 bands from Arizona, Nevada, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, and Utah.

The concert bands started rehearsing once instruments returned from Utah and hosted a holiday concert on December 17th. After auditions in January, 19 FMHS Band students were selected for the SC All-State Bands. Following the winter concert on Feb. 11th, both concert bands started preparing for SCBDA Concert Festival, which was ultimately cancelled by the pandemic shutdown. School closure starting on March 16th eliminated the band's remaining spring events.

The Fort Mill High School performing arts club, Studio E, produced and performed the Christmas musical, THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, EVER! This production allowed students to gain experience with being on-stage cast member, but also gain practical knowledge of the behind the scene parts that contribute to a successful full scale production. Unfortunately, Studio E's spring production of MATILDA is on hold due to the on-set of COVID-19. The students and teacher leaders were set to go with sets, the costumes were complete, the rehearsals were in the final stages, but then face-to-face class meetings were cancelled. Based on the time and effort put into the preparation of the spring production, MATILDA would have been a shining example of the talent found at Fort Mill High School.

The Fort Mill High School Dance Team had an amazing 2019-2020. The group consisted of 20 dancers and 1 twirler, all who auditioned in May of 2019. The team's season began in summer by participating in a camp hosted by Universal Dance Association and Wake Forest University. At the completion of the camp, the FMHS Dance Team earned a first place finish and received a superior team rating. During a busy football season, the FMDT performed at all of the Varsity home games, hosted a competition for middle and high school dance teams, sponsored BMOC (Big Man on Campus), and volunteered at the Charlotte Komen Race for the Cure. During the winter sports season, the FMDT performed at all of the Men and Women's Varsity Basketball halftimes, the team members visited the Well-More Assisted Living facilities, and hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa event. The dance season culminated in performing on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas cruise ship in February. The FMHS Dance Team wrapped up the year with a Senior Send-Off on March 13th, right before the beginning of eLearning.



2019-2020 FMHS Marching Band

Photo courtesy of John Patyk



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, EVER!

Photo courtesy of Studio E



Breakfast with Santa

The annual event is hosted by
the FMHS Dance Team.

Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities

The Fort Mill High School chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) had a record number of 105 members this year. The mission at Business Professionals of America is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth and service. 86 of our FMHS members were ready to compete in the State Leadership Conference in March, with hopes to advance to the National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Due to Covid-19 both of these conferences were canceled. FMHS BPA was able to compete in the Start Up Enterprise Team competition virtually by submitting a business plan and video conference presentation. FMHS performed well in this competition, with a national runner up and three other teams in the top ten in the nation. Our FMHS State Officer team also made history by participating in the National BPA Officer Election via Uber conference, where the students leaders interviewed 10 national candidates and voted on behalf of the state of South Carolina.

The FMHS Agriculture Program and FFA Student Organization were 106 members strong for the 2019-2020 school year. The student organization is a Nationally Recognized Silver Chapter. This school year 6 delegates represented Fort Mill High School at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Thirty members participated in local and state Career Development Events. Through the FMHS FFA's participation, the following teams were recognized:

- Forestry Team- 2nd in SC
- Greenhand Knowledge Bowl- 3rd in SC
- FFA Creed Speakers- 1st Region 2 and finalist at state event in June
- South Carolina State Proficiency Award for Vegetable Production

Also, the Fort Mill High School FFA members produced and harvested over 500 pounds of sweet potatoes to donate to a local food bank. The Fort Mill Agriculture Program started in



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 facilitates meaningful parent and community involvement at Fort Mill High School. The SIC meets monthly to discuss ways to support academic, athletics, visual and performing arts, 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.

The FMHS SIC goal for the 2019-2020 school year was to address the career readiness standard associated with the SC School Report Card. As stated in the Fort Mill High School Mission, the council wished to provide resources and opportunities to aid students in becoming "productive citizens." A student is considered career ready if they met one of the following criteria:

- Student completed Career and Technical Education with certification
- Student completed a State-approved Work-Based learning experience
- Student earned a platinum, gold, or silver certificate on the career readiness assessment
- Student scored a 31 or higher on the ASVAB

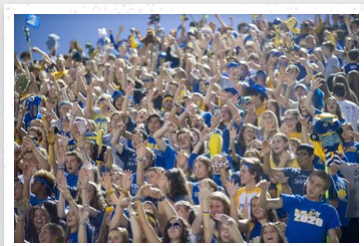
Based off of FMHS's 2018-2019 SC School Report Card, 84.3% of diploma earners were career ready based off of the criteria provided by South Carolina Department of Education. A plan was created and implemented that allowed seniors to retake the individual components of the

career readiness assessment needed to earn a silver or better certification. In collaboration with the FMHS Guidance Department, SIC developed a plan to provide a resume building seminar, interview skills workshop, and access to local business leaders. These activities were scheduled for March and April of 2020. The culmination of the career readiness focus was the 2020 Fort Mill High School STEAM Day. Scheduled in April, STEAM Day is an opportunity for local companies and organizations to display for the students at Fort Mill High School how their business or organization reflects the concept of STEAM. This event promotes direct communication from business/organization leaders and our students. Due to the onset of COVID-19 and following school building closures, these activities were canceled. The continuation of the career readiness focus will be presented to the 2020-2021 FMHS SIC for approval.



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



Student Section
on a Friday Night

Photo courtesy of Phil Polito



The Logo of
FMHS



Together We
Swarm

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2019-2020 FMHS SIC Members

Parent Representatives

- Meera Cirian (Chair)
- Sheila Kauffman
- Wolford London
- Jeanene Mucci

Student Representatives

- Sydney Welch
- Helena Roppatte
- Lila Williams

Teacher Representatives

- Courtney Kountz
- Greg Pendarvis
- Angela Struve
- Caitlin Sullivan

Appointed Members

- Diane Dulin
- Steven Mucci
- Chuck Stegall
- Tony White

Administration

- Gales Scroggs
- Zachary Beam

Additional Information

Fort Mill High School proudly recognizes Mrs. Cathy Perez as the Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Melissa White as the Fort Mill High School Support Staff of the Year.

The Graduating Class of 2019 contained 532 students with 62% attending 4-year colleges and 26% attending 2-year colleges or technical colleges. The average SAT composite score for Fort Mill High School last year was 1107 (reading and math). The average ACT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was 24. These seniors collectively earned more than \$17 million dollars in scholarship offers.

During the 2018-2019 school year, 923 Advanced Placement exams were given to 611 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 96.7% and achieved a rating of Excellent on the 2018-2019 SC School Report Card

FMHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR: MRS. CATHY PEREZ



FMHS SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR: MRS. MELISSA WHITE



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 three high schools.

About Fort Mill High School

The faculty of Fort Mill High School consists of over 130 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 over 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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