

SIC Annual Goals

- ♦ By the spring of 2020, the on-time graduation rate for our students will be 95% as indicated on the school report card, and we will sustain this graduation rate.
- ♦ By the spring of 2020, maintain 100% highly qualified staff.
- ♦ By the spring of 2020, State Report Card “Parent/Student Survey” will show an 85% satisfaction rate for school-home relations, 90% for learning environment and 85% for social and physical environment.
- ♦ By the spring of 2020, the EOC pass rate will be 77% and we will sustain this.

RSM HS THEMATIC PROGRAMS

AGRICULTURE

Through our Farm to Table program, students learn how to grow, maintain, market and prepare food for human consumption. They will learn through school gardens and our farming partners.

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, in addition to the necessary soft skills as identified in the Profile of the SC graduate.

HEALTH SCIENCE

Health care and medical professions are in high demand and provide our society the support needed to live healthy lives. Our students can receive preparation and certifications in various health care job skills.

Ridge Spring-Monetta High School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2018-19



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School Purpose

Ridge Spring-Monetta High School will consistently provide avenues for our students to become lifelong learners and productive members of the community.

School Direction

Ridge Spring-Monetta High School is the center of the community.

- In collaboration with our students and parents, we focus on academic skills, with a priority on reading comprehension, writing clarity, and problem solving skills.
- We develop lifelong learners who are responsible and productive members of the community.
- Our students develop effective communication skills that facilitate their long term success beyond the classroom.
- We promote social and cultural awareness and understanding, so that our students, staff and faculty understand and accept diversity, in the school and within the community, and globally.
- Our students are technologically competent and responsible.
- We remain connected to the community through all available means.

Student Achievements

- The 2018 senior class received over \$1,871,092 in scholarships and finishing with a 89% grad rate with 76% enrolling in post-secondary education and/or training.
- RSMHS True Blue Marching Band regularly celebrates 1st place finishes and Superior ratings.
- Our students compete in many sports to include: football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track & field, softball, baseball, soccer, and golf. We also added Cross Country this year.
- Our athletes received many awards including multiple All State honors for fall, winter and spring sports and all athletic teams made the playoffs.
- Our Health Occupations Students of America team continued to earn high honors at the state competition with the 1st ever RSM student serving as a State HOSA President.
- The Drama class once again participated in the Aiken County Garcia Festival, earning praise for its efforts and several awards.
- 5 students participated in the 2018 SC Chamber of Commerce Business Week.
- 1 student participated in the Washington Youth Leadership Tour
- Our students participated in the Hour of Code Initiative.
- 41 students participated with the Everfi: Financial Literacy Program
- 15 MTU Girls Day participants.

School Achievements

- RSM HS increased advanced learning opportunities to include AP course offerings, Teacher Cadets through USC-Aiken, ATC courses for HS dual enrollment and dual enrollment HS credit courses for middle school students.
- Our counselor, career specialist, students and their parents completed 100% of scheduled IGP meetings.
- The middle and high school band, and Art classes joined together in December & in May to hold Fine Arts Night in the gymnasium. They also participated in the Morris Museum of Arts Combining Voices Competition.
- This school year, the school continued a character education program in conjunction with a renewed mentor program and an outreach program for at-risk students as well as continued school-based entrepreneurship opportunities..

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.”

Additional Information

RSM High School 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. In the next several years, construction will continue, eventually resulting in a K-12 campus on this location.

Our students are committed to being responsible neighbors and productive members of the community. RSM HS enables 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.

Our staff encourages students who may not be planning on attending a four year college to take the steps necessary to become 21st century career ready through enrollment at the Aiken County Career Center and attaining work-based learning opportunities. In our guidance conferences with our students, we focus on helping our students develop reasonable plans to achieve their dreams. Each month, we meet in small groups to discuss character values, such as integrity, cooperation, and judgment. Through it all, we strive to keep in synch with surrounding community, thus remaining “the center of the community.” Please stop by and see us sometime up on the Ridge.

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