



Fort Dorchester High School

School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents 2024-2025

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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 incredibly proud of our students' hard work and the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff. This year, our School Improvement Council (SIC) has remained focused on fostering a positive environment by uplifting student and staff morale, celebrating academic achievement, and enhancing college and career readiness. Students and staff have continued to receive recognition through our Patriot of the Month awards, and many students have also been honored for their academic success with ACE awards and achieving honor roll status. A key area of focus for the SIC this year has been promoting College and Career Readiness. We've worked to raise awareness of the various Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways available to our students. As a team, we helped broaden the understanding of CTE and its benefits by designing informational bulletin boards and producing a video in collaboration with DD2, which was shared with all stakeholders. Additionally, our students had the opportunity to explore potential career paths by participating in a job fair hosted by the FDHS Counseling Department.



SIC Members

Tripp Aldredge, Principal
Krista Martin, Faculty, Chair
Shawna Dover, Faculty
Isaiah York, Faculty
Ronson Parker, Student
Lauren English, Student
Joyce Bailey, Parent
Rebekah Hornke, Parent
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Fort Dorchester High School Patriot Pride

2023-2024 Overall Rating

Excellent
71

School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

- Teacher of the Year- Alan Johnson
- Rookie Teacher of the Year- Molly Hughey
- Counselor of the Year- Mary Beth Gonzales
- Star Performer of the Year- Joel Banias
- Palmetto's Finest Finalist.
- Ranked #18 out of all traditional high schools in the entire state of South Carolina.
- Multilingual Learner Success Rate- #4 in the State.
- Arts in Basic Curriculum Certified School.
- Two HOSA students were elected State Officers, President and Community and Membership Liaison.
- Senior committed to Winthrop University for eSports.
- Stephanie Shank was awarded Art Educator of the Year by the SC Art Educator's Association.
- Archery got 2nd at state and will be competing at Nationals in May.
- Robotics got 2nd place at State. They were invited to the World Championship, placing 61st out of 601 teams.
- Patriot's Jazz Band earned Superior with Distinction at SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment.
- FBLA had 20 members qualify to compete at Nationals this June, including 6 first place qualifiers.
- Students that are served through special services participated in Unified Track Meets.
- Chorus performed at SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment and received an overall Excellent rating.
- Beta took 25 students to State, with 2 students moving on to Nationals in June.
- The Mock Trial team placed 1st at the District Competition, taking home all 6 individual awards.
- Student Council received Gold Honor Council by the SCASC.
- FDHS Theatre competed for the first time at the Palmetto Dramatics Association; 4 students received Superior Ratings
- The culinary department was awarded Katie's Crops 2024 School of the Year.

On-Time Graduation Rate

School 95.5% (505 / 529)



District 89.4% (1742 / 1949)



State 85.4% (51890 / 60767)



College and Career Readiness ⓘ

Students in the graduation cohort who are college OR career ready

School 80.9% (428 / 529)



District 80.3% (1553 / 1933)



State 71.5% (43379 / 60700)

