

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 over 98 percent.

We added three new challenging courses – Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC), Machine Tool Technology and Nail Technology – to our curriculum for the 2015-16 school year. HVAC offers students' specialized training related to the design, installation, and repair of air conditioning systems for residential and commercial use. Machine Tool Technology provides training on metal shaping machines and will help to fill a need for qualified workers in the Upstate. Nail Technology students may obtain a SC State License in Nail Technology. We strive to offer courses that are of interest to students and provide opportunities for employment.

Golden Strip Career Center students participate in student organizations related to their chosen career field. These organizations include SkillsUSA, FFCLA. This year, three of our students received gold medals at the **South Carolina SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference**. These students, along with 3 additional GSCC students will compete in the national SkillsUSA competitions this summer in Louisville, Kentucky. Additionally this year, we have a student serving as a state officer for FFCLA who will receive leadership training from national FFCLA officers and advisors this summer in California.

Golden Strip Career Center is proud of the fact that since 2004, we have earned an "Excellent" on our school report card every year except for one. 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.