

## Strategies For School Improvement

- Emphasize the safety and care of our students as priority one.
- Continue the Guidance & Advisement Program for all students.
- Offer Extra Help Sessions to students throughout the school day and after school.
- Design opportunities which enhance career readiness and college preparedness.
- Use data teams to analyze assessments such as MAP, ACT Aspire, ACT, ACT Work Keys, and E.O.C. tests to drive the instructional program.
- Communicate with parents and other stakeholders through School Improvement Council meetings, emails, Parent Portal, Open House, Parent Conferences, Report Card Pick-Up, & School Messenger.

## School Report Card

Schools did not receive a rating for accountability purposes, due to changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee.

Palmetto **Gold Award Winner** 2014-15 for excellence results in General Performance.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments.

The administration wishes to thank the faculty and staff, students, and parents for their continued hard work and unwavering support.

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## Report to the Community

Lori Brownlee-Brewton  
Principal

Abbeville County School  
District

Dr. Jonathan Phipps,  
Superintendent

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**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

*The 2015-16 school year has been one of academic growth for Dixie High School. Our students have experienced many successes in academics, athletics, and with extracurricular activities. Dixie High was once again a recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance. Our students are proving themselves scholastically and socially. Many are involved in activities at school and participate civically in their community. In order to follow our mission of establishing the foundation for lifelong learning, we ask for your support and involvement in the development and education of all Dixie High School students.*

**Lori Brownlee-Brewton, Principal**

### **Our Beliefs**

1. Student learning should be the primary focus of all decisions impacting the work of the school.
2. Students learn best when they have appropriate opportunities for success.
3. Students need to demonstrate their understanding of essential knowledge and skills.
4. Students need to apply their learning actively to solve problems and to produce quality work.
5. Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.
6. Challenging expectations increase individual student performance.
7. Assessments of student learning should provide students with a variety of opportunities to demonstrate their achievement.
8. A student's self-esteem and attitude toward learning are enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.
9. A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
10. Teachers, administrators, parents, students, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to establish the foundation for lifelong learning by assuring optimal learning for all students through a positive, yet challenging environment.

### **2015 Test Scores**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>Composite Score</b>	<b>1375</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>Composite Score</b>	<b>17.2</b>

#### **End of Course Tests-Overall Percentage: All Tests {English 1, Biology 1, US History}**

<b>Passage Rate by Spring 2015</b>	<b>85.8%</b>
<b>Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate</b>	<b>85.9%</b>
<b>Annual Dropout Rate</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

#### **School Report**

Dixie High School continues to provide opportunities for our students to be successful in multiple areas of their lives. We have students who have received very prestigious scholarships: including Life Scholars, and Palmetto Scholars.

Our students are engaged in advanced courses such as Dual Enrollment, AP English, and various courses taken at Piedmont Technical College, as well as, Erskine College.

FBLA continues to lead as a high achieving organization with 28 members qualifying for State Competition and 8 members qualifying for National Competition, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The FFA has been very successful in horticulture and has participated in soil judging, meat-identifying, and leaf-identifying competitions, on the local, state, and national levels. This year, the AG classes raised "Dixie Chicks", where the produce from the chicks were given to those in need in our community.

The Beta Club participated in the Angel Tree by volunteering to wrap gifts for those less fortunate during the holiday season. The Interact Club raised funds for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. The National Honor Society participated in the Abbeville County Relay for Life to help find a cure for various cancers. Athletic teams, clubs, & organizations also contributed monetarily towards the Abbeville County Relay for Life.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a very active campus organization and is available to students every Wednesday morning. The C.H.I.L.L., a student-based faith club was organized and enjoyed great success and participation.

School attendance was high for both students and teachers. Student attendance increased significantly with the enforced attendance policy. The attendance rate was 95.8%.

Dixie High School had 72 students in the Four-year Cohort who earned diplomas in 2015. This corresponds to a 85.9% on-time graduation rate. 56.8% of our 2015 graduating class were eligible for LIFE Scholarship.