South Florence High School SIC Report

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Building School-Community Pride

SFHS data indicate SIC commitment to building world-class knowledge in students. For the past two years, SFHS has exceeded SIC goals and the state average in 4-year and 5-year graduation rate. SFHS Advanced Placement passage rates increased 6% over last year and exceeded state and global averages. Three (3) students were selected as a part of the nationwide cohort of 60 high school juniors selected nationwide into the rigorous Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America. SFHS facilitated life and career success indicators in students through implementing a variety of innovation grants this year. Students wrote and received a Tony Cook Memorial Grant for the International Club. SIC researched telemedicine options for the school and advised the process with MUSC support for a telemedicine grant with school implementation in 2016-17. SIC Collaboration with community partners created multiple service-learning opportunities promoting health and wellness, initiatives such as a health careers fair, cultivating the school garden and conducting vision screenings. SFHS initiatives like monthly advisories, JAG, Leadership Class, Graduate Florence Academy, after school tutoring, credit recovery, and Highway to Higher Education Program encouraged student selfdirectedness, hard work, and school pride.

SFHS Data	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
4-Yr Grad Rate	76.9%	77.6%	77.7%	81.0%*	82.6%**
5-Yr Grad Rate	81.4%	79.5%	82.5%	82.1% *	85.4% **
EOC - All tests	65.5%	68.3%	68.0%	70.7% *	68.3%
Algebra 1	79.7%	72.7%	76.5%	87.9%	67.7%
English 1	76.0%	72.6%	66.9%	63.6%	67.9%
Biology	58.2%	69.8%	73.0%	68.0%	69.4%
US History	52.6%	57.5%	57.5%	64.2%	68.2%
AP Tests	47.5%	55.0%	49.2%	50.3%	56.8%
School Report Card	Good	Good	Good	N/A	N/A



SF celebrates the SIC accomplishment of getting the Red Bud Lane water tower painted with the SF logo.

SIC School Renewal Goals for 2016-2017

- Increase 4-year graduation rate to 83%.
- Increase 5-year graduation rate to 86%
- Increase End-of-course composite passage rate to 71%.
- Increase the median average of parents and students satisfied with learning environment to 80%.
- SFHS will maintain "all clear" status on school accreditation from SC DOE.

School Improvement Council 2016-17

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SFHS was a top-five state contender for the prestigious SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Award for Excellence for a second year in a row!



^{* 2014-15} SIC Goals Exceeded



Spanish Save-the-Date messages advertise 1:1 Rollout.



Trent Blackmon of the Highway Program works on an English 2 assignment, using his Chromebook.



Family members celebrate Kamarie Goodman's success in the GFA program.



The SIC telemedicine initiative helps more students stay healthy at SFHS this year!



Kayla Black works with an iPad she received as a part of the SIC 1:1

South Florence High 2016-17 School Improvement Council Promoted...

Strengthening Family and Community Partnerships

The SIC wrote a grant to fund a 1:1 technology initiative. Then the real work began. After receiving the grant, teachers, students, and families needed training in Google Chromebooks and software uses. The logistics of receiving, processing, and distributing 1700 Chromebooks had to be orchestrated. Follow-up to make sure the Chromebooks were enhancing student engagement, instruction, assessment, and learning needed to be monitored. The SIC contributed time, thought, manpower, and resources throughout the process... and continues to do so. The SIC reinvented the school's academic and arts showcase night, *Simply the Best*, making this event the school's Chromebook Rollout Night.

The SIC also wrote a \$3,000 Dollar General Literacy Grant, giving the school additional monies for e-subscriptions to promote reading using the Chromebooks.

Plus, the SIC helped create the vision and text for the EEDA funded Highway for Higher Education Grant, and also celebrated and participated in a recognition ceremony for these overage, at-risk students who are successfully working to earn enough credits in one calendar-year to promote from freshmen to juniors. Graduate Florence Academy (GFA) students working to earn 8th and 9th grade units in one school year were also a part of this ceremony.

Increasing Student Support Services

The Highway to Higher Education Grant also expanded behavioral health services, so now students are able to receive Behavioral Health Counseling in summer months.

For the first time, the SIC was able to see another one of its long-term goals realized as capacity was built to create Spanish translations of parent notifications, and Spanish-language documents related to the Chromebook rollout were created. Since then, additional text-translations and bi-lingual conversations remain ongoing.

SIC continued its focus on encouraging SFHS progress with its telehealth initiative as

the school staff engaged in training, and the collaboration worked through red-tape. SFHS began presenting students for telehealth using the telemedicine equipment and MUSC Nurse Practitioner services in December 2016.

Hallway Reminute Being Mindful:

Be considerate of other processing and the collaboration worked through red-tape.

Living the SF Mantra... Simply the Best!

In addition to being the only high school in Florence School District One(FSD1) with a water tower, SFHS is now also the only FSD1 high school with 1:1 technology. Plus, the SIC help in implementing improvements using a \$5,000 Lowe's Grant has increased positive school poster-messages for students and is in progress to create a new look to the SFHS commons and lobby area.

SFHS SIC is proud of the vision and energy it has provided the school, and proud that it has been able to convert its vision and energy into visible improvements that are influencing student

behavior and learning and are also improving quality of life for students at SFHS.



A variety of framed posters with SIC-crafted messages encourage students to think and behave mindfully.