

## North Augusta High School

### 2011-2012 School Report to the Community

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#### Mission Statement

*The mission of NAHS is to graduate students with the competence to contribute substantially to our world and to become effective lifelong learners and responsible citizens.*

NAHS is a comprehensive four year high school with a diverse population of 1600 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 selection 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 allows teachers time to plan together for curriculum consistency.

NAHS has introduced a school-wide writing program with a rubric that can be adapted across the curriculum. Students are assigned a writing project each month in one of their core classes.

#### 2011 Data

- 92.9% High School Exit Exam (HSAP).
- 260 Students took 390 Advanced Placement exams with 45% attaining a passing score of 3-5 (176 exams passed)!
- ACT composite score 21.4 (109 students).
- SAT composite score 1438 (71% of Seniors).
- Graduation rate: 74.7%.

NAHS offers a Credit Recovery Program and extended learning days to assist students who are academically behind.

We have continued to emphasize technology in the classroom with the addition of a technology classroom and two mobile classroom labs. All classrooms have been updated with overhead projection capability from computers. We will add at least five Smart Boards next year.

Quarterly Rewards Program implemented to recognize individual students for improvements in academics, attendance and behavior

## Celebrate with Us

#### Academics

- Two seniors were named National Merit Scholarship finalists.
- A senior was one of two District finalist for the SC Presidential Award.
- The Senior class earned approximately \$5 million in scholarships last year.
- Over 80% of Parents attended their child's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting.
- Approximately 80% of students from 2010-2011 attended a 2 or 4 year College.

#### Athletics: AAAA School

- 35 All State Scholar Athletes.
- Varsity Football: advanced to State semi-finals.
- Varsity Women's Swimming: won a State Championship.
- Varsity Men's Tennis: advanced to Regional Playoffs.
- Varsity Volleyball: advanced to State Quarter Finals .
- Varsity Girls' Softball: advanced to State. playoffs and were ranked #1 in the State.
- NAHS received the Regional Sportsmanship award.

#### The Arts

- Student art on display: NA Art & Heritage Center, and the Gertrude Institute of Art.
- NAHS Marching Band  
Mustang Classic Grand Champions,  
23 students: SCBDA Region Honors Band,  
3 students: SCBDA all State Band,  
Indoor Percussion Ensemble and Winter,  
Guard awarded Silver Medal at the State  
Championship.

## Celebrate with Us continued

### Student Competitions

- Beta Club  
*State Convention:* 1<sup>st</sup> place: Scrapbook, Spelling, Quiz Bowl, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Oratory, Campaign Skit, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Banner  
*Advancement to Nationals.*
- Future Business Leaders of America  
*State Convention:* 1<sup>st</sup> place: Community Service, Public Speaking, Partnership and Business.
- Two students elected to State offices.  
Awards: State Chapter of the Year & Gold Seal Award of Merit & Local Chapter Newsletter Award of Merit  
*Advancement to National.*
- Naval Junior ROTC placed 7<sup>th</sup> nationally in shooting.

### School-Based Student Enterprise

- Exceptional Students start Jacket Espresso Coffee Shop.
- Culinary Arts Students prepare food for Sage Valley Junior Invitational Golf Tournament.

## Community Service

Students and faculty donated tens of thousands of dollars to local charity and nearly two hundred pints of blood. Our student service organizations provided thousands of hours to the local community.

## School Operations Funding

According to the 2011 State Report Card per pupil spending for NAHS is \$5,559, down 13.6% from the previous year. Budget cuts have resulted in a decrease in the number of teachers, an increased

class size, and a need for teachers to teach 5.5 periods of the 7 period day.

## Goals for 2012-2013

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

- Expand the use of data to differentiate instruction and implement Common Core Standards.
- Implement nine Honors Academies offering students the opportunity to earn a graduation cord and school-based diploma in one of nine different academic areas.
- Establish a Freshman Academy for effective transition into high school.
- Expand our student mentoring program to include community volunteers to serve as mentors.
- Continue to seek ways to strengthen parents and the community partnerships in addressing student need to improve graduation rates.

## Update on School Facilities

In 1969 NAHS moved to its present location, with additions built in 1975, 1986, and 1992. With increases in curriculum requirements for graduation and student population growth, facility expansion and upgrade is needed.

Design for phase I of VII phases for rebuilding NAHS on the present location will begin in 2013-2014. To learn more, please

contact our Aiken County School Board members.

## SIC Members for 2012-2012

### Parents:

*Will Barnes- SIC Chairperson  
Dea Baldwin,  
Edie Corley-Stone,  
Freddie Grimm,  
Joy Murdock,  
Gwen Spivey,  
Rebecca Wall,  
Mary Ann Park  
Trina Johnson, PTA President*

### Students:

*Patrick Lynn  
Will Harris  
Madelyn Myers  
Allie Jacobs  
Matthew Larry*

### Community Members:

*Eddie Butler  
John Felak  
Judy Whaley  
Sebastian Green*

### Faculty

*Rick Gill  
Kathy Gambill  
Sue Carrick  
Collette Johnson  
Todd Bornscheuer*

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

## In Appreciation

NAHS greatly appreciates the strong support of the North Augusta Community in furthering the academic and athletic excellence of our students. Suggestions for improvements of our school program are always welcome.