



North Augusta High School

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2010-2011 School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents

Mission: *to graduate students with the competence to contribute substantially to our world and to become effective lifelong learners and responsible citizens.*

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2010-2011 at a Glance

The economic situation has required our school community to evaluate programs and needs as never before. The faculty and staff enjoy the support of students, parents, community members and businesses in facing these challenges. In the 2010-2011 school year, we focused on providing an engaging environment for all students through a continued emphasis on technology access, instructional improvement, and at-risk programming. Our students garnered acclaim through the graduation rate, the School Report Card, athletic and co-curricular involvement.

Academic improvements included the implementation of \$100,000 in technology for classroom instruction. The goal was to create equally engaging classroom opportunities in every classroom, at every level. We focused in-service opportunities on instructional improvement and at-risk programming.

North Augusta High School's graduation rate jumped from 64.2% in 2009 to 76.7% in 2010, the highest leap in the county! The School Report Card showed growth to a "Good" absolute rating. The school received a "Silver" award from the state for closing the achievement gap. Advanced Placement grew to include 11 courses with nearly 25% of our population taking advantage of the opportunity.

Research shows that strong co-curricular and extra-curricular involvement translates to academic and social gains and pride in school. There was no shortage here, as the varsity football team made it to the State Semi-Final Round and the first Region Championship in sixteen years. Boys and Girls Basketball teams made it to playoffs, with the girls winning the Region. Spring sports are currently winning their way to additional playoffs.

In co-curricular areas, NJROTC was again a Distinguished Unit and a large contingent competed nationally. The Yellow Jacket Regiment was 8th in marching season, with a State Championship in Winter Drumline and third place in Color Guard.

The Future Business Leaders of America were tops in the state for the fifth straight year, with national competition looming. The Culinary Arts students placed 2nd in the NATION in competition last summer.

Plans for 2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 school year, we will have several areas of academic focus. Our goal of continuous improvement through faculty, staff, and community involvement drive our passion.

We will working toward a full-functioning Freshman Academy. This initiative has the potential to transform the way we deliver services, creating a "school within a school" environment where 9th grade students essentially have their own school. This system alleviates social and academic distractions for 9th grade students, leading to fewer discipline issues school-wide and lowering the 9th grade retention rate.

We will also focus on reading and writing across the curriculum. We began investigating formalization of this process in 2010-2011, with the obvious goal of improving students as readers and writers in all content areas.

We will also focus on data in ways we have never done so before. We will use this focus to drive lesson planning and instruction with the focus of engaging all learners at all levels.

We have completed yet another highly successful year and look forward to working with you and your child to make 2011-2012 even more productive!

If you have questions or comments, please call us at (803)442-6100.