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# Purpose of the Report:

This Report is issued by the Carolina High School and Academy School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



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# Carolina High School and Academy

Annual School Improvement Council

# **Report to Parents**

2020-2021



# Whatever It Takes!

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#### **CHS&A Achievements**

# **Philanthropy and Community Development:**

- 9th annual "Race for Grace" to raise funds for emergency support of CHS students and families
- Carolina Closet: School-sponsored food pantry and consignment store benefits, students, teachers, and community
- National Honor Society: Students logged over 1000 hours of community service.
- Air Force ROTC manages a school-wide recycling program
- AVFL Athletes Volunteer for Life athletes have logged hours of volunteer service

# **Academic Excellence**

• The Class of 2019 received over 1.2 million dollars in scholarships and awards.

# All Region Awards – 3A Sports:

- Jalen Griffin Football
- Javius Burton Football
- Mi'kel Chappell Basketball
- Christina Williams Basketball

# **Artistic Excellence:**

- Marching Band participation in the SCBDA Virtual Marching Festival Showcase
- Concert Band participation in the SCBDA Virtual Concert Performance Assessment
- Marching Band achieved two Excellent Ratings in the SCBDA Fall Virtual Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Five Superior Ratings in SCBDA Fall Virtual Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Choral group participated in the Virtual Greenville Honors Choir

# **Social Development**

There are various clubs, social groups, and mentoring activities that address the need of our diverse student population:

- Sister to Sister Female mentoring program
- Hispanic Student DREAMers Alliance
- Tiger Alliance Male mentoring program providing resources to close high school achievement gaps
- Mindfulness schoolwide practices
- Engineering student presentations to community stakeholders
- PRISMA Partnership Mentoring Program
- Health Academy students working with and presenting to PRISMA
- HOSA Health Occupations Students of America is a national career and technical student organization
- AVFL Athletes Volunteer for Life Organization

# **School Norms**

- Be fully present
- Be mindful of communication
- Collaborate and work with a growth mindset toward our mission
- Foster a safe environment

# **Ideal Graduate Characteristics**

- Goal-Driven
- Work Ethic
- Creative
- Accountable
- Collaborative
- Self-Advocate
- Professional
- Civic-Minded
- Critical Thinker
- Passionate

SIC Annual Goals Student Achievement

## Vision:

Our vision is to create a culture in which the school and community foster academic excellence and the social development of all students in a safe and inviting learning environment.

### Mission:

To help students reach their full potential through engaging experiences that are academically excellent and socially equitable.

## **Beliefs:**

- We believe that we can empower students to succeed as lifelong learners through individual and collaborative efforts.
- We believe that all students will adhere to and reach the high expectations we set forth and model.
- We believe that our diversity and challenges will make us stronger and not be an obstacle or excuse in our way.
- We believe that we will treat all members of our school, our community and our stakeholders with the respect and dignity they deserve.
- We believe our students and our parents are our customers and we will serve them to the best of our abilities, creating a dynamic partnership.

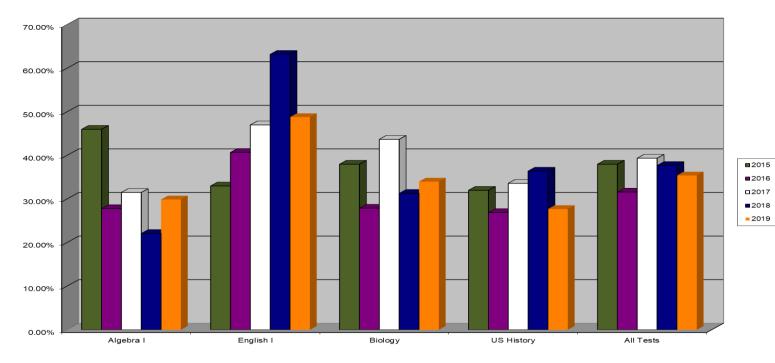
#### Motto:

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# **Safe & Inviting Environment:**

Along with creating a school-wide mindfulness moment every morning, we have also created small group student mindfulness groups.

#### Percentage of Students Passing the End-of-Course Exams



According to the latest school report card:

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education approved South Carolina's request to waive spring statewide assessments, accountability ratings, and certain reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year due to widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- The Algebra I End-of-Course passing rate scores have increased 7.8%
- The Biology I End-of-Course passing rate scores have increased 2.7%.
- The English I End-of-Course passing rate scores have decreased 14.4%.
- The US History End-of-Course passing rate scores have decreased 8.7%.
- Passing rates for all EOC tests has decreased by 2.3%. Graduation rate continues to improve, from 74.2% in 2018 to 74.8% 2019.
- ACT Scores increased from a composite score of 15.2 to 16.0
- SAT average score was 854

Demographics indicate that 100% of the school population receive free lunch.

Enrollment has been on the rise within the last 5 years: 2016 (758), 2017 (741), 2018 (772), 2019 (849), and 2020 (885).

School-Wide Learning Outcomes (SWLOs): Our students are currently assessed in the areas of Knowledge & Thinking (50%), Oral Communication (15%), Written Communication (15%), Collaboration (10%), and Agency (10%).

The overall rating for Carolina High School was unsatisfactory for our 2019 Report Card. We only received 35 total points out of 100.

# Advanced Placement courses

- Dual Credit Course through Greenville Technical College and North Greenville University
- BRIDGES Program with Furman University

**CHS&A Programs** 

- CHS College and Career Fair
- College Planning Night/FAFSA Night
- Greenville Early College Program located at McAllister Square
- Magnet Programs Health and Pre-Engineering
- MedEx (PRISMA) Health Care Program
- PRISMA Health System Program focusing on Health Careers
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Pre-Engineering and Health
- HOSA Health Occupation Students Association
- Junior Achievement Partnership
- Online and virtual courses with multiple
  Virtual Lab Spaces for Student Support
- Partnership with Enoree Career Center
- Partnership with the New Tech Network
- Partnership with Home Depot
- Partnership with Hispanic Alliance
- Mentoring Programs through various partners such as WISE, Clemson, Capital Partners, PRISMA Health, Furman Bridges, Sister to Sister, Student Dreamers
- Technology at Carolina High School includes one to one devices for all students and staff

# **Volunteers are Needed!**

We are always looking for volunteers to participate as content/skill experts for our class projects. We also need bi-lingual participants in order to better serve our customers.