

**Silver Bluff High School
Annual
School Improvement Council
“Report to the Parents”
2023-24**



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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.

- 2022/2023 30.3% 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 5% 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. The program will be sustained by entrepreneurship classes in the future.

- 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 continued iLead this year through our advisory period every Friday for the entire school year. 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: 708

Total Number of Teachers: 37

Teacher to Student Ratio: 28.3:1 (core)

Graduation Rate: 89%

- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the S. C. Department of Education
- Employs 95 faculty and staff members
- Our teachers have an average 12.8 years of experience
- 78.4% 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 European History, AP U.S. History, and AP Studio Art.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Athletic Programs

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| Baseball | Basketball |
| Cheerleading | Cross Country |
| Football | Golf |
| Soccer | Softball |
| Track and Field | Volleyball |

Activities/Clubs

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

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. Anthony Granquist and assistant director, Ms. Jordan Finley, the band program has collected numerous awards. Thank you, members, for all of your hard work and dedication.

- Division Champion at Midland Valley Mustang Classic Competition
- 2023-2024 SCDBA Class AA Lower State Marching Band Champions
- Silver Spirit marched in the Jackson Christmas Parade
- Jingle Mingle Winter Concert Performance
- 19 Participants in SCDBA Region 2 Honor Band Clinic
- One Participant in All State Honor Band

- Pride of Silver Bluff Winter Guard promoted to Scholastic AA after 2nd place finish at Premiere. In Scholastic AA had one 1st, one 2nd, one 4th and one 5th place finish and a 5th place finish at championship competition.
- Jazz Messengers received an Excellent rating at the 2024 SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment.
- Silver Bluff Symphonic Band received a SUPERIOR rating in Grade IV at the 2024 SCDBA Concert Performance Assessment
- SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Performance received 10 Superior and 8 Excellent Ratings
- Received the SCDBA OPA for the third consecutive year.

Athletics

Cross Country

- One all region student for Cross Country

Key Club

- April 22 - Aiken County Earth Day Litter Pickup - over 100 bags of litter collected throughout the day in science, NJROTC, special education, and creative writing classes.
- Key Club activities: Members have currently logged right at 1,000 community service hours for this year.
- Students created inspirational cards for nursing home residents
- Hosted 4 Blood Drives
- Held 4 events for residents at We Care Residential Inc.
- Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP) program - members volunteered over two day period at USCA Convocation Center to pack bags with nonperishable food items for needy students.
- Three Adopt-A-Highway events to pick up trash on Desoto Drive
- November 15, 2023 American Education Week Thanksgiving meal for current and retired faculty and staff.

NJROTC

- Cadets directed parking at home football games, 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
 - 1900 hours of school and community service
 - Unit Achievement award for the 2nd year running
 - Competed in the Area 6 Drill, Academic, and Athletic championships
 - Competed in the Area 6 Brain Brawl championship
 - 1 cadet received a service academy appointment (Ryan Atchison to the United States Merchant Marine Academy). The first cadet in over 8 years to receive an appointment.
 - 1 cadet received an NROTC scholarship (Starr Broome to Norwich University). The first cadet in over 8 years to receive an NROTC scholarship.
 - 2 cadets enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (Sara Rosier, Christian Cork)
 - 1 cadet enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard (Trace Mueller)
 - 2 more cadets are pending enlistments but don't know if they'll finish up the process before the report goes out. (Hayden Hicks and Micah Korte - US Army)

Silver Bluff High School SIC Members

J. Lance Stockton
Dr. Michael Price
Meredith Dandridge

Richie Porter
Jennifer Barfield
Amanda Weathersbee
Kacy Barfield
Veronica Bennett
Tiera Valentine

*Chair: Mrs. Richie Porter, Community
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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 75.0% (102 / 136)

75.0%

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District 73.1% (1237 / 1693)

73.1%

[Details](#)

State 64.7% (38515 / 59488)

64.7%

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Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready

School 24.3% (33 / 136)

24.3%

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District 32.7% (553 / 1693)

32.7%

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State 29.4% (17461 / 59488)

29.4%

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Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready

School 25.0% (34 / 136)

25.0%

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District 34.5% (584 / 1693)

34.5%

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State 32.6% (19421 / 59488)

32.6%

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Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready

School 74.3% (101 / 136)

74.3%

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District 71.2% (1206 / 1693)

71.2%

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State 61.4% (36555 / 59488)

“For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at 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 higher on the WIN
- ASVAB score of 31 or higher
- Completed Intern/Apprenticeship

College and Career Ready Indicators:

Meet one or more College & Career ready indicators