

HCS Early College High School

2012-13 School Summary Report



April 30, 2013

Mission Statement: To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society.

This 2012-13 School Summary Report to parents is issued by the ECH School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law. The academic data reflect test scores and academic honors from the 2011-12 school year. Other special recognitions provided are from the 2012-13 school year.

2011-12 Academic Results

State End of Course Passing Scores

English I - 97% HCS - 79%; SC - 78%	Algebra I - 98% HCS - 84%; SC - 81%	US History - 77% HCS - 74%; SC - 71%	Biology - 99% HCS - 74%; SC - 71%
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HSAP (High School Exit Exam) Pass Rate on Both English Language Arts and Math - 1st Attempt

ECHS - 100% HCS - 83% SC - 79.4%

Students Earning Horry Georgetown Technical College Honors

36 ECHS students earned recognition on the HGTC President's List (HGTC GPA of 3.75 or higher).

25 ECHS students earned recognition on the HGTC Dean's List (HGTC GPA of 3.5 or higher).

Horry Georgetown Technical College Courses

ECHS students took 1,297 college courses with a 92% pass rate.

Class of 2012

74 of 75 seniors graduated with a high school diploma.

74 of the original 104 freshmen graduated from high school after four years at ECH.

14 of the original 104 graduated from base high schools; 10 of the original class moved from the area and enrolled in other schools.

Seniors earned an average of 49 college hours by the end of their fourth year at ECHS.

29% graduated with an associate degree from Horry Georgetown Technical College in May 2012.

47% planned to continue their studies at Horry Georgetown Technical College in 2012-13.

3% planned to join the military or the workforce.

50% were accepted and planned to enter these colleges/universities in Fall 2012:

Coastal Carolina University Francis Marion University Winthrop University Columbia College NC A&T	University of South Carolina Furman University College of Charleston SC State University Liberty University	The Citadel Newberry University North Greenville University Belmont Abbey
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Horry Georgetown Technical College Presidential Scholarships were awarded to 21 ECH graduates.

Horry County BE2 Scholarships were awarded to 8 ECH/HGTC graduates.

Special Recognitions & Achievements



- The HCS Early College High School was awarded the 2012 HCS Superintendent's Service Learning Award for high schools, the third year in a row.
- The HCS Early College High School was a semi-finalist for the Dick & Tunky Riley *WhatWorksSC* award, an award founded through the Riley Institute at Furman University and *SC Future Minds*. This was the second year to be recognized.
- Students from HCS Early College High School participated in the Regional National History Day (NHD) competition for the second year. Fifteen students won awards and moved to the NHD State competition. Nine students won awards at the state competition with seven students qualifying to compete at the national level.
- HCS Early College High School's Mock Trial Team showed much improvement in the Coastal Region Mock Trial competition.
- Mr. William S. Chappell was named 2012 ECHS Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Barbara Buffkin was named the 2012 ECHS Support Staff of the Year.
- HCS Early College High School formed and inducted 30 members into Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society. Membership requires students to demonstrate outstanding scholarship by maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA in all core classes as well as in all Social Studies classes.
- HCS Early College High School students placed first, second, and third in the Horry-Georgetown Fire Chief's Association essay contest of more than 700 entries. This is the second year in a row that ECHS students have swept the awards.
- Members of the HCS Early College High School Student Council composed the lyrics for the first alma mater. CCU Professor Mark Chesnow has written the musical arrangement.
- BE2, the ECH business partnership, added Spring ACT workshops for juniors and seniors to other opportunities for students to include college visits to The Citadel, College of Charleston, and the University of South Carolina, continuation of the EverFi Financial Literacy program for seniors, funding for our winter dance, and tuition scholarships for CCU, USC, and FMU.
- ECHS students engaged in service to the community through Veterans' History Day project, beach and river sweeps, crocheting mats for the homeless, and an ongoing recycling campaign. In addition, students volunteered and supported organizations to include Fostering Hope, Pack-A-Thon, Shepherd's Table, Grand Strand Humane Society, Angel of Hope, Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge, and Special Olympics.
- Construction of the new two-story building for Early College on the HGTC campus is in progress. Occupancy of the new building is expected for the 2013-14 school year.

Accreditation Status

ECH continues to maintain satisfactory accreditation status from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)/AdvancED. ECH also continues to maintain AVID National Certification.

2012-13 School Improvement Council

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