

North Augusta High School

Parent Report 2021-2022



Mission

Our mission is to engage ALL students in the world class knowledge and skills needed to successfully realize their post-secondary goals through the development and implementation of relevant college and career readiness pathways

NAHS is a comprehensive four-year high school with a diverse population of over 1,600 students. Accredited through the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*, NAHS is a member of the *High Schools That Work Alliance*, a whole school research-based reform effort.

Academics

NAHS has increased the number of qualifying scores on AP exams over the last four years – from 136 qualifying scores in 2016 to 327 in the 2021 school year. NAHS looks forward to continuing this trend during the 2021 school year and beyond as we have over 400 AP students enrolled in at least one AP class.

New dual-enrollment programs have been created and will be offered by Aiken Technical College and USC-Aiken

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research-based practices to guide instruction.

As an academic organization, we believe:

- Our teaching should evoke curiosity and global awareness from students.
- Our speech and actions towards students and each other should come from a place of empathy.
- Our philosophies should involve a dedication to increasing students' sense of social awareness and social responsibility.
- Our practice should value both college and career paths and celebrate them equally.

Although classroom learning is vital, experiential learning through internships, research and service learning enhances the academic setting and brings lasting knowledge.

NAHS strives to ensure that all graduating students are college and career ready by offering college and career assessments to all 3rd year students. The emphasis on college readiness assessments can be seen in student scholarship earnings in excess of \$10 million dollars for the class of 2021. NAHS is also proud to have Jeffrey Moody named as a finalist for the 2022 National Merit Scholarship awards.

Academic Data

- Over 25% of student body enrolled in AP courses
 - Over 100% increase in qualifying AP scores between 2016-2021
 - 100% of 2021 graduates had post-secondary placements in college, military, or career
 - Over 79% of 2021 graduates were accepted to a two- or four-year college
 - 4% of 2021 graduates had military placements
 - 17% of 2021 graduates had career placement
 - The graduation rate for 2021 was 91%.
- NAHS Guidance created the Jacket Support program, where counselors were made available during lunches to students for general guidance and counseling in the lunchroom
- NAHS Guidance created Money Mondays, where counselors are available for general financial aid and college cost counseling

Athletics

Wrestling:

Jack Johnson and David Havasy both placed 3rd at the Lower State Wrestling Championships, advancing to the State Championship

Ben Lindler, Jackson Syring, and Jack Johnson won their weight class in the regional wrestling tournament

Boys Tennis

Hosted Colleton County in a first-round playoff match

Girls Tennis

2nd in Region V AAAA

Competed in Region 5-AAAA Playoffs

Football

6-6 record, (3-1) in region play

2nd place in Region play

2nd Round Playoff participant

Drew Stevens was awarded 1st Team in the South Carolina Football Coaches Association, and was also selected to play in the North South All Star Game

DJ Curry received an honorable mention in the South Carolina

Football Coaches Association

Head Coach Matt Quinn hired for the 2022-2023 season

Drew Stevens committed to Iowa, Chase Tillman to Appalachian State

Clay Target Team

The varsity squad of Dayton Barrett, Cam Porter, and Matt Williams finished in 2nd place at NWTF (5th place overall)

Dayton Barrett, Cam Porter, and Matt Williams placed second at the State Championship in February against over 40 teams

Volleyball

8-14 Record, 4-4 in Region Play

Baseball

Currently 9-8 on the Season, 5-3 in region play

Varsity and JV teams competed in the High School Showcase game at SRP Park against Midland Valley, winning 11 to 1

Boys Soccer

Finished the regular season with a 17-2-1 record, including 8-0 in region play, marking the second straight year of an undefeated region schedule

3rd round seed in the 2022 playoffs

Winners of the 2022 SC Tournament

Girls Soccer

8-5 record, 4-3 in region play

Softball

Winners of the prestigious Byrnes Invitational tournament, Katelyn Cochran named All Tournament, Nevaeh Ross named tournament MVP

Winners of the Triple Crown Tournament

Current record of 24-1 with an undefeated Region record

Region winners, marking 7 straight years as Region champions

Donated over 300 canned goods in the "Strikeout Hunger" campaign

Kadence Adams (USCA), Katelyn Cochran (UCF), and Audri Bates (College of Charleston) signed college intent letters

Swimming

Katie Swann, Haley Winburn, Lauren Lusk, and Audrey Hammond represented NAHS at the AAAA Girls State Swim Meet

Lauren Lusk, Madison Steed, Lili Oliverio, Danielle Kursch, and Kennedy Cobb placed first in events at the Region Meet

Drew Pond, Jack Swann, Garrett Pond, and Travis Brown competed and finished 3rd in the region

Girls Golf

Cassady Fortson competed in the State finals tournament

Boys Golf

Finished 6th out of 32 teams at the Palmetto Invitational Championships

Matthew Baxley shot a 69 to win the South Carolina Junior Golf Association tournament in Lancaster, SC

Boys Basketball

17-9 Overall, 7-1 in Region play

Region Champions

Finished season on a five-game win streak

Third Round Playoff Participant

Region Player of the Year – Austin Harrell

Coach Tony Harrell was chosen to coach in the North/South All Star basketball game

Girls Basketball

21-3 Overall Record

Undefeated (8-0) in Region Play

Region Champion, Lower State Champions

Coach Al Young was chosen to coach in the North/South All Star basketball game

Peris Smith was named Region Player of the Year

Track and Field

Beginning the season on an undefeated streak, track and field defeated Laney High, defeating 3 other teams

Alyssa Sabeau signed a letter of intent with Lander University for Cross Country and Track

Fine Arts

The NAHS Art Honor Society won 2nd place in the Christmas Parade with their "Nightmare Before Christmas" float

The Visual Arts program continues to expand with the acquisition of a new full-time teaching position for 2022-2023

National Art Honor Society continues to be active in the North Augusta community, partnering with the Arts and Heritage Center for art shows and community service projects

Fine Arts (Continued)

Symphonic Band performed in Class 4 and earned an overall rating of Excellent

Wind Ensemble performed in Class 6 and earned a Superior Rating with Distinction, the highest rating possible for concert bands in South Carolina and will perform along with 20 of the finest Concert Bands in South Carolina in May at the South Carolina Band Directors Concert Band Festival

Twenty students attended the Region Honors Band Clinic at Lexington High School

The NAHS Orchestra received a superior rating for their performance at the Carowinds festival of music

Students participated in the 2022 Garcia Orchestra Festival

NAHS Orchestra students were invited to perform in a side-by-side concert experience with the Augusta University Orchestra

Community Service

Our Culinary clubs have provided luncheons for various community associations including the Aiken County School Board and serving faculty and staff at employee luncheons. Teacher Cadet again organized donations from students, staff, community and alumni to enable over forty local children to enjoy a gift-filled Christmas NAHS faculty and staff continued their long-standing tradition of contributions to the United Way, with an increase in total contributions from 2020-2021.

NAHS FBLA organized blood drives in conjunction with Sheppard Blood Center and the American Red Cross

Students Catherine Newman and Blake Jiunnies coordinated a fundraising event for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society

Sandspurs coordinated a Coat Drive for students in need of coats and outerwear

The Powderpuff football canned food drive provided four large boxes of food and canned goods to Golden Harvest Food Bank

Juniors Greer Worley, Ann Marie Partl, and Catherine Newman raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

NAHS students donated Christmas gifts to over 30 local families through the Martha Butts Christmas Child program

NAVY JROTC

NAHS JROTC hosted Lieutenant General Gervais, Deputy Commanding General / Chief of Staff of the United States Army Training and Doctrine command

The JROTC academic team placed 2nd overall in the regional academic brain brawl in Cary, North Carolina. Students travel to compete at the National Championship with 24 other teams in San Diego, California

12 students competed in the Area 6 rifle championships

BETA Club

Took Valentine's Day goodie bags to the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living while providing treats to the staff

Held a paper drive for Apparo Academy, a non-profit early intervention and education program

Partnered with Grace United Methodist Church to make 60 pumpkin pies for local food banks

Members of the Jacket Advocates gave out candy treat bags and shared information on how staff and students can help support efforts to cure blood cancer

Members washed faculty and staff automobiles to show appreciation

Members participated in Spooky to be Hungry, donating barrels of canned goods to local food shelters

Student Highlights

Palmetto Boys elections – Davis Neal, Hampton Bridgers, Drew Pond, and Ben Burch. Nicolas Toole and Mills Stone were named as alternates

Palmetto Girls State selections – Mackenzie Ainsworth, Emma Carter, Greer Worley. Taylor Spivey and Blake Jiunnies were named as alternates

Culinary Arts students Yaraliz Vargas and Olivia Turner ranked #5 in the State Pro Start Invitational competition

Culinary arts and Sandspurs students participated as volunteers in the Special Olympics held at Midland Valley

NAHS Academic Team participated in the County Championship Competition. Jeffrey Moody was named team MVP

NAHS was represented by three teams in the CERTS 2022 Cyber Challenge

Led by Mr. Travis Spears, community donations allowed the Aviation courses at NAHS to purchase a flight simulator for classroom use

The NAHS Buddy Club and special needs students participated in Unified Champions Spirit Week, celebrating inclusion for all students Blake Jiunnies, Mia Timmerman, and Michael Cohen swept the top three spots in the Optimist Club Essay Contest

Udorji Oji won Best of Show at the North Augusta Cultural Arts Student art show. Other winners were Genesis Gomez, Colton Vaughn, Ariaiah Ekre, Adriana Martinez, Baileigh Sweger, and O'Kari Owens

12 NAHS students completed Everfi financial literacy certification through the Employment Essentials program

Senior Joshua Davis competed in the Fortnite Twitch Rivals Streamer Bowl in Los Angeles, California, where he played with NFL Christian McCaffrey

Mr. Travis Spears was named a WJBF Golden Apple Teacher

Mrs. Angela Leyda was named Aiken County Special Programs Team Member of the Quarter

The Celebrate Freedom organization visited campus with STEM displays, military vehicles, and a Helicopter landing

Emily Howard was recognized for completing the OSHA Electricity credential through the Aiken County Career Center

Mario Viscarra was recognized for completing the Emergency Fire and Rescue OSHA credential at Aiken County Career Center

Student 2 Student

Chapter of the year award, presented by First Lady Jill Biden

Participants in the Community Trash bash

Students and staff walked over 900 miles in the S2S military child walk-a-thon

Students and staff participated in the S2S Military Child spirit week in April

Participated in Operation Gratitude, donating candy and treats to military families, veterans, and first responders

Kaylie Lewis represented North Augusta at the Frances Hesselbain Student Leadership Conference in West Point, NY, being recognized with the Suzy Carlton Leadership and Civic Responsibility Award

Mock Trial

Students were named Most Effective Attorney and Witness at the annual Mock Trial Competition

Dell Tech Crew

All 23 students in the Dell Tech Crew program were certified as Dell technicians in the first year of the program

Over 300 school device repairs have been done by the Tech Crew

The NAHS Tech Crew was featured in the Dell Technologies bi-monthly newsletter

The Tech Crew was featured on WRDW with a story on the certification of technicians

NAHS FBLA

Nine students qualified for National Competition in Chicago this Summer

Coordinated two blood drives with Sheppard Blood Center and the American Red Cross

Leadership team coordinated the School News Broadcast program

School Goals

As part of the school's continuous improvement plan, NAHS continued the following goals for 2021-2022:

- Increase leadership, project development, and participation opportunities for students.
- Improve school climate through opportunities and activities for all students
- Recognize and celebrate students, staff, and community members for their contributions to NAHS and beyond

School Facilities

A new concession and restroom area in the visitor's area of the Football field has been approved and will provide accessibility and amenities to visiting teams and community members

SIC Membership

Parents:

Leslie Jeffery

Trinika Mason

Kindra Sturgis

Community Members:

Brad Siverhus

Dena Thomas

Laurie Morrison

Faculty:

Caitlyn Berger

Kasey Davidson

Students:

Sean Fowley

Harlee Bryan

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