

HCS Early College High School

2013-14 School Summary Report



April 11, 2014

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 2013-14 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 2012-13 school year. Other special recognitions provided are from the 2013-14 school year.

2012-13 Academic Results

State End of Course Passing Scores

English I - 92% HCS - 78%; SC - 72%	Algebra I - 100% HCS - 84%; SC - 60%	US History - 89% HCS - 59%; SC - 50%	Biology - 100% HCS - 76%; SC - 78%
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HSAP (High School Exit Exam) Pass Rate on Both English Language Arts and Math - 1st Attempt

ECHS - 100% HCS - 84% SC - 79.4%

Students Earning Horry Georgetown Technical College Honors

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

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

Horry Georgetown Technical College Course

ECHS students took 1,444 college courses with a 94% pass rate.

Class of 2013

82 of 82 seniors graduated with a high school diploma.

82 of the original 95 freshmen graduated from high school after four years at ECH.

13 of the original 95 graduated from base high schools or moved from the area and enrolled in other schools.

Seniors earned an average of 52 college hours by the end of their fourth year at ECHS.

30% graduated with an associate degree from Horry Georgetown Technical College in May 2013

29% planned to continue their studies at Horry Georgetown Technical College in 2013-14.

4% planned to join the military or the workforce.

67% were accepted and planned to enter these colleges/universities in Fall 2013:

Coastal Carolina University Francis Marion University Columbia College Coker College	University of South Carolina Claflin University College of Charleston Clemson University	The Citadel Presbyterian University Winthrop University
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Horry Georgetown Technical College Presidential Scholarships were awarded to 28 ECH graduates.

Horry County BE2 Scholarships were awarded to 24 ECH/HGTC graduates.

Special Recognitions & Achievements



- The HCS Early College High Seniors were awarded over 2,290,000 in grants and scholarships.
- 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 third year to be recognized.
- Students from HCS Early College High School participated in the Regional National History Day (NHD) competition for the second year. Forty-one students won awards and moved to the NHD State competition. At this time, the students have not attended the state competition to see who will qualify 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 2014 ECHS Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Sherry Monte-Kegley was named the 2013 ECHS Support Staff of the Year.
- HCS Early College High School 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 third year that ECHS students have swept the awards.
- BE2, the ECH business partnership, added Spring and Fall ACT workshops for juniors and seniors in addition to 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, and an ongoing recycling campaign. In addition, students volunteered and supported organizations to include Fostering Hope, Shepherd's Table, Grand Strand Humane Society, Angel of Hope, Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge, and Special Olympics.
- Occupancy of the ECHS building took place for the 2013-2014 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.

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