

North Augusta High School

2014-2015 School Report to the Community

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Purpose

The purpose of North Augusta High School is to graduate students with the competence to contribute substantially to the world in which we live and to become effective lifelong learners and responsible citizens. To this end, North Augusta High School promotes the development of the skills, knowledge, and personal qualities that characterize a well-educated person.

NAHS is a comprehensive four year high school with a diverse population of 1500 students. It is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a member of *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole school research-based reform effort.

Keep Up-to-date on NAHS Happenings
The Yellow Jacket <http://tyjna.com/>

As required by South Carolina law the School Improvement Council has prepared this report on NAHS's progress in meeting goals and to highlight accomplishments.

Academics

NAHS course selections includes: Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, Applied Technology, and Exceptional Education.

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research based practices to guide instruction. Early Release Day each month focuses on professional development to improve instruction of the South Carolina State Standards.

A continued emphasis has been placed on the Advanced Placement program which increased its overall exam passage rate. Our students have exceeded the national and state mean scores in US History, Calculus, Biology, and US Government. NAHS tests 10% more students than schools with a similar demographic profile. We also continued to push students to enter one or more of the Scholars Academies. This program has seen continued growth since its inception.

Freshman Academy data indicates the reduction in discipline issues has brought an increase in meaningful instruction time and a corresponding rise in achievement. We are optimizing the use of virtual course options to increase the opportunity and availability of course offerings for students. Additionally, the School Improvement Council is directing efforts toward increasing the capacity of our growing mentoring program. All of these efforts will supplement academic advances made over the last several years. Our thanks go forth to the faculty and community members who are helping to make these new initiatives prosperous endeavors.

Data

- 376 Students took Advance Placement exams.
- ACT composite score 20.8 with 137 students (state composite = 20.4).
- SAT composite score 1428 (state composite 1443).

- Graduation rate: 82.2%, up from 79.4%.
- 74.9% End of Course Test Score pass rate.

Celebrate with Us

Academics

- North Augusta High continues its academic excellence by achieving a Good overall rating on the state report card.
- North Augusta had 35 completers for CATE classes this past year which is the most in school history.
- Data continues to show the academic and behavioral success of the Freshman Academy.
- Commander Beck won the regional JROTC teacher of the year, and he is in the running for the state level award.

Athletics: AAAA School

- 15 All State Scholar Athletes.
- Varsity Football once again advanced to the playoffs.
- Varsity Volleyball once again advanced to the state playoffs.
- Varsity Boys Basketball had a successful year making it to the state playoffs.
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- Victor Johnson represented NAHS and the state of SC in the Shrine Bowl.
- Mannie Ogletree was selected to the North-South All-Star game.
- 7 participants in the Border Bash Football Classic

The Arts

- Reginald Delany Crews II a violinist and senior at North Augusta High School was accepted into the 2015 All State Orchestra for 11th and 12th graders.

Student Competitions

- Beta Club:
State Convention: 3rd place: Scrapbook, 3rd place: Group Talent, and placed in 11 different events.
- Robotics Team, in its first year of existence, placed 1st in the state and 11th at the national competition in San Antonio, Texas.

School Based Enterprise

- NJROTC cadets operate the school canteen which has received a major facelift in the wake of the new federally mandated nutrition laws for schools.

Community Service

Students and faculty donated tens of thousands of dollars and items ranging from food to toys to local charities. Our student service organizations and school clubs volunteered thousands of service hours to the local community in a wide variety of off campus settings that are too numerous to name. The blood drives that are hosted annually on campus continued our usual support for the local medical community helping to save the lives of those in need of donations. The Navy JROTC unit participated at numerous Veterans' Day celebrations across the CSRA honoring those who have served in the Armed Forces.

School's Goals

As part of the school's continuous improvement plan, NAHS has set the following goals:

- 1) Focus professional development on academic motivation for those traditionally not motivated to learn.
- 2) Continued focus on communication with students and parents and public relations in the community.
- 3) Improve the integration of technology into the classroom.

Update on School Facilities

Aiken County voters passed the referendum for a penny sales tax and issuing bonds against the projected proceeds from that sales tax. This will speed up the construction immensely. Phase I is set to be completed and opened in March, 2015. The 5th hall is tentatively scheduled to be demolished this summer, and construction will begin on the revised Phase II of the building.

In Appreciation

NAHS greatly appreciates the support of our community in creating an educational experience of excellence for our students. Suggestions for improvement of our school program are welcome.

SIC Members for 2014-2015

Parents:

Freddie Grimm
Mary Anne Bigger
Kendra Sturgis
Tim Butler
Janet Gordon
Julie Hendrick
Mary Anne Park
David Sam
Lana Thomas
Jane Thornton

Students:

Jacqueline Phillips
Nick Butler

Community Members:

Tracy Hooks
Bobby Sheridan
Rod Greenway
Gene Robbins
Al Young
Linda Skinner
Earl Sasser

Faculty:

Lynda Oswald
Stacie Burroughs
John Murphy

The SIC has monthly meetings which are open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the SIC please contact Mr. Murphy.