

- National Jr. Beta Club School of Distinction
- State President of Jr. Beta Club
- State Champion for the American Scholastic Competition
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- Outstanding Delegation at Youth in Government
- PTSA School of Excellence
- PTSA Middle Finalist in Enrichment Programs
- PTSA Middle Winner in Legislative Advocacy
- PTSA Middle finalist in Student Involvement
- PTSA Middle Winner in Communication
- PTSA Outstanding Administrator of the Year Finalist
- PTSA Outstanding Support Staff of the Year Finalist
- PTSA Outstanding Teacher of the Year -Middle School Winner
- PTSA Outstanding Local Unit of the Year Winner



The School Improvement Council at Hughes
Academy of Science and Technology believes
that school, family, and community must work
together to provide a safe and nurturing
environment for our students to learn and grow.
The SIC and PTSA provide valuable input
regarding program development, community
needs, and student activities. Hughes would not
be successful without the numerous hours our
volunteers provide each year. Thank you for your
continued support of public education and
Hughes Academy of Science and Technology.

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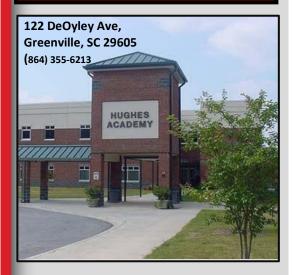
## **Purpose of the Report**

"This Report is issued by the Hughes Academy 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."



2018-2019 SIC Report to the Parents

## Hughes Academy Of Science and Technology



"One Team, One Vision, One Hughes"

http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/hughes



## **Hughes Academy of Science and Technology**

## **SIC Annual Goals**

**Goal One**: *Improve Communication* **Actions**: Create communications team and provide multiple communication outlets in English and Spanish.

**Results:** Team was created, information was distributed in paper form, at numerous meetings, and was posted on social media

Goal Two: Increase Student Involvement
Actions: Set up framework for student
council, improve ROCKstar process
Results: Student council bylaws and,
election of officers and class
representatives, students are heard

Goal Three: Increase Neighborhood/
Community Involvement
Actions: School liaisons for each feeder

school, magnet liaison, and community

members invited to SIC

**Results:** Strengthened relationship with our neighborhood and community

In addition to traditional middle school curriculum offering 12 different high school credit courses, Hughes Academy of Science and Technology offers a unique and diverse blend of two high quality instructional magnet strands: science and technology with a cross curricular STEAM focus and a partial Spanish Immersion Program for students who have completed an immersion program at the elementary level. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) approach to teaching involves breaking the barriers of traditional individualized subject centered classes and creating cross-curricular, real world lessons with a project based core. Engineering classes at Hughes incorporate a variety of experiences in: auto robotics, green architecture, design modeling, and medical detectives. Our innovative technology curriculum includes graphic design, video game programming, mobile applications, broadcast journalism, and electronic music.

We have partnered with businesses who provide representatives to guide our students through real world applications. This allows our students to work in teams to problem solve, developing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.



We have partnered with Bon Secours St. Francis Health System to continue developing our mentoring program to better reach our at risk population. We believe it is imperative our students learn what it means to be a leader. These skills will help to ensure success in life. We added a Beta Club opportunity for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and we have student ambassadors in every classroom. We have also maintained the HAK PAK program, which provides weekend meals for our students in need. This year, we continued to focus on positive behavior interventions and leadership opportunities such as reward times, cougar cards, ROCKstar students of the month, Student Council, ProTeam, and tangible rewards donated by area businesses.

Our Spanish Partial Immersion Program is one of a kind and features rigorous academic curriculum aligned with the SC Foreign Language Standards and the Balanced Literacy Framework. These students receive instruction in Spanish Language Arts for high school honors credit and social studies taught in Spanish. Students develop the ability to think critically about the language and cultures across a broad range of subjects.

We also provide extracurricular programs such as Robotics, Anime Club, Drama Club, Chess Club, MathCounts, Random Acts of Kindness, IMPACT, FEARLESS, and a variety of athletic programs including intramurals.