

Golden Strip Career Center

Report To The Parents

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Golden Strip Career Center is helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing opportunities that will enable students to reach their highest individual potential and to live and work successfully in a global economy. We foster an appreciation of the dignity of work, worth of the individual, pride of accomplishment, respect for quality workmanship, and the desire for exceling in a chosen career. We prepare graduates with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to successfully enter and compete in today's job market or to continue their education at the post-secondary level. We offer dual enrollment through Greenville Technical College with several of our courses where students receive college credit along with their high school Carnegie units. This past year, our placement rate which includes the workplace, the military and post-secondary education was 99.1 percent.

We added Mechatronics to our curriculum for the 2017-18 school year. This course combines several disciplines, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Robotics. With a high demand for employees in this field in the upstate, students excelling in this course have a bright future. In fact, Michelin North America recently partnered with Golden Strip to launch the Michelin Youth Apprenticeship Program hosting a signing event for five of our current Mechatronics students. We strive to offer courses that are of interest to students and provide ample opportunities for employment.

Golden Strip Career Center has continued to strengthen partnerships with area employers to provide a growing number of work-based learning experiences for our students. Partnerships with companies such as Stueken, Gregory Electric, Carolina Heating and Air, Brasfield and Gorrie, as well as Greenville County Schools, and many others ensure that our students are receiving real-world training and experience in their chosen field.

The opportunities for Golden Strip Career Center students are abundant. The 2017-18 school year saw the addition of more dual credit classes, new and exciting work-based learning opportunities, high student participation in student organizations related to their chosen career fields through SkillsUSA and FCCLA and the addition of Mechatronics. We are constantly striving to do more for our students and with the continued support of our stakeholders – students, parents, businesses, and the community – we will.