

North Augusta High School

2017-2018 School Report to the Community

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Mission

Our mission is to ensure that every North Augusta High School graduate has the ability to make a significant contribution to the 21st century global economy by developing not only their academic and career readiness but also the life and shared values of integrity, self-direction, global perspective, perseverance, work ethic, and interpersonal skills.

NAHS is a comprehensive four-year high school with a diverse population of 1,500 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. Additionally, NAHS is a partner with the National Math and Science Initiative and works to promote advanced STEM education for our students.

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 is excited to announce the completion of our first year as an Advanced Placement Magnet School. As NAHS continues into the second year of our National Math and Science partnership, we are pleased to report that we have approximately half of our student population enrolled in Advanced Placement courses for college credit for 2017-2018.

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research-based practices to guide instruction. Teachers of AP courses will continue to 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.

In addition to increasing AP enrollments, we also maintain a focus on career and technology education through the expansion of STEM offerings as well as career certifications, internships, and apprenticeships. We are pleased to announce the addition of AP Computer Programming. NAHS also continues to offer additional opportunities in Culinary Arts, Business, and the Fine Arts with both studio art and performing arts. NAHS ensures that all students graduating are college and career ready by offering the ACT and ACT WorkKeys to all 3rd year students.

Data 2016-2017

- 28.6% of student body enrolled in AP courses

- ACT composite score 18.0 (state composite 17.9).
- SAT composite score 1413 up from 1401.
- Graduation rate: 93%, up from 85.8%.
- 79.3% End of Course Test Score pass rate.

Celebrate with Us

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 Work Keys certificates in all subtests at higher percentages than the state or district averages.
- NAHS had a total of 19 students identified as early recipients of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- Ashton Aleman has been selected as a 2017 South Carolina winner for the NCWIT® (National Center for Women and Technology) Award for Aspirations in Computing.
- AP course requests are currently at 1,000 requests for the 2017-2018 school year.
- NAHS launched a partnership with ACCELERATE providing a year of college credits from Clemson University in Engineering.

Athletics: AAAA School □ Girls' basketball won the 4A State Championship with an undefeated 28-0 record. Five girls made all-state: Aaliyah Bell, Kiara Jackson, Maya Burns, Amari Young, and Sarah Crews. Coach Cummings was named the coach of the year. Amari Young was also named State Player of the Year. Kiara Jackson signed with Presbyterian College.

- Football made the second round of playoffs losing out to B-H-P. Tre Lawson made AllState and signed with Florida State and was named the NA Star player of the year.

- Wrestling made great strides as a first year program and competed in the state playoffs. □ Volleyball, boys' basketball, and girls' tennis all qualified for the state playoffs with Tanner Starnes making the All-State team for Volleyball.
- Spring sports are off to successful seasons as well with softball already locking up the region title with several weeks left before playoffs.
- Girls' golf finished 14th in the state in their 2nd year as a team.
- Over **550** students participated in athletics.

The Arts

- NAHS is represented by 29 students who earned All-Region Honors in Band and placed 35 students in the All-County Band.
- Ten students were chosen from NAHS to perform in the All-County Orchestra.
- Honor Choir received a Superior Rating with Distinction at the SC Concert Performance Assessment.
- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble received Superior ratings as well.
- Jacket Regiment performed in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Nicholas Hoenn and William McGee made the South Carolina Clinic All-State band.
- Alice Dyches and Todd Gillespie were named to All-State Choir.

Student Competitions

- Air Rifle team placed 3rd overall in the Aiken County Fall rifle league.
- 42 cadets conducted an orientation field trip to Washington DC where they represented our school during a ceremony by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the trip.
- Cadets and their guests attended a Military Ball attended by 4 other high schools in February. Senior Heather Dunbar was crowned military ball queen for NAHS.
- NAHS competitive drill team performed and competed at the Aiken County Superintendent's cup, Greenbrier meet, and

Lincoln, NC drill meets, placing in various drill events.

- Abbi Fralick earned a spot on the American Enterprise team for the SC FBLA Chapter.
- Kate Wells has been voted the SC FBLA state president for 2017-2018.

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 Navy JROTC unit completed over 1,500 school and community service hours this year. Our athletic teams and Fine Arts groups are participating in High Five Fridays at the Area II Elementary and Middle Schools. The NAHS Sewing Club donated over 50 mastectomy healing pillows to the cancer unit at MCG. The Interact Club "Mega Plan" event raised over \$1,300 to donate to the Children's Hospital of Georgia. Yearbook one has five community service projects which include Cumbee Center of Aiken, Aiken SPCA, Aiken Regional Cancer Ward, Second Harvest Food Bank, and students in foster care.

School's Goals

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 postsecondary opportunities for every graduate.

Update on School Facilities

Construction of Phase 2 of our new high school continues on schedule with a target completion of July 2017. Phase 2 construction includes the heart of our new high school with a media center, cafeteria, freshman academy, robotics lab, engineering design lab, culinary arts lab, art classrooms, Naval Junior ROTC classroom, counseling center, administrative suite, isolated faculty and staff parking, and an isolated school bus traffic route which will significantly reduce traffic congestion on Jacket Lane.

SIC Members for 2017

Parents:

Mary Anne Bigger
Janet Gordon
Julie Hendrick
Angel Mercer
Cindy Parler
Kendra Sturgis Jane
Thornton **Students:**
Brice Smoker Sarah
Wilson

Community Members:

Tracy Hooks

David Sam
Linda Skinner *Faculty:*
Priscilla Broughton
John Murphy
Lynda Oswald

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

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.