

## A Message from the Principal & SIC Chairperson



SPRING HILL  
HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER PATHWAYS MAGNET

# School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents 2019



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Spring Hill High School (SHHS) opens the doors of opportunity for all students by delivering a unique learning experience which is tailored to individual talents and interests. Spring Hill High School being a Career Pathway Magnet encourages students to discover their passion by offering five focus programs to include: Engineering Academy, Entertainment Academy, Entrepreneurial Academy, Environmental Studies Academy and Exercise Science Academy.

All five academies include modern, technology-rich environments which promote prudent risk taking and creativity by enabling learners to model and test ideas, collaborate with peers, and develop new solutions based on up-to-date real-world resources and industry practices. Spring Hill High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Our programs of study are directly correlated with future career and college readiness.

Our vibrant learning community is made up of students from all areas of Lexington and Richland School District Five and represent individuals with varying backgrounds, interests, beliefs, and experiences. In addition to challenging and motivating each other, students share knowledge, celebrate successes, and work together to reach common goals. By developing appreciation and respect for one another's differences and actively seeking opportunities to embrace diversity, we are preparing students to become productive members of the modern workforce in today's connected world.

We are very proud of our students' academic and personal achievements and their involvement in both the school and larger community as it is the Spring Hill Way: Working with Others, Academically Focused and Youth-Inspired.

We are also proud to be a Palmetto's Finest School, a Certified National Magnet School and a Merit Award—School of Distinction. All awards are due to the hard work and dedication of our entire Spring Hill High family.

**Michael Lofton**  
Principal

**Tony Tam**  
SIC Chairperson

## Our School Improvement Council

<i>Parent Representative (Elected)</i>	<i>Term Ends</i>
Allen Bullard	May 2021
Laney Cohen	May 2021
Alecia Klauk	May 2021
Tracey Solet, Vice Chair	May 2020
Tony Tam, Chair	May 2020
Karen Williams	May 2020
<i>Teacher Representatives (Elected)</i>	
Sarah Gams	May 2020
Olivia McCartney	May 2020
<i>Student Representatives (Elected)</i>	
Mary Allison Chin	May 2020
Leah Doty	May 2020
<i>Community Members (Appointed)</i>	
Wanda Edwards	May 2019
Susan Madden	May 2019
Jim Reece	May 2019
Jennifer Riddle	May 2019
Bill Zobel	May 2019
<i>Ex-Officio Members</i>	
Danelle Sorrel, Secretary	
Michael Lofton, Principal	
Teresa Ward, PTO President	

## SHHS SIC Goals

**Goal #1: Will organize and lead a coordinated effort with schools, school district, homeowners, employers, local governments and concerned citizens to improve the overall traffic flow and safety in the vicinity of Spring Hill High School.**

The work of our SIC led to a traffic study, meeting with local governments and this resulted in a traffic light being installed on Broad River Road in the summer of 2017. Our SIC is continuing to monitor and improve safety conditions and this has led to the improvements at the Mt. Vernon Church Road entrance and a raised crosswalk from student parking to The Center.

**Goal #2: Will with the help of guidance counselors, teachers, staff members, and community-aid providers develop and implement programs to assist students and family members who have been identified as being in need of emotional and economic assistance.**

The work of our SIC led to donations being received that were used to aide in clearing negative balances on student lunch accounts, as well as other monetary support of students in need. SIC has also assisted in gathering toiletries, school supplies and clothing for our students.

**Goal #3: Will seek to improve the experience of students who participate in school-sponsored clubs by working with facility advisors on club needs. Will also seek to improve the experience of SHHS student athletes that participate in high school league sports at their zoned schools by continuing to monitor the lines of communication.**

The work of our SIC led to an email being sent to all club sponsors asking if assistance is needed with equipment, etc. The response was overwhelmingly positive that the club sponsors felt supported. The work also led to utilization of the SHHS app and electronic signage to ensure effective communication of tryouts and practices at zoned schools.

### Accreditation

Spring Hill High School is fully accredited by the State Board of Education and AdvancED. In the annual report to the South Carolina Department of Education, no deficiencies were cited.



## Mission Statement

Spring Hill High School is a collaborative learning community that cultivates innovative thinkers prepared to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The school's culture is rich in personal connections, supporting a learning environment where students pursue coursework designed to foster creativity, uniqueness in thought, and intellectual development. Spring Hill students explore and master educational pursuits which prepare them to strive and lead in an interconnected world.

## Vision

*Spring Hill High School encourages students to discover their passion, developing independent and innovative thinkers who continually strive for excellence.*

## Five Focus Programs

**Engineering Academy**

**Entertainment Academy**

**Entrepreneurial Academy**

**Environmental Studies Academy**

**Exercise Science Academy**



## Igniting a Passion for Lifelong Learning

At Spring Hill High School. We recognize and connect with students' individual talents and interests to make learning relevant and exciting. Our academies enable students to choose from five specialized and innovative options. Real-world experiences in these focus areas spark a passion for lifelong learning by capturing learners' imagination and emphasizing the importance of core skills through context.

## Rigorous Curriculum

- SHHS is a comprehensive high school that offers a variety of challenging courses at levels including College Prep (CP), Honors, and College Board Advanced Placement (AP).
- CP courses are offered in all core subjects.
- There are thirty-three (33) Honors level : Algebra 2, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Dance V, Earth Science, Economics, English I, II, III, IV, French III, IV & V, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Principles of Engineering, Spanish III, IV & V, Studio Art: 2D, Studio Art: 3D, Theatre IV & V, U.S. Government, U.S. History, World History
- In addition SHHS offers the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Capstone Seminar, Chemistry, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Computer Science, European History, French, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Physics 1, Physics 2, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art: 2-D, Studio Art: 3-D. Studio Art: Drawing, United States Government & Policies, United States History and Constitution, World History

## Spring Hill High School Celebrations

- Awarded as a **Palmetto's Finest School** by South Carolina Association of School Administrators.
- Awarded as a Magnet School of America National Award of **Merit – School of Distinction** for the fourth year in a row.
- Named a **Certified National Magnet School** by Magnet Schools of America.
- Ranked as **#70 of the Top 100 schools in the nation** by thebestschools.org
- Ranked **#2 Best Magnet School in South Carolina** by Niche.com

## Rigorous Curriculum

ACT 2019 - Average Scale Scores of Graduating Class

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
<b>SHHS</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>22.3</b>
D5	19.9	20.9	21.4	21.3	21.0
State	18.0	18.7	19.4	18.9	18.8
Nation	20.1	20.4	21.2	20.6	20.7

SAT 2019 - Average Scale Scores of Graduating Class

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Composite
<b>SHHS</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1081</b>
D5	541	534	1075
State	524	504	1030
Nation	531	528	1059

Advanced Placement 2019

	Pass Rate
<b>SHHS</b>	<b>69</b>
D5	71
State	58
Global	59

End of Course Testing 2019

	Algebra 1	Biology 1	English 1	US History
<b>SHHS</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>78.4</b>
D5	72.6	75.9	78.5	73.1
State	68.3	68.8	73.5	69.0

Graduation Rates 2019

<b>SHHS</b>	<b>94</b>
D5	88
State	81

## Teacher of the Year



**Mrs. Sarah Gams** has been selected as Teacher of the Year by the faculty and staff of Spring Hill High School. Mrs. Gams is a member of our English Department and serves as our department chair.

## Support Employee of the Year



**Mrs. Lavenda Frick** has been selected as our Support Employee of the Year. Mrs. Frick is the secretary to our assistant principals and a member of our support staff.

## Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Spring Hill High School 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.*

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