



2026 Report to Parents

Ridge Spring- Monetta Middle/High School

Purpose of the Report



This Report is issued by the Carolina High School and Academy 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.

"A New Tradition of Excellence"

We remain committed to our vision that all RSM students graduate prepared for college, career, and life. We encourage our parents and community to get involved and support our school events. Our school and community must work together to make sure all our students have an opportunity to be successful.

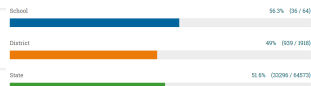
Overall Student Performance

End-of-Course Assessment Results in English 2 and Algebra 1

English - Scoring C or Higher



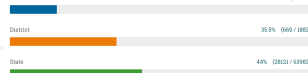
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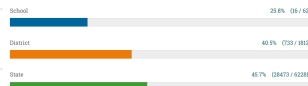
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End-of-Course Assessment Results in Biology and US History and the Constitution

Biology - Scoring C or Higher



US History and the Constitution - Scoring C or Higher



Graduation Rate

On-Time Graduation Rate

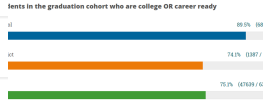


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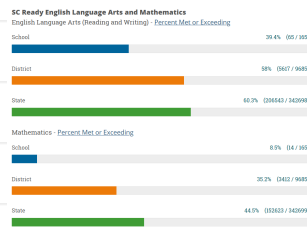
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Graduation Rate

College and Career Readiness



Overall Student Performance



School Climate



College and/or Career Readiness

SC Ready ELA and Math

School Climate

SIC Annual Goals

- * Achieve an on-time graduation rate of 90% as indicated on the State School Report Card.
- * Achieve a 90% High School Student Success as indicated on the State School Report Card.
- * Achieve a college and/or career readiness rate of 90% for graduating seniors.
- * Increase the percentage of students scoring "Met or Exceeding" on the SC Ready Math and ELA assessments by 5%.
- * Increase the percentage of students scoring "C or Higher" on the EOC Biology and U.S. History Examinations by 5%.
- * Maintain a School Climate rating of "Excellent" as indicated on the State School Report Card.

CTE Programs

Health Science

- 9 students received phlebotomy certification
- 9 students received EKG certifications
- 6 students completed CNA course and 40 hours of clinicals - the certification exam is 5/2
- 4 students completed a new "internship" program which includes 120 hours of job shadowing/ weekly work/ and a capstone presentation scheduled for 5/12
- 1 student to take the veterinary medical applications certification exam through ICEV on 5/5
- 1 student to take the physical therapy technician exam through AMCA on 5/5
- 1 HOSA student placed 3rd at state competition in interviewing skills
- The HOSA Bowl team is 1st alternate from State competition

Agriculture and FFA

- 7 high school students attended the National FFA Convention
- 8 students attended Chapter Operation Workshop in August
- 4 students competed in The Orangeburg County Tractor Operation Career Development Event (CDE)
- 4 students competed in the Region #4 John Deere Gator Wars CDE (Exposes each student the life of a John Deere Technician)
- 3 students the first ever SCFFA Auctioneering Leadership Development Event Qualifier. One qualified for the State CDE
- 12 FFA Members attended The SCFFA State House Appreciation Day.
- Over 800 students participated in our 2nd Annual Agriculture Day on The Ridge.

Business/DECA

- 2026 Meta Data Center Community Action Grant recipient in the amount of \$22,000

- Our brand new RSM High DECA Chapter had members represent our school at the Region II DECA Business Competition

Cosmetology

- One student earned a first place trophy in 3D nails at the area Battle of the Schools
- Three students were members of the Wagener-Salley team that won "School of the Yea" at the area Battle of the Schools



HOSA



DECA



FFA

Band Honors

MARCHING BAND

September 20—Mustang Classic at Midland Valley High School:

1st Place Class A, Highest Music Score in Class A

September 27—Silver Invitational at White Knoll High School

3rd Place Class 2-A, Best Music Score in Class 2-A

October 11—Silver Spirit Invitational at Silver Bluff High School

1st Place Class 2-A, Highest Visual Score and Highest Overall Effect Score Class 2-A, Silver Division Champions (best in Class A and AA)

November 1—Class A State Championships at North Central High School

10th Place, State finalist and top ten finish for the 4th year in a row

Saturday, November 8—Loris Band Day at Loris High School

1st Place Class A, High Music Score Class A, 1st Place Color Guard Class A, 1st Place Percussion Class A

JAZZ BAND

March 6—Superior Rating at State Jazz Performance Assessment for the first time in school history

CONCERT BAND

March 18—SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment at Lexington High School—EXCELLENT RATING

OVERALL BAND PROGRAM

The RS-M Band earned the highest honor given to bands in South Carolina, the Outstanding Performance Award, for the third year in a row and only the third time in school history. This award is based on accomplishments in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, All-State / Region Band, and Solo and Ensemble

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

- 5 students were selected for and participated in the Coastal Carolina Honor Band Clinic

- 4 students were selected for and participated in the Newberry College Honor Band Clinic
- 2 students were selected for and participated in the Winthrop University Honor Band Clinic (first time for RS-M)
- 2 middle school students were selected for and participated in the University of Georgia "Midfest" Honor Band Clinic (first time for RS-M)
- 4 students were selected by audition for the Aiken All-County Orchestra (most ever for RS-M)
- 8 students were selected by audition for SCBDA Region 2 Honor Band
- 5 students made it to the final All-State auditions (most ever for RS-M)
- 2 students made the SCBDA All-State Band (first time ever for RS-M)
- 5 students participated in the University of South Carolina (Columbia) Honor Band Clinic (most ever for RS-M)
- All RS-M Middle and High students who auditioned for Region Band were selected for the Aiken All-County Honor Band. With additional student nominations / selections 22 RS-M Band students were selected for the 2026 Aiken All-County Honor Band Clinic.

YEAR OF FIRSTS

- 1st Division Win at a marching contest (Silver Bluff October 11)
- 1st Superior Rating at State Jazz Festival (March 6)
- 1st RS-M students to ever be selected for the SCBDA All-State Band (two were selected)
- Most students ever from RS-M to make final All-State auditions (5)
- 1st time RS-M students have participated in Winthrop University and University of Georgia Band Clinics
- Most students from RS-M ever selected for USC Honor Band Clinic and Aiken All-County Orchestra



ACPSD STARS of Public Education District-Wide Winners

Congratulations to Coach Jay Brannon, who was named the ACPSPD Teacher of the Year, and Dr. Miranda Fulmer, who was named the ACPSPD Assistant Principal of the Year. This is a well-deserved recognition for both and a tremendous accomplishment for our school community.

Having two RSM Middle/High School staff members recognized as district-level winners in the same year is something truly special and a testament to the exceptional work happening at our school each and every day.



Other Highlights from the 2025-26 School Year

- Seven All-State athletes
- One Region Player of the Year (Girl's Basketball)
- Two Region Championships (Soccer and Softball)
- One WJBF Scholar Athlete and Fox A+ Athlete
- Hispanic Heritage Month assembly
- Homecoming football game "Battle of the Classes" community event
- 12 Days of Christmas K-12 Sing-A-Long
- Black History Month activities and assembly
- 2nd Annual Agriculture Day at The Ridge
- Staff vs Student Volleyball and Basketball events



Black History Month Assembly



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



Agriculture Day at The Ridge

Class of 2025 Achievements

The class of 2025 was offered over \$1,916,720 in scholarship dollars

Excellent rating by the State of South Carolina on our High School Report Card for the following:

- 88.2% Five-Year Student Success Rate
- 80.9% Percentage of First-Year Students On-Track to Graduate
- 90.1% Percentage of Student demonstrating success in High School
- 89.5% of the 2025 Cohort are College or Career Ready

The class of 2025 had 61 Career and Technology Education Completers and 8 students who completed an Internship. To be a Career and Technology Education Completer students must take 3 or 4 courses in the subject area and complete a national credential such as OSHA-10. Students who completed an internship had to complete 120 hours of supervised work at their internship location.

- 29 Agriculture Completers

- 27 Business Marketing Completers
- 9 Health Science Completers who also earned their Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, and EKG Certifications.
- 8 Internships with local business such as Titan Farms, CORA Physical Rehabilitation, SC Voc Rehab, etc.
- 93% of the class of 2025 were accepted to post-secondary education.
- 56% were accepted at a 4-year college
- 37% were accepted to a 2-year college
- 1 Palmetto Girls State Representatives
- 3 Palmetto Boys State Representative

SIC Members

- * Ashley Bradley, Parent (Chair)
- * Tiffany Armstrong, Parent
- * Tamika Riley, Teacher
- * Mark Wright, Teacher
- * Layla Riley, Student
- * Dylan Harris, Student
- * Vollie Gibbs, Community Member (Chair)
- * Peter Blacks, Community Member
- * Quentin Evans, Community Member
- * Jacqueline McKiever, Other
- * Matthew Shepler, Principal



Matt Shepler

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