

# RIDGE SPRING MONETTA

High School

A Farm to Table Healthy Living School



## School Direction

**Ridge Spring-Monetta High School is the community.**

- We believe that our students have the opportunity to be productive members of the community today, who just need a platform on which to make a difference. Ridge Spring Monetta High School is that platform.
- We are proud of the work our qualified staff is doing in supporting our students to see that they continue to grow, develop and achieve their goals.
- As a staff, we work together in conjunction with families to see that our students stay engaged to reach their goal of graduation and to become work-force or college ready.
- It is vital to the overall atmosphere of our school that we partner with parents to keep the lines of communication open at all times to foster improved home-school relations.

We promote social and cultural awareness and understanding through programs and clubs, so that our students, staff, and faculty understand and appreciate diversity, in the school, within the community, and globally.



## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

- Achieve an on-time graduation rate of 95% as indicated on the State School Report Card.
- Achieve a 95% promotion rate for 9th grade students.
- Achieve a college and career readiness rating of 90% for graduating seniors.
- Achieve 90% satisfaction rate for school-home relations, 90% for learning environment and 90% for social and physical environment as indicated on the school State Report Card "Parent/Student Survey".

## THEMATIC PROGRAMS

### AGRICULTURE

Our Farm to Table program teaches students to grow, maintain, and prepare food through growing school gardens and working with our farming partners. Opportunities for further development includes: OSHA-10 safety certification, work study programs and internships.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

To ensure all of our students have the skills to be successful in life, they need to learn essential business, finance, marketing and technology skills. Students are partnering with the agriculture department to advertise and market the produce provided so students learn entrepreneurship skills in a real business environment. Additional certification offered: OSHA-10 general business safety.



### HEALTH SCIENCE

Health care and medical professions are in high demand and provide the support needed to live healthy lives. Our students can receive preparation and certifications in various health care job skills. Certifications available: AHA BLS (CPR and first aid), Stop the Bleed, FEMA NIMS 100, 700. OSHA-10 healthcare safety, Certified nursing assistant (CNA), phlebotomy, veterinary medical applications, pharm tech,

## Achievements

- ✓ The 2021 senior class received over \$1,715,200 in scholarships and finished with a 98.3% graduation rate. 86.8% of seniors were accepted to postsecondary education, 5.6% enlisted in the military and 7.6% joined the workforce after graduation.
- ✓ 98.3% Graduation Rate for the class of 2021.
- ✓ Three of our students were selected to attend Palmetto Boys State and one student was selected to Palmetto Girls State.
- ✓ 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 National Beta School of Merit
- ✓ 2020-2021 National Beta School of Distinction
- ✓ RS-M Marching Band scored Excellent ratings in all 4 competitions
- ✓ Solo and Ensemble Festival: RS-M HS students earned 4 Superior and 1 Excellent rating
- ✓ 3 students earned spots in Aiken All-County Band
- ✓ 2 students earned spots in Aiken All-County Orchestra
- ✓ 1 student earned spot in SC Band Directors' Association Region 2 Honor Band
- ✓ 3 students selected for the Newberry College Honor Band Clinic
- ✓ 7 students selected for the Limestone University Honor Band Clinic
- ✓ 1 student selected for the University of South Carolina Honor Band Clinic
- ✓ 1 senior earned band scholarships to several colleges/universities
- ✓ 24.5% of 2021 graduates were completers in a CTE programs that represented 4 of the 16 Federal Career Clusters. Of those 24.5% of completers:
  - ✚ 7.6% Manufacturing Completers with a major in Welding Technology
  - ✚ \*15.3% were Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Completers with a major in Horticulture
  - ✚ \*15.3% were Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Completers with a major in Criminal Justice
  - ✚ \*61.5% were Health Science Completers with a major in Health Science (5 CNA, phlebotomy, and 8 BLS CPR certifications)



## School Improvement Council Members

Rev. Vollie Gibbs, Chairman  
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 Principal, Dr. KaRon Webb, Ex-Officio Member

## Additional Information

RSM High is the home of the Trojans. We are a small, rural high school in the heart of Peach Country with a wealth of tradition and a strong connection to our community. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares ALL students for college and career and life. We share our campus with our feeder elementary and middle schools. Our students are committed to being responsible citizens and productive members of the community. We enable all students to be able to develop the world class skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the SC Graduate through a direct focus on literacy and critical thinking skill development in all classes. Our students develop connections to quality post - secondary opportunities including two -year and four - year colleges through participation and success in advanced coursework emphasizing dual enrollment opportunities as a result of a continued partnership with Aiken Technical College. We encourage our parents and community to get involved. We must work together, school and community, to make sure ALL of our students have an opportunity to be successful. Our dedicated faculty and staff aim to challenge our students academically and provide guidance that meet the needs of our students academically, socially, and emotionally. Student learning enhances when school and community relations are strong. It takes a collective effort from all of us to help our students do well inside and outside of the classroom. We are committed to helping students pursue their dreams and achieve their goals. Through all our efforts, we strive to keep in synch with our local community, thus ensuring a strong core for our future.



### Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by the Ridge Spring-Monetta High 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."*

