

## Some Additional School Achievements 2017-18



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

**Improving Academics:** SIC strategies designed to increase SAT/ACT scores have been implemented in English and math classes and in well attended after-school sessions. SFHS has also continued to expand its arts integration, course offerings, and recognitions with continued grants from the South Carolina Arts Commission and Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

**Collaborating with Community:** Telemedicine has expanded to include Tele Mental Health.

**Addressing Facility Needs:** As a result of a SIC conversation about high school facilities, two student-SIC members organized a district-wide Student Facilities Committee to research and advocate for district high school upgrades and construction. Thus far, the student committee has met multiple times, touring all three of the three high schools and the Career Center and has advocated with Fellows in Education, a community initiative in Florence County. Also, SFHS obtained a \$12,000 matching grant for some upgrades at SFHS.

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.

### School Improvement Council 2017-2018

Jordan Moore	Elected Student
Jon Gaston	Elected Teacher
Shaliek Samuel, Chair	Elected Student
Cameron Carsten, Sec.	Elected Student
Dylan Gandy	Elected Student
Gracelyn Rast	Elected Student
Kisha Crawford	Elected Teacher
Michelle Cummings, Vice Chair	Elected Teacher
Jessica Outlaw	Elected Student
Laura Wukela	Elected Parent
Kisha Crawford	Elected Teacher
Michelle Sansbury	Elected Parent
Raquel Jones	Appointed Member
Karen Long	Appointed Member
Shemekia Nero	Appointed Member
Angel Briggs	Appointed Member
Heather Strickland	Appointed Member
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Gregory Dukes	Ex-Officio Member
Kim Mack	Ex-Officio Member
Mrs. Carol C. Hill	Ex-Officio Member

### Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by South Florence High School's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress for the 2017-2018 school year regarding the following:

- School goals and objectives
- The work of the SIC
- Other notable school accomplishments

## South Florence High School School Improvement Council 2017-18 Annual Report to Parents



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The mission of South Florence High School is to prepare students to become responsible, world-class citizens and high-achieving lifelong learners

## SIC Annual Goals

### SIC School Renewal Goals for 2017-2018

1. Increase 4-year graduation rate to 84%.
2. Increase 5-year graduation rate to 87%
3. Increase End-of-course composite passage rate to 72%.
4. Increase the median average of parents and students satisfied with learning environment to 86%.
5. SFHS will maintain “all clear” status on school accreditation from SC DOE.

## Some Student Achievement and School Results

### SIC Initiative: *Highway to Higher Education (HHE)*

In 2015-16, the SIC began asking the question, “What else might we offer overage, age-promoted ninth graders that might help them be more successful?”

The SIC EEDA grant proposal to create a Highway to Higher Education Program for these students was funded July 2016. The program was implemented in 2016-17 school year and continued into 2017-18.

Five goals for the program included the following:

1. Successful promotion of 85% of the targeted population to sophomores, and hopefully junior status within one calendar year - **Result: Goal Exceeded in 2016-17**
2. Student access to dual credit courses - **Result: Goal Met in 2016-17**
3. Student access to work-place skills and opportunities through use of 1:1 technology and job training and interview experiences - **Result: Goal Met in 2016-17**
4. 1% increase in school 4-year graduation rate over time because of the success of this program with a demographic of at-risk students who have historically not graduated. - **Result: Goal in Progress**
5. Provide Behavioral Health Counseling summer-services for students - **Result: Goal Met in 2016-17**

### SIC Initiative: *Going Google*

The 1:1 initiative from 2016-17 has continued to benefit all students at SFHS:

- SFHS uses USA TestPrep to help students increase their readiness for SC End-of-Course exams. Use of USA TestPrep first semester of 2017 increased 4.5 times over what it was first semester of 2016, before the students had Chromebooks.
- After students had had Chromebooks for almost a calendar year, they responded to a SIC-created student survey. 92.3% of students said the Chromebook helps them be a more successful student. 91.2% agreed that the Chromebook helps them collaborate with others. 91.6% agreed that the Chromebook helps them access information.
- As an extension of the 1:1 initiative, one member of the SIC wrote and received a grant for \$1,000 to create parent classes related to Google and Chromebook uses for all parents in FSD1.
- Students have continued to pass classes with over a 90% passage rate.
- SFHS received national level recognition from National Network for Partnership Schools for the SIC’s level of community involvement in the Chromebook Rollout.

SFHS Data	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
4-Yr Grad Rate	77.6%	77.7%	81.0%*	82.6%*	80.9%
5-Yr Grad Rate	79.5%	82.5%	82.1%*	85.4%*	87.3%*
EOC - All tests	68.3%	68.0%	70.7%*	68.3%	59.7%
Algebra 1	72.7%	76.5%	87.9%	67.7%	63.8%
English 1	72.6%	66.9%	63.6%	67.9%	62.5%
Biology	69.8%	73.0%	68.0%	69.4%	54.0%
US History	57.5%	57.5%	64.2%	68.2%	59.4%
AP Tests	55.0%	49.2%	50.3%	56.8%	54.6%

\* SIC Goals Exceeded for that year

- Because of SIC advocacy, FSD1 gave all buses wireless capacity for students to use in transport.

### SIC Initiative: *School Managing Alternative Responses and Thoughts (SMART) Grant*

The goal of this Lowe’s Grant was to fund school-visuals that might build student awareness and capacity to make better academic and relational choices. The grant paid for posters and frames, paint for the building, landscaping, and an additional display case, all of which SIC members helped create, mount, and/or approve, and student behavior improved measurably.

To view the 2017 SFHS School Report Card online, go to [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).