



# Fort Dorchester High School

## School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents 2023-2024

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### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TRIPP ALDREDGE

Fort Dorchester High School is preparing all students for college and careers by providing a world-class educational experience. The academic programs of study at Fort Dorchester High School are designed to meet the needs of all students. Our academic offerings include a newly implemented DD2 Virtual Academy, College Prep courses, Early College Credit, Honors courses, AP Studies, ECPI, and Credit Recovery. Students are allowed the opportunity to earn transferable college credits through multiple programs. Our Early College program provides students the opportunity to earn a two-year Associate of Arts degree while still in high school with our partnership with Trident Technical College. Our Advanced Placement program continues to grow with more students pushing themselves to take rigorous courses and earn college credits. AP courses give our students more access to a college-focused curriculum. Fort Dorchester High School prepares college-bound students to excel.

Our school strives to mold academic, career, and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging. Students benefit from opportunities in engineering, biomedical science, robotics, computer programming, business entrepreneurship, marketing, sports medicine, and culinary arts. Fort Dorchester High School offers students an extensive selection in the arts to include art, photography, 3D art, media art, piano, chorus, orchestra, band, theater, dance, and steel drums. The Patriot band and fine arts programs are growing, involving more students each year, and developing award-winning artists. Our JROTC program is expanding and growing future leaders of our Armed Services. Courses through our partnership with ECPI even offer our students opportunities to earn credentials in computer science and programming. Fort Dorchester High School prepares career-focused students to excel.

We are so proud of the efforts of our students and the dedication of our faculty and staff. Our school improvement council's focus is to continue to encourage student/staff morale, support honoring academic achievement, and improving college and career readiness. Students and staff continue to be recognized through Patriot of the Month awards and have been recognized this year for their academic performance through ACE awards for honor roll. This year the school improvement council focused on supporting students in the area College and Career Readiness. Students participated in a Resume Writing Workshop in conjunction with ECPI.



### SIC Members

Tripp Aldredge, Principal  
Andrew Young, Faculty, Chair  
Rebekah Hornke, Faculty  
Alaina Rodriguez, Student  
Lauren English, Student  
Elyse Benitez Moore, Parent  
Christine Konopaski, Parent  
Ronald Neil, Community  
Tim Jamison, Community  
Helenia Walker, Community  
Cassandra Parker, Faculty  
Tawanna Jamison, Faculty

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## Fort Dorchester High School Patriot Pride

- Teacher of the Year- William Dowd
- Rookie Teacher of the Year-Shawna Dover
- DD2 Honor Rookie of the Year- Shawna Dover
- Counselor of the Year- Portia Neat
- Star Performer of the Year-Jody Williams
- SCEAMA-Youth Art Month Sponsor of the Year Award – Stephanie Shank
- Robotics- Team 342 earned the Impact Award in STEM initiatives
- Chorus- Multiple students selected to participate in SC All-State Choir
- Concert Band -South Carolina Outstanding Performance Award
- Multiple students qualified for FBLA Nationals
- Multiple Fine Arts students won Gold and Silver Key awards in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- HOSA - State Leadership Conference -1 first place teams in their event;(2) 2<sup>nd</sup> place; (2) 3<sup>rd</sup> place events; 12 students qualify to go to the International Leadership Conference
- Multiple students qualified and earned a South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy
- Mock Trial Team -District winners; 7<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in the State competition
- Boys' Golf- Region Champions
- Three District and State PTSA Reflections winners; 1 Merit Award Winner; 2 of the 3 students are competing in Nationals
- Student Council received Gold Honor Council- SCASC State Conference; first place for their Tireless Teacher Recognition Program
- Multiple students qualified to compete in the High School eSports League Spring Major Championship Playoffs
- Students served through special services participated in Unified Track Meets
- Archery students State Championship winners; competing in Nationals



## Graduation Rate ⓘ

### On-Time Graduation Rate



## College and Career Readiness ⓘ

### Students in the graduation cohort who are college OR career ready

