



Fort Dorchester High School

School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents 2022-2023

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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 and involving more students each year. 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. This year our school improvement council's focus is "Preparation for Tomorrow." Our goals were increasing morale and supporting student growth in the areas of college and career readiness. We contacted and collaborated with local businesses in preparation for a college and career readiness room for students to participate in mock interviews, complete applications, and apply for employment. We assisted the Business Entrepreneurship class along with PTSA in the prom dress presentation and pop-up shop giveaway for students that faced barriers to enjoying the prom. Our school continues to increase community involvement by preparing students to be productive and contributing members of society through a myriad of volunteer opportunities offered through Beta club this year. Students participated in monthly clean up sessions, donating canned goods and shoebox gifts for children during Christmas, assisted the DD2 Education Foundation with all three movie nights, assisted several clubs and sports with fundraising and competitions throughout the year.



SIC Members

Tripp Aldredge, Principal
Cassandra Parker, Faculty, Chair
Rebekah Hornke, Faculty
Andrew Barton, Student
Amy Nguyen, Student
Elyse Benitez Moore, Parent
Dr. Karen Meadows, Parent
Ronald Neil, Community
Tim Jamison, Community
Helenia Walker, Community
Kevin Morrissey, Faculty
Tawanna Jamison, Faculty

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Fort Dorchester High School Patriot Pride

2021-2022 Overall Rating

Excellent
69

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

- Teacher of the Year- Cassandra Parker
- Rookie Teacher of the Year- Ellen Lundstrom
- DD2 Honor Rookie of the Year- Ellen Lundstrom
- Counselor of the Year- Dr. Donna Huger
- Star Performer of the Year- Patrick Branham
- South Carolina Music Educator of the Year -Lindsey Esterdahl
- South Carolina Art Educator of the Year – Kevin Morrissey
- SCMEA-Administrator of the Year- Tripp Aldredge
- Chorus- Multiple students selected to participate in SC All-State Choir
- Concert Band -Superior ratings at Concert Performance Adjudication
- Multiple students qualified for FBLA Nationals
- HOSA - State Leadership Conference -2 first place teams in their event; 2 students in the top 5; Multiple 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; ranked 4th in the state
- Girls' Golf- Marlie Duarte qualified for State
- Robotics- Team 342 earned 5th place in Peachtree Championships
- Multiple district level PTSA Reflections winners, State winner-Alyssa Lewis
- Varsity Football- Region 8 5A Champions; State Runner Up
- Student Council received Gold Honor Council- SCASC State Conference
- Multiple students qualified to compete in the High School eSports League Spring Major Championship Playoffs

Graduation Rate ⓘ

On-Time Graduation Rate



College and Career Readiness ⓘ

Students in the graduation cohort who are college OR career ready

