

North Augusta High School

2013-2014 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 1450 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 facilitate the ongoing implementation of Common Core state standards.

A continued emphasis has been placed on the Advanced Placement program which increased its overall exam passage rate. We also celebrated our first class of Honors Academy graduates. This program will continue to grow and to evolve to meet the diverse academic interests of our students.

Freshman Academy data indicates further success in decreasing discipline issues which reduce students' time in class causing drops 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

- 94.1% High School Exit Exam (HSAP).
- 392 Students took Advance Placement exams with an overall increase in passage rate.
- ACT composite score 20.5 with 149 students (state composite = 20.4).
- SAT composite score 1410 (79.8% of graduating seniors testing is among state's highest).
- Graduation rate: 79.4%.

- 76.5% End of Course Test Score pass rate (highest ever, 2.5% increase).
- Parent and student satisfaction on Report Card surveys showed significant growth in ALL areas.

Celebrate with Us

Academics

- North Augusta High continues its academic excellence by maintaining its overall report card rating of excellent.
- North Augusta Honors Academies celebrated its first graduates (approximately 30) and is diversifying to match the academic interests of students.
- North Augusta High School has again been awarded the prestigious Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement.
- Data continues to show the academic and behavioral success of the Freshman Academy.
- Robin Falin received a grant to incorporate an extensive Holocaust education component to our social studies curriculum
- Our Advanced Placement program has over 390 students enrolled and had a significant increase in exam passage rates.

Athletics: AAAA School

- 40 All State Scholar Athletes.
- 16 Student Athletes signed National Letters of Intent to play collegiate athletics.
- Varsity Girls Swimming was Region Champions and had 2 State Champion swimmers.
- Varsity Football was Region Champions and advanced to the State Semifinals.
- Varsity Boys Basketball was Region Champions and advanced to the second round of the playoffs.
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- Cross Country had a runner finish 2nd in the State Meet

- Varsity Football Head Coach was selected to serve as a coach in the prestigious South Carolina Shrine Bowl.
- Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach named Region Coach of the year.

The Arts

- Student won CSRA's Agnes Markwalter Youth Art Competition.
- NAHS Marching Band: Grand Champions and Dwight McMillan Award recipient -Orangeburg Tournament of Bands, 5th place-Carolina Winter Ensemble Championships, Invitee-2014 Magnificent Mile Holiday Parade (Chicago)
1 student-All State Orchestra and Jazz Band
18 students-All Region Honor Band

Student Competitions

- Beta Club:
State Convention: 1st place: Scrapbook, Campaign Skit; 2nd place: Group Talent
- Future Business Leaders of America:
State Convention: 10 students placed 1st, 7 students placed 2nd, 4 students placed 3rd.
- FBLA named Most Outstanding Chapter (2nd place), Newsletter and Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, Largest Membership (4A)
- Naval JROTC: 2 cadets qualified for 2014 National Rifle Championship
- Mock Trial: District Winners-Team Leadership, Best Lawyer, Best Witness

School Based Enterprise

- Exceptional students operate Jacket Espresso Coffee Shop.
- NJROTC cadets operate the school canteen

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.

Goals for 2013-2014

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

- 1) Continue to implement Common Core State Standards through a focus on assessment through writing.
- 2) Focus professional development on academic motivation for those traditionally not motivated to learn.
- 3) Continued focus on communication with students and parents and public relations in the community.

Update on School Facilities

Phase I of VII phases for rebuilding NAHS on the present location started this school year. The construction of this new facility is well underway and should open to begin the 2015-2016 school year. The School Improvement Council is working diligently to speed the completion of all building phases through increased revenue. To learn more, please contact our Aiken County School Board members.

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 2013-2014

Parents:

*Will Barnes
Mary Anne Bigger
Eddie Butler
Timothy Butler
Edie Corley-Stone
Janet Gordon
Freddie Grimm-Chairperson
Julie Hendrick
Mary Ann Park
David Sam
Lana Thomas
Jane Thornton
Rebecca Wall
Trina Johnston, PTSA President*

Students:

*Rachel Ayers
Katie Coyle
Patrick Lynn
Sam Wilkes*

Community Members:

*Jimmy Adams
Dea Baldwin
David Broaden
Tracy Hooks
Sandra Martinez
Chad Stokes
Debbie Vaughn
Lauren Virgo
Dr. John Younginer*

Faculty

*John Murphy, Principal
Paige Day
Mary Davey
Chuck Deen
Lynda Oswald
William Hudson*

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