

2015-2016 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

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.

NAHS is excited to announce the transition to becoming an Advanced Placement Magnet School. NAHS will offer many new and exciting AP courses that are open to all students. Other course selections include: Dual Credit, 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. Teachers of AP courses will receive professional development in further developing and implementing a rigorous and engaging curriculum for our AP students as well as the course offerings feeding into our AP courses.

As NAHS makes the transition to an AP magnet school, we also maintain a focus on career and technology education through the expansion of STEM offerings as well as career certifications, internships, and apprenticeships. Some of the new offerings include STEM Project Management courses, Computer Science, as well as expanded Business Career completer tracks. NAHS also continues to offer additional opportunities in Culinary Arts, Business, and the Fine Arts with the newly added orchestra program. NAHS ensures that all students graduating are college and career ready by offering the ACT and ACT WorkKeys to all 3rd year students.

Data

- 28.6% of our Students took Advance Placement exams.
- ACT composite score 18.0 (state composite 17.9).
- SAT composite score 1401.
- Graduation rate: 85.8%, up from 82.2%.
- 79.7% End of Course Test Score pass rate.

Academics

- North Augusta High continues its academic excellence by achieving high ratings on the state report card.
- North Augusta students earned Platinum, Gold, or Silver WorkKeys certificates in all subtests at higher percentages than the state or district averages.
- NAHS students earned 4 of the District's 18 Platinum WorkKeys Certificates.
- NAHS had a total of 15 students identified as early recipients of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- Data continues to show the academic and behavioral success of the Freshman Academy.
- The North Augusta High School Academic Team won the District Championship this year.
- The NAHS Robotics team had two teams finish first at the state competition and qualified to compete in the national competition in Texas. The team finished sixth at the national competition in only its second year in competition.
- A STEM Project Management course has been scheduled to manage the logistics surrounding the Robotics program. The course will monitor all aspects of the team from financing and fundraising, to design and construction, and programming and competition.

Athletics: AAAA School

- Fall and Winter Sports had a total of 19 players named to All-Region Teams.
- Varsity Football advanced to the playoffs.
- Varsity Boys Basketball had a successful year making it to the state playoffs.
- Varsity Girls Basketball advanced to the Lower State Championship game.

- Alli Bell was named HSSR All State and represented NAHS in the North/South Volleyball All-Star Game.
- Rashad Byrd represented NAHS in the Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game.
- Rashad Byrd and Aaron Maddox were named to the HSSR All State Football Team.
- 3 participants represented NAHS in the Border Bash Football Classic
- NAHS and BSN Sports have entered into a partnership to outfit North Augusta High varsity athletes with exclusively designed Nike uniforms and athletic shoes. Nike is a world leader in athletic apparel and the exclusive designs will continue to honor our strong athletic tradition.

The Arts

- NAHS is represented by 27 students who earned All-Region Honors in Band and placed 32 students in the All-County Band.
- Savannah Ditty was selected as a finalist in the 36th Annual College and High School Photography Contest and will be published in *Photographer's Forum* magazine.
- TJ Gillespie received a Superior Rating at the State Piano Festival at Lander University and was a featured performer at the South Carolina Music Educators Association State Piano Recital in Columbia.
- Brian Yonn finished 2nd in the state on trombone at the All-State Band auditions. He was also selected as a member of the All-State Orchestra.
- Mark Seymour earned a trumpet spot to perform in the South Carolina Baptist All-State Orchestra.

Student Competitions

- NJROTC had a successful annual inspection.
- Winter Percussion finished 2nd in the Class A Championships Qualifier.
- The NAHS Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has been named as the Most Outstanding FBLA Chapter in South Carolina and had a total of 13 students place in the top 5 in the state in individual

competitions. The Chapter has qualified for the FBLA Nationals in Atlanta in June.



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 Navy JROTC unit participated at numerous Veterans' Day celebrations across the CSRA honoring those who have served in the Armed Forces. Our athletic teams and Fine Arts groups are participating in High Five Fridays at the Area II Elementary and Middle Schools.



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

- 1) Increase work-based learning opportunities for students, including but not limited to apprenticeships, internships, and access to relevant career and technology education coursework.
- 2) Increase student participation and success in advanced coursework emphasizing AP and Honors classes and dual enrollment opportunities.
- 3) Ensure connection to high-quality post-secondary opportunities for every graduate.



Phase I of the construction process has been completed. Phase II-a is scheduled to begin in early April and will include the new cafeteria

complex, Culinary Arts department, Freshman Academy, and the Administrative Offices. Construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed in July, 2017. Phase II-b will begin immediately upon the completion of II-a.



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.



Parents:

Mary Anne Bigger
Michelle Burns
Janet Gordon
Freddie Grimm
Julie Hendrick
Kendra Sturgis
Jane Thornton

Students:

Nick Butler
Brice Smoker

Community Members:

Tracy Hooks
David Sam
Earl Sasser
Linda Skinner

Faculty:

Priscilla Broughton
John Murphy
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Paige Day

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