

Committed to continuing our journey of becoming a high-performing school, R.B. Stall High School was recently recognized by the SC Education Oversight Committee as a Palmetto Silver Award winner for demonstrating high levels of performance and growth in closing the achievement gap between disaggregated groups. The faculty, staff, and administration are dedicated to seeing every student succeed in a school culture built on strong positive relationships with students. We continue to integrate core academics, arts, and career education into relevant learning experiences for our students.

Our dedicated faculty and staff have spent many hours participating in professional development, learning about and sharing instructional best practices, and working in curriculum teams to ensure quality instruction and assessment in all courses. Faculty collaboration and teamwork are the norm. Areas of focus have been technology implementation, positive behavior interventions, differentiated instruction, and standards-based instruction and assessment.

As a result of the programs we have put in place, the retention rate is down, student attendance rate is up, suspensions and expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses are down, number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses is up, percentages of students passing AP exams is up and eligible for LIFE scholarships are up, annual dropout rate is down. Opportunity for students in Fine Arts is rated excellent, as is the character development program (Capturing Kids' Hearts). The percentage of first-time HSAP takers passing two subtests has increased, while the percentage of first-time HSAP takers passing no subtests has decreased. Both on-time four-year graduation rate and five-year graduation rate are up. The percentage of students passing End-of-Course Exams has also risen, and we out-performed high schools with students like ours on every EOC test. On school climate surveys 86.5% of parents and 82.5% of students were satisfied with the learning environment, 87.8% of our students were satisfied with the social and physical environment, and 84.9% of the students and 82% of parents were satisfied with school-home relations.

Mr. Heath Hampton was recognized as R.B. Stall High School Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Kelly Duffy was selected as the Rookie Teacher of the Year. All faculty and staff continue to focus on improving students' achievement on End of Course Exams, HSAP, and SAT/ACT testing, and, together with the support of parents and the community, we will continue to work with students to provide the best education possible.

"It's a great day to be a Warrior!"

Kim W. Wilson, Principal and Mrs. Sylvia Watts, School Improvement Council President