

HCS Early College High School

2010-11

School Summary Report



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 2010-11 School Summary Report to parents is issued by the ECH School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law. The academic data reflects test scores and academic honors from the 2009-10 school year. Other special recognitions provided are from the 2010-11 school year.

Academic Results

State End of Course Passing Scores

English I - 99%	Algebra I - 97%	Physical Science - 94%	US History - 89%
State - 74%; HCS - 80%	State - 80%; HCS - 85	State - 59%; HCS - 72%	State - 46%; HCS - 55%

HSAP Pass Rate 1st Attempt

100% English Language Arts; 99% Mathematics
79.6% State Pass Rate; 82% HCS Pass Rate

Students Earning Horry Georgetown Technical College Honors

32 ECH students earned recognition on the HGTC President's List.
(HGTC GPA of 3.75 or higher)
22 ECH students earned recognition on the HGTC Dean's List.
(HGTC GPA of 3.5 or higher)

Inaugural Class of 2010

101 of 101 seniors graduated with a high school diploma
101 of the original 134 freshmen graduated after four years at ECH.
20 of the original 134 graduated from base high schools; 8 moved from the area.

Seniors earned an average of 47 college hours.

7% graduated with an Associates degree from Horry Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) in May 2010.

44% graduated needing only three – six additional college hours to complete an Associates degree.

44% returned to HGTC in Fall 2010 to continue their college education.

32% entered these colleges/universities in Fall 2010:


Coastal Carolina University	University of South Carolina
Francis Marion University	South Carolina State University
Winthrop University	Lander University
Meredith College	Wilkes University

2% joined the military or enrolled in another technical school.

Horry Georgetown Technical College Presidential Scholarship awarded \$20,000 to 40 ECH graduates.

Horry County BE2 Scholarship awarded approximately \$21,000 to 17 ECH/HGTC graduates.

Special Recognitions & Achievements

- ECH was awarded the 2010 HCS Superintendent's Service Learning Award.
 - Students from Horry County Schools' Early College High School won first place in the state for the High School Project Citizen Showcase sponsored by the South Carolina Bar Association's Law Related Education (LRE) Division.
 - HCS School Board approved the adoption of new mascot, ECH Trailblazers, at the April 2011 meeting. Trailblazers was selected because students at Early College are those who strike out on a different path and have the stamina to complete high school and college classes at the same time. The horse signifies stamina, power, and coping under difficult circumstances as they are required to travel, some far from home to be prepared to accelerate their learning and enter college while in high school. The horse also signifies devotion as students make a four-year commitment to the Early College High School. The color navy was chosen because its meaning is related to knowledge, power, integrity, and seriousness. The color orange was chosen because its meaning is related to adventurous, vibrant, courteous, and friendly.
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- Mary Marlowe named Teacher of the Year.
 - Renee Atkinson earned National Board Certification
 - Volunteers with Junior Achievement conducted seminars with sophomores and juniors during December/January and May. The seminars were *Careers with a Purpose* and *Success Skills*.
 - A Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) was established in the Fall of 2010.
 - ECH established a competitive bowling team that competes against other high schools each Wednesday.
 - The ECH Rivermonsters, a bass fishing club, was established in the Spring of 2011.
 - The ECH AVID Team sponsored two AVID Family Nights. The PTSO assisted by sponsoring a Multicultural Dinner in February.
 - A team of juniors formed the ECH Recycle Team emphasizing the importance of recycling our paper, plastics, and aluminum waste. They sponsored the first Earth Day celebration on April 29, 2011.
 - The HCS School Board approved the lease of a new building for Early College to be built on the HGTC campus beside Bldg. 1000. Occupancy of the new building is expected between 2012-13.

Accreditation Status

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

2010-11 School Improvement Council

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