



Carvers Bay High School Report to Parents



Carvers Bay High School (CBHS) is a comprehensive Title I high school located in rural Georgetown County, South Carolina. As unemployment rates continue to increase, many families in our area have been forced to move away to find employment thus causing us to show a slight decrease in our enrollment numbers. Additionally, our community consists of many single parent households. In spite of these challenges, CBHS is working diligently to provide our students with the support and encouragement they need to achieve success in a global society. Our overall goal is to increase the number of students that meet readiness standards for post-secondary education, the workplace, and the military by adopting a culture of high expectations through a more rigorous curriculum.

The academic program at CBHS continues to be supported by the High Schools That Work program. The goals and objectives for each course in the core curriculum are aligned with the South Carolina State and Common Core Curricula. Test results from the HSAP, SAT, ACT, and AP exams are used to assist instructional leaders at the school to plan strategies to improve student proficiency. The Career and Technology Education (CATE) programs are on the cutting edge of technology and challenge our students with hands-on experience and provide them with life and career skills. All students have Individual Graduation Plans to help prepare them for career pathways. Honors level courses, AP courses, Dual Enrollment courses, and SAT/ACT preparation courses are available to students. The delivery of instruction through the use of technology continues to increase. A Ninth Grade Academy was established in 2005 to assist freshmen with the academic and social transition from middle to high school. Extracurricular activities and a wide array of clubs and organizations provide students with a variety of opportunities to excel. Students, teachers, volunteers, and alumni are recognized in a variety of ways throughout the school year.

We have made great strides toward our goal of excellence in education. Our students have made consistent gains on state and national assessments. We are accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and College and AdvancED, and have received the South Carolina Palmetto Gold award for general performance and for closing the achievement gap in 2011-2012 and 2013-2014. In both 2012 and 2014, CBHS was named one of America's Best High Schools by *U.S. News & World Report*. In 2013, CBHS received a grade of "B+" from the Federal ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Accountability Rating System.

Future goals for CBHS include increasing the number of AP and Dual Enrollment classes offered to our students, providing students with the opportunity to have more challenging academic classes, partnering with community civic organizations to provide opportunities for students to participate in service learning projects, as well as developing a working plan where teachers will have collaborative planning time within the school and with the feeder middle school.

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