

Strategies For School Improvement

- Emphasize the safety and care of our students as priority one.
- Offer Extra Help Sessions to students throughout the school day and after school.
- Design opportunities which enhance career readiness and college preparedness.
- Communicate with parents and other stakeholders through School Improvement Council meetings, emails, Parent Portal, Open House, Parent Conferences, Report Card Pick-Up, & School Messenger.

Profile of the South Carolina Graduate:

World Class Knowledge:

Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness. Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences.*

World Class Skills:

Creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and teamwork, communication, information, media and technology, knowing how to learn.

Life and Career Characteristics:

Integrity, self-direction, global perspective, perseverance, work ethic, interpersonal skills.

WIN: 2018 South Carolina Career Readiness Assessment: given to all 11th graders in the following categories:

- Applied Mathematics
- Reading for Information
- Locating Information
- Essential Soft Skills

Dixie High School
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Report to the Community

Lori Brownlee-Brewton
Principal

Abbeville County School
District

Dr. Betty Jo Hall,
Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2017-18 school year has been one of academic growth for Dixie High School. Our students have experienced many successes in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. 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.

2017 Test Scores

SAT

Composite Score 1038
(Reading, Writing, Math)

ACT

Composite Score 19.2
(English, Math, Reading, Science)

ACT WorkKeys: Percentage of students meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on Workkeys, 2017:

82.9% Applied Mathematics

97.4% Reading for Information

82.9% Locating Information

End of Course Tests-Overall Percentage:

All Tests {English 1, Biology 1, US History}

Dixie is above the State Average in every subject.

Passage Rate by Spring 2017 80.8%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate 87.2%

Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate 83.5%

Annual Dropout Rate 4.3%

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 English 101 & 102, Teacher Cadet, and various courses taken at Piedmont Technical College, as well as at Erskine College.

Dixie High School had 62.7% of Seniors in 2017 who were eligible for LIFE/Palmetto Fellows Scholarships. We had 87.3% of students from the 2016 Graduating Class who enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college.

FBLA continues to lead as a high achieving organization with 33 members qualifying for State Competition and 10 members qualifying for National Competition, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland in June 2018

The FFA has continued to be successful and has participated in soil judging, meat-identifying, and leaf-identifying competitions, on the local, state, and national levels. Several members competed once again at the National Convention, held in Indianapolis, IN in October 2017. Under the direction of our new AG teacher, our AG classes have produced beautiful flowers and vegetation during the 2018 Spring Semester with the addition of our new Green House.

The Beta Club continues to participate in the local Angel Tree Program by volunteering to wrap gifts for those less fortunate during the holiday season. The Interact Club continued to raise funds for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child, increasing their impact double-fold during the 2017 Holiday Season. The Interact Club is also working with the Special Olympics and Youth Mental Aid. The National Honor Society participated in the Abbeville County Relay for Life, as well as volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in Anderson, S.C. Our 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. Several of our students attended Mission Trips abroad to expand their efforts of reaching young children.

School attendance was high for both students and teachers. Student attendance increased significantly with the enforced attendance policy. The attendance rate was 94.9%. Our students enjoy attending school. We strive to make Dixie a nurturing, safe, and student-friendly campus., with a high emphasis on school safety & security.