

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2016-2017



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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.

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 expanded 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 pro-

gram, Culinary Arts 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 college and career ready upon graduation.

As we reflect on the 2016-2017 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 4/2017: 2,981
On-Time Graduation Rate: 85.7 %
EOC Passage Rates

- ♦ Algebra I78.4%
- ♦ English I83.8%
- ♦ Biology.....83.1%
- ♦ U.S. History76.5%

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
- ♦ Trey Hodges
- ♦ Robert King
- ♦ 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 Google Form was added to the SHS website to provide an outlet for parents and students to bring up any idea or issues that they feel Summerville 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 in-

creasing 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.

Special Honors and Awards:

- ◆ Miranda Knight— Guidance Counselor of the Year/District Guidance Counselor of the Year
- ◆ Brent Hamric-Teacher of the Year/District Honor Teacher
- ◆ Eric Huff- Rookie Teacher of the Year
- ◆ Rachel Page- Star Performer of the Year

A Sample of Our 2016-2017 School Achievements:

- ◆ 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 GOLD service award from the Jefferson Awards Foundation.
- ◆ The SHS Robotics team made it to the Semifinals at the World Championships in Houston, Texas.
- ◆ SHS will have 20 students

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

- ◆ The 2016-2017 Senior class is projected to earn approx. \$10 million in scholarships.

Athletics:

- ◆ **SHS Baseball Co-Region Champions**
- ◆ **Boys Basketball Region Player of the Year—Shaq Davis**
- ◆ **Boys Tennis Region Coach of the Year — David Long**

Fine Arts:

- ◆ **Chloe Worthy and Mackenzie Barrett won the SC PTA Reflections contest for Photography and will be headed to the national competi-**

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- ◆ **SHS Theatre Department earned 1st place in Public Speaking at the S.C. Theatre competition.**
- ◆ **Several students from our visual arts program won awards at the Coastal Carolina Fair for their artwork displays.**
- ◆ **The Intermediate and Advanced Steel Bands received superior ratings at the S.C. Steel Band festival.**

SIC Members

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

Students:

- ◆ Avonlea Knode
- ◆ Jeremy Flood

Parents:

- ◆ Brooke Doggett
- ◆ Shayla Toliver
- ◆ Kristin Eagan

Faculty:

- ◆ Mary Bové
- ◆ Ashton Duncan
- ◆ Mary Catherine Causey
- ◆ Erin Greenblat
- ◆ Mike Troxel