

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2015-2016



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MESSAGE FROM HEAD PRINCIPAL KENNY FARRELL

Summerville High School home of the Green Wave! Established in 1924, SHS has developed a tradition of pride and excellence in a multitude of areas including, but not limited to, academics, fine arts and athletics. Summerville High School had another great year, scoring EXCELLENT on the Absolute rating of our school report card, which means that our school substantially exceeded the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision.

We have continued to grow in our programs to fulfill our mission to prepare our students to be lifelong learners who are caring productive citizens; as a result, our school community has ex-

panded in its achievements and accolades. We offer an Early College program, Accelerate Engineering program, ECPI, a STEM Academy, dual enrollment opportunities, a Bio-medical program, Sports Medicine program, Media Technology program and a wide variety of Advanced Placement classes and extensive testing utilizing ACT, WorkKeys and ASVAB to ensure that our students are competitive for admission into colleges, armed forces and/or the work force.

As we reflect on the 2015-2016 school year, I am proud of the accomplishments achieved through the hard work and dedication of our staff and most importantly, our students.

The Summerville community has great reason to celebrate the product of Dorchester 2 schools through their contributions financially, in mentorships and time donated, employment and other resources that they provide to our students. It truly takes a village to raise a child! I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our future generations of Green Wave.

The purpose of this report is to provide vital information about our school to all of stakeholders so that we can be informed collaborators in making Summerville High School the best school in the state of South Carolina.

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Summerville High School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and challenging learning environment which prepares and encourages all students to be lifelong learners who are caring, productive citizens.

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Enrollment as of 4/2016: 2,900

On-Time Graduation Rate: 83.3%

EOC Passage Rates

- ♦ Algebra I83.0%
- ♦ English I79.1%
- ♦ Biology.....84.2%
- ♦ U.S. History72.1%

WE ARE CONNECTED!

Students and parents can connect with us on Facebook by “liking” us at <https://www.facebook.com/shsgreenwave>.

Students and parents can also sign up for text reminders: text @shswave16 to 81010.

If parents are members of our school fusion, they can elect to receive daily email updates from SHS.

Summerville High School also has a new webpage: http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Summerville_High_School.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

- ♦ Michael Allen
- ♦ Valerie Blunt
- ♦ Courtney Bunao
- ♦ Preston Giet
- ♦ Trey Hodges
- ♦ Matt Legare
- ♦ Michelle Leviner
- ♦ Jennifer Tracy

2016-2017 Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement:

Goal 1: To improve communication between the school and all stakeholders: A plan was discussed to have a Google Form added to the SHS website to provide an outlet for parents and students to bring up any idea or issues that they feel Summer-ville High School needs to address.

Goal 2: To continue to increase student school spirit. Plans were developed to have spirit weeks during the school year. A fall, winter, and spring spirit week are sponsored by the student leadership class for students to show their school spirit through multiple events.

Goal 3: To continue Teacher Appreciation efforts. SHS, along with its PTSA and SIC, will continue its tradition of

celebrating our teachers and increasing teacher morale by hosting a series of events during Teacher Appreciation Week. Scheduled events include breakfast for teachers in the principal's office, different lunches for teachers, small gift packages for all teachers, and a "raffle" of gifts donated by SIC members and their friends, family, and the businesses that they patronize in the SHS community.

Additional Strategies to Promote Student Success:

- ◆ Structured Learning Time is scheduled for students who are behind in their classes during ILT in order for students to get extra help in a subject area.
- ◆ We continue to provide credit recovery opportunities for students who are behind in their classes or in the number of credits needed for graduation.
- ◆ School-wide Student Improvement Plans have been created to encourage mastery of course content.

Special Honors and Awards:

- ◆ Pat Toliver -Guidance Counselor of the Year
- ◆ Elena Schupp -Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Mercedes Jordan - Rookie Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Mary Catherine Causey- Rookie Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Nancy Truitt- Star Performer of the Year

A Sample of Our 2015-2016 School Achievements:

- ◆ Summerville High School was awarded "Gold" status by the State Department of Education.
- ◆ Summerville High School students have participated in and been successful in a variety of academic events and competitions, including Quest, the Winthrop Model United Nations Competition where the SHS team won the Winthrop Cup, and several essay-writing competitions.
- ◆ Summerville NJROTC cadets earned several awards and were named a National Distinguished Unit.
- ◆ The SHS Leadership class won the Silver service award from the Jefferson Awards Foundation.
- ◆ For the first year, SHS will

have 19 students walk across the stage with not only a high school diploma, but also an Associates Degree from Trident Technical College.

- ◆ The 2015-2016 Senior class is projected to earn \$15 million in scholarships.

Athletics:

- ◆ SHS Boys Cross Country Region Champions
- ◆ SHS Boys and Girls Track and Field Region Champions
- ◆ SHS Girls Basketball Co-Region Champions
- ◆ SHS Boys Tennis Region Champions
- ◆ SHS Baseball Co-Region Champions

Fine Arts:

- ◆ SHS Varsity Winter Guard-World Champi-

onships Scholastic Open Class Finalist

- ◆ SHS Chorale earned straight superior ratings at the SC choral state festival
- ◆ Several of our visual art students won awards for their work presented at the Southeastern Wildlife Expo.

WAVE TV (Media Tech)

- ◆ Won the PaceMaker Award from National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) for the best daily broadcast in the nation. (Highest Award Possible)
- ◆ Named Best Videography, Reporter, News Story, Sports, Graphics, Music Video, Short Film in the south by the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA)

SIC Members

Kenny Farrell, Principal
Capt. Jerry Hupp, SIC Chair
Michael Allen, Assistant Principal

Students:

- ◆ Brittany Dunn
- ◆ Jeremy Flood

Parents:

- ◆ Heather Hansen
- ◆ Victor Huddas
- ◆ Kelly Kennedy
- ◆ Georgetta Simmons

Faculty:

- ◆ Mary Bové
- ◆ Ashton Duncan
- ◆ Lindsey Dworschak
- ◆ Erin Greenblat
- ◆ Dustin McConnell