

**Silver Bluff High School  
Annual  
School Improvement Council  
“Report to the Parents”  
2022-23**



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**SIC Annual Goals**

**SILVER BLUFF  
Achievement Goal**

SBHS will increase Algebra 1 EOC scores to 70% Meet or Exceed by 2026/2027.

- 2021/2022 44% scored C or higher

**Teacher Administrator Goal**

By the end of 2026/2027, SBHS will fully implement the ACPSD Instructional Framework and SCTS 4.0 process, which will result in 90% of observations resulting in 3.0 or higher ratings on all SCTS 4.0 domains.

**School Climate Goal**

By the end of the 2026/2027, SBHS will see the full implementation of a PBIS program, the Capturing Kids’ Hearts Program, and a structured SEL initiative for students, teachers, and staff members to build a culture of cooperation and community in the school as evidenced by a 20% reduction in office referrals based on the 2021/2022 data.

- PBIS Program-SBHS implemented our PBIS rewards in January 2023. PBIS rewards were established to encourage students to

exhibit behaviors that will lead to success in school and life. It also recognizes students who often exhibit these behaviors without encouragement.

- SBHS also became a Capturing Kids Hearts school in 2019. The purpose was to equip teachers, coaches, and administrators to help impact the culture of their schools. This impact should cause an increase in student achievement, increase in teacher satisfaction, increase in graduation rates, increase in attendance rate and a decrease in discipline referrals.

- SBHS implemented iLead this year through our advisory period every Wednesday for 27 weeks. This program helps to structure our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) initiative for students.



**Purple Star Recognition**

The South Carolina Department of Education establishes Military-Friendly Recognition Program, naming Aiken County as the first Purple Star District in the state.

Students at Silver Bluff have received specialized training called **Student 2 Student** to enable them to assist military students with transition into Silver Bluff.



**“Bulldog Pride”**

**Grades: 9-12**

**Student enrollment: 698**

**Total Number of Teachers: 36**

**Teacher to Student Ratio: 28.4:1 (core)**

**Graduation Rate: 87.3% (131/150)**

- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the S. C. Department of Education
- Employs 95 faculty and staff members for 2021-2022
- Our teachers have an average 12.8 years of experience
- 58% of our staff have Masters or higher

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Silver Bluff High School is to prepare students to become responsible lifelong learners by providing diverse learning experiences in a positive environment where the school and community work together to enable students to reach their maximum potential.

**BELIEFS OF SILVER BLUFF HIGH**

At Silver Bluff High School, we strive to maintain a positive environment where students and staff enjoy school and treat each other with mutual respect. All teachers follow the school-wide behavior plan in their classroom because **We believe:**

- All students have the right to learn
- All teachers have the right to teach

**Expectation for Behavior:**

- Be Prepared
- Be Attentive
- Be Responsible

- Be Respectful

Show Bulldog **PRIDE**

- Positive Attitude
- Respect- For yourself, all students, faculty & staff, and the facilities
- Integrity-Do what’s right
- Dedication-To academic success and on-time graduation
- Effort-Always put forth your best effort and take advantage of extra help and enrichment

We believe that all students have the potential for making good choices and behaving in a positive manner.

**ADVANCED COURSEWORK**

Silver Bluff High School has a varied and challenging curriculum. Currently, SBHS offers AP Language, AP Literature, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, AP European History, AP U.S. History, and AP Psychology.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Athletic Programs**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Baseball</b>        | <b>Basketball</b>    |
| <b>Cheerleading</b>    | <b>Cross Country</b> |
| <b>Football</b>        | <b>Golf</b>          |
| <b>Soccer</b>          | <b>Softball</b>      |
| <b>Track and Field</b> | <b>Volleyball</b>    |

**Activities/Clubs**

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Academic Team</b> | <b>National Honor Society</b>        |
| <b>Beta Club</b>     | <b>National Technical Honor Soc.</b> |
| <b>Jazz Band</b>     | <b>NJ Academic Team</b>              |
| <b>FCA</b>           | <b>NJ Drill Team</b>                 |
| <b>Key Club</b>      | <b>NJ Drone Team</b>                 |
| <b>Marching Band</b> | <b>NJ Orienteering Team</b>          |
| <b>Paw Print</b>     | <b>NJ Rifle Team</b>                 |
| <b>Year Book</b>     | <b>Student Government</b>            |

**Academy of Technology and the Arts**  
The Silver Bluff High School

Academy of Technology and the Arts offers students a unique opportunity to explore their interests in a variety of fields. The program challenges students to expand their horizons by tackling challenging coursework in the Cyber security and Networking Computer Curriculums.

Students are encouraged to express themselves through music, writing, theater and visual arts. The unique skillset gained through technology and arts education can be directly applied to a student’s core curriculum coursework. In addition to AP and honors coursework, students have access to dual enrollment programs at USC Aiken and Aiken Technical College including new distance learning collaborative with ATC. Students at Silver Bluff High seek highly individualized paths that cater to their interests and post-secondary goals.

**Award Winning Band Program**

We are very proud at Silver Bluff High School to have an excellent band program. Under the direction of Mr. Lance Stockton and assistant director, Ms. Jordan Finley, the band program has collected numerous awards. Thank you, members, for all of your hard work and dedication.

- 2022-2023 SCDBA Class AA Lower State Marching Band Champions
- 2022-2023 SCBDA Class AA State Marching Band Silver Medalists
- Saxophone Quartet Performed at the Jackson Christmas Tree Lighting
- Silver Spirit participation New Ellenton and Jackson Christmas Parades

- Sax Quartet and Brass Quintet performed for the District Superintendent and legislative delegation
- Sax Quartet performed at an event for Friends of Gaston Livery
- Jingle Mingle Winter Concert
- Saxophone Quartet performed for the SCABSE Winter Conference in North Charleston.
- 16 Participants in SCDBA Region 2 Honor Band Clinic
- Pride of Silver Bluff Winter Guard – SCBDA State Championship, CWEA Circuit Participant – Highest Overall Score in Class (White Knoll, North Lincoln) – Promoted twice from Scholastic Novice to Scholastic AAA
- Jazz Messengers received a Superior rating at the 2023 SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment.
- Silver Bluff Symphonic Band received a SUPERIOR rating in Grade IV at the 2023 SCDBA Concert Performance Assessment
- Received the points needed for SCDBA OPA which will not be awarded until May.

**Athletics**

**Volleyball**

- Two All-Region selections: Imani Trottie and Alanna Wells

**Football**

- Two South Carolina Football Coaches Association Class AA All-State selections (Maleik Williams & Jordan Boyd)
- Region 3-AA Player of the Year (Maleik Williams)
- Seven All-Region selections
- Three Players Participated in the Border Bowl X All-Star Game (Maleik Williams, Arthur Walker, Ricardo Jones)
- Jordan Boyd was selected to the WJBF Sports & Augusta Sports Council All-CSRA Team
- Jordan Boyd was named WJBF Sports & Augusta Sports Council Defensive Player of

the Year & earned the East Central Health District Hit of the Year

- Maleik Williams participated in the 2022 NC/SC Carolina Bowl
- Four players signed football scholarships (Ricardo Jones- Catawba College, Maleik Williams Erskine College, Jacob Smith-Erskine College, Carson Browder- Erskine College)
- Coach Bryant was the Head Coach for BorderBowl X and assistant coach for the South Carolina High School Blitz Junior All-Star game

#### **Cross Country**

- Competed in the 2022 Cross Country State Championship for the first time in school history
- Nolan Akins was selected to the All-Region team

#### **Girls Basketball**

- Region 3-AA Champions
- Undefeated in region play
- South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association AA All-State selection (Aaliyah Lawrence)
- Aaliyah Lawrence was selected as the Region 3-AA Player of the Year
- Four All-Region selections (Aminah Taylor, MaKya Bing, Krystal Johnson, Cierra Green) - Aaliyah Lawrence participated in the 2022 SCBCA North-South All-Star Game
- Aaliyah Lawrence and Imani Trottie participated in the Aiken County All-Star Basketball Classic
- Coach Chasen Redd named Region 3-AA Coach of the Year

#### **Boys Basketball**

- D'Amari Gaines, Maleik Williams, Justin Perry, Gerald Lark were All-Region selections

#### **Boys Track & Field**

- State Champions- Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Team (Den'Tavis Morris, Timothy Morris, DeVontia DeWitt, Nicholas Brown)

- All-Region selections: Dominick El, Nicholas Brown, Den'Tavis Morris, DeVontia DeWitt, Timothy Morris, and Michael Moody
- Nicholas Brown & Michael Moody were named Region Co-Most Valuable in Field
- Michael Moody signed a track scholarship with USC Spartanburg

#### **Girls Track & Field**

- 2022 Region Champions
- MaKya Bing named Co-Region Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year
- All-Region selections: Saraya Dupera, Alexis Bryant, Ahminah Taylor, Krystal Johnson, Taylor McKnight, Fantasia Smith

#### **Girls Soccer**

- Hosted the first round of the playoffs (2022)
- All-Region selections: Jordan Dobson, Ashley Peters, Chiara Philippi, Gracie Maddox

#### **Boys Soccer**

- All-Region selections: Carson Browder, Hunter Casper, Raymond Solomon
- Region 3-AA Champions

#### **Golf**

- Finished 2nd in region play
- All-Region selections: Jake Ormand, Luke Ormand, and Reagan Newsome

#### **Cheer**

- Trinia Wilson & Taylor Smith represented Team South Carolina in Border X

#### **Athletics**

- Ricardo Jones honored with WJBF Scholar Award
- Ricardo Jones was selected as a Top 10 finalist for the 2023 Bridge Builder Excellence Award
- Coach Bryant received Region 3-AA Athletic Director of the Year (2022-23)

#### **Key Club**

- Key Club has hosted 4 blood drives during the 2022-23 year
- For the first time since Covid, Key Club hosted face to face parties at We Care

Residential, Inc. for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's and Easter.

- Key Club provided donations for the American Education Week Thanksgiving Meal for current and retired faculty and staff
- Volunteered for the 2022 Christmas in Hopeland Gardens
- Attended Carolinas District Convention and Leadership weekend.
- Adopt-a-Highway to happen on May 4, 2023 on Desoto Drive.
- Secured donations for in school pantry with food, clothing and hygiene items.
- Attended Fall Rally at Carowinds

#### **Beta Club**

- Beta Club in partnership with National Honor Society conducted a sock/blanket drive with National Honor Society to donate to homeless shelters.
- We inducted 45 new members this year.

#### **NJROTC**

##### **101 Cadets 2022-23**

- Cadets directed parking at 6 home football games, 2 cross country meets and a band competition.
- Cadets presented the colors at every home football game, every home varsity basketball game, Aiken County Veteran's Day Ceremony, a Remembrance Day Ceremony, NTHS Induction, NHS Induction, Beta Club Induction, Jackson and New Ellenton Christmas Parades, and Our Community Salutes Dinner Fundraiser
- NJ has amassed 1408 hours of community service at events like Sleepout for Homeless Veterans, Blood Drives, Adopt-a-Highway, and Jackson Hook and Cook.
- NJ has 1150 hours of school support at various sporting events and other school related cleanup related events.
- Drill team competed at 3 drill competitions and hosted 12 schools at Battle of the Bluff.

- Orienteering team competed in one out of state meet and hosted a meet that had over 100 participants from NC, SC, and GA.
- Hosted Drone Meet with 6 schools participating.
- Cyber Patriot competed throughout the year finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in SC and attended an invitation only meet in Summerville.
- NJ restarted our marksmanship program this year and competed in 4 postal events.
- Silver Bluff HS NJROTC selected as the area's most improved unit (66 units in our area) and now will compete at the national level for this high honor (583 programs)

**Silver Bluff High School  
SIC Members**

Richie Porter  
Jennifer Barfield  
Amanda Weathersbee  
Tamiaka Valentine  
Willie Bryant  
Cherity Robinson  
Gail Hicks  
Helen Drayton  
Kacy Barfield  
Veronica Bennett  
Tiera Valentine

*Chair: Mrs. Richie Porter, Community  
Vice Chair: Mrs. Jennifer Barfield, Community  
Principal: Dr. Katie Hawks  
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**Purpose of the Report**

***“This Report is issued by the Silver Bluff 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.”***

**College and Career Readiness**

Students in the graduation cohort who are college OR career ready

School 64.7% (97 / 150)



State 65.8% (38486 / 58486)



**Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready**

School 22.7% (34 / 150)



State 29.0% (16977 / 58486)



**Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready**

School 22.7% (34 / 150)



State 32.0% (18725 / 58486)



**Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready**

School 64.7% (97 / 150)



State 62.8% (36738 / 58486)



*“For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*

**College Ready Indicators = one or more of the following:**

- ACT Composite = 20 or higher
- SAT Total Critical Reading + Math 1020 or higher
- AP Test Score = 3 or higher
- Dual Enrollment in 6 Credit hours with a “C” or better

**Career Ready Indicators = one or more of the following:**

- CTE Completer w/Industry Credential
- 3 or or higher on the WIN
- ASVAB score of 31or higher
- Completed Intern/Apprenticeship

**College and Career Ready Indicators:**

Meet on or more College & Career ready indicators