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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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Annual School Improvement Council

Report to Parents

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CHS&A Achievements

Philanthropy and Community Development:

CHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes are holding the first-ever "Race for Grace" to raise funds for emergency support of CHS students.

AFROTC did its second Community Walk and volunteered at Harvest Hope.

Six seniors (Larkidus Robinson, Jasmine Edwards, Marquise Brown, Victoria Gonzalez, Luis Garcia, and Tierra McKinney) participated in Greenville Rotary Shadowing.

Athletic Excellence:

At the 2013 ring ceremony, CHS recognized 6 individual state champions between 2011 & 2012 in Wrestling and Track & Field:

Keziah Brown-Track (2010-11)
Iliana Scott-Track (2010-11)
Shacorey Jeter-Track (2010-11)
Myeia Speaks-Track (2010-11)
Donja Williams-Track (2010-11)
Zach Cannon-Track (2011-12)
Shacorey Jeter-Track (2011-12)
Tarik Johnson-Track (2011-12)
Timas Peterson-Track (2011-12)
Anthony Zovich-Wrestling (2011-12)

Artistic Excellence:

Two AP Studio Arts students (Olivia Adams and Julianna Escobar) will submit art portfolios this year.

Olivia Adams and Moriah Roberts were recognized for their artwork displayed at USC.

Academic Excellence:

In 2012, CHS seniors were awarded \$866,513 in scholarships. 2013 scholarships already exceed \$263,000 and continue to rise.

Keith Coffman met requirements to enter the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

CHS&A Achievements (continued)

Vocational Excellence:

Future Business Leaders of America won 1st place in accounting, with Cameron Fritz Farr going to State competition.

CHS&A Nationally Certified "Project Lead The Way" Engineering program was awarded an \$2000.00 grant from Fluor Corp.

At the annual engineering week competition at Fluor Corporation, winning design team earned \$50 gift cards and 4 tickets to Greenville Drive game, including a tour of Fluor Field.

The CHS Science Olympiad team competed at Newberry College on March 16 and took 8th place overall in the state. Moriah Roberts and Cameron Fritz Farr won 6th place in Material Science, Keith Coffman and Jay George won 6th place in Disease Detective, Cameron Fritz Farr and Luis Garcia took 6th place in Robot Arm, Ryan Flowers and Jamison Gregg took 4th place in Gravity Vehicle, Josh Hendrix and James Hugg took 4th place in Circuit Lab, and Moriah Roberts and Keith Coffman won 2nd place in Boomilever.

Seven CHS students will participate in the Health Occupations Students of America National Conference this year. At the state competition, Missy McCormick placed 1st in Prepared Speaking for the second year in a row; Aaron Finch took 2nd place in Dental Spelling and earned Barbara James Bronze Medal; Mackenzie Gore took 2nd place in Nutrition; Larkidus Robinson scored in the top 20 Heath Care Issues Exam; Cole Berry, Moriah Roberts, and Chantelle Levesque earned Barbara James Certificate recognition; Milagros Rodriguez scored in the state's top 6 for Human Growth and Emilee Bratcher scored in the state's top 6 for Dental Spelling.

SIC Annual Goals

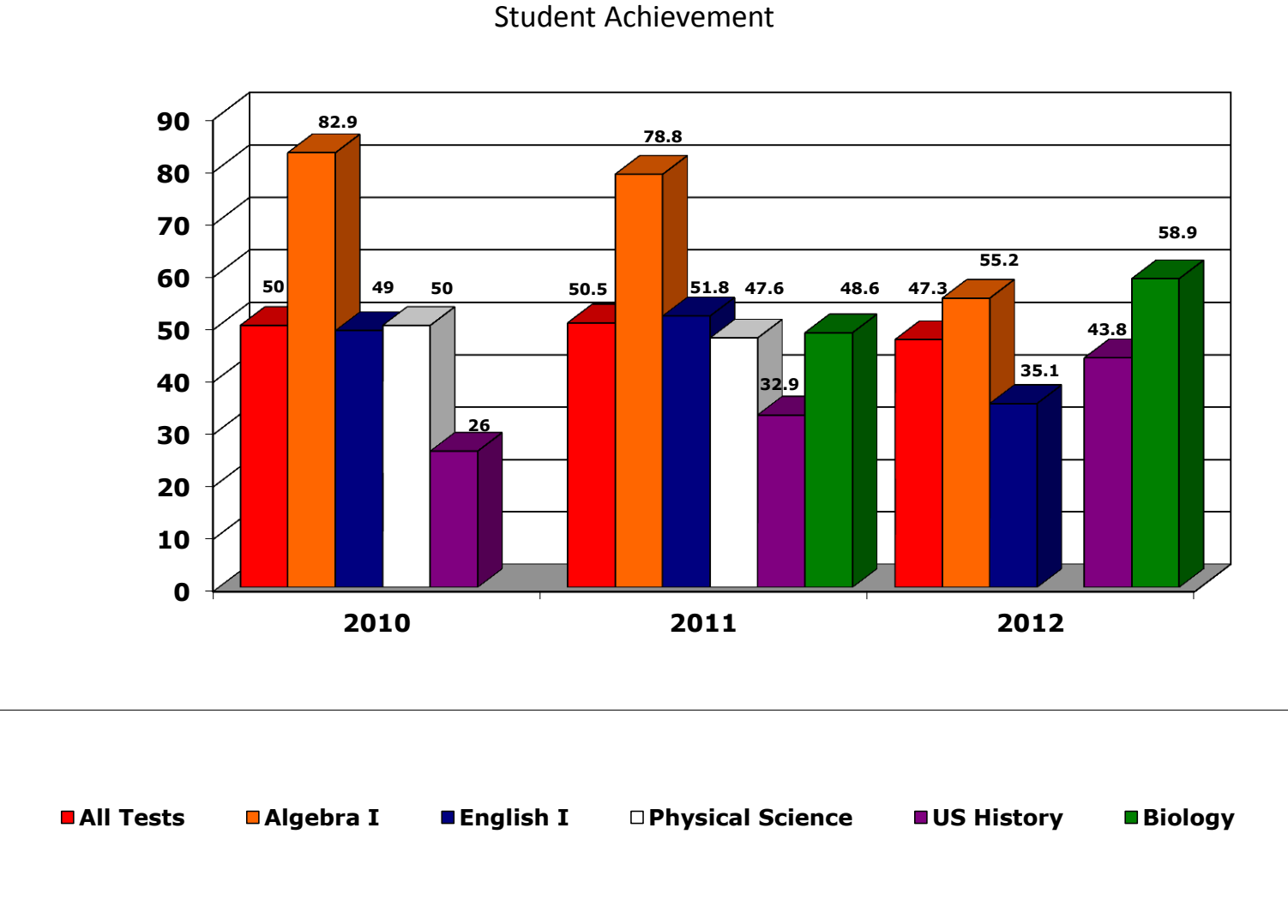
Our vision is to create a culture in which the school and community foster **academic excellence** and the **social development** of all students in a **safe and inviting environment**.

Academic Excellence: This year, two curriculum nights were held to help incoming freshmen and all upperclassmen plan for registration and college. The SIC began to solicit professionals to augment the CARE tutoring program. We experimented with a “movie night” (for reading improvement) where a sub-titled movie was offered free-of-charge; 15 students participated.

Social Development: Student Government completed a survey indicating that student interests in volunteer activities were more aligned with long-term and career-centric opportunities. Mr. & Mrs. CHS pageants include mentoring and highlight student accomplishments. Mentoring programs for boys and girls are growing. Boys’ and Girls’ Club partnerships include free membership at CROC center. Partnership with Edwin Penland (marketing firm) exposes marketing class to marketing use of social media.

Safe & Inviting Environment: More student accomplishments are displayed on the walls and web-site than ever before. Quarterly recognition continues for attendance and academics.

Volunteers are Needed! Nearly 50 improvement ideas were generated, but our core team is small; we especially need bi-lingual participants to be able to meet and work in two languages (English/Spanish).



- According to the latest school report card:
- History end of course exam performance is much improved.
 - Math and English scores declined.
 - Graduation rate continues to improve, from 48.8% in 2010 to 55.8% in 2011, to 58.7% in 2012.

Demographics indicate that 92.68% of students are from families living below the poverty index; 84.2% receive free or reduced lunch.

Attendance had declined since 2010 (730 students) to 2011 (680 students) and 2012 (678 students).

Both absolute rating and growth rating of CHS&A in 2012 were “below average.”

CHS families can participate by

- using the Parent Portal to view & support student progress,
- reading at home,
- turning on sub-titles for television/movies, and
- encouraging student participation in CHS tutoring and other programs that focus on improvement of reading.

CHS&A Programs

Rigor in the class-room includes 1500 class observations per year
Air Force JROTC program (2006)
CARE before/after-school tutoring (2009)
APEX credit recovery and Summer School tuition assistance (2009)
Dean’s List (Academics and Attendance (2009)
Health Professions magnet program (2010)
Project Lead the Way engineering magnet program (2010)
Incentives for improvement (2010)
High Schools that Work (2010)
Online and virtual courses (2010)
Partnership with two career centers (2010)
Synergistic Learning Labs: 2 math, 1 English “Reading & Robots,” Physical Science, Genetics, First Responder, Forensic Science, Health Lab (2010)
Intensive HSAP blitz & incentives (2010)
Advanced Placement courses (2010)
Early College through Greenville Tech (2010)
Jobs for American Graduates (2011)
Engineering Prototype Lab (2011)
Six Microsoft Computer Labs (2011)
Telephone Call-Outs to families (2012)
Urban League College Tours for \$10 (2012)
College Planning night (2012)
Teen Achievers mentor Freshman Success (2012)
Hands-on Common Core (2013)
Field Trips like AP Human Geography going to Happy Cow Creamery (2012)

Technology at Carolina High School includes PLTW software, online courses, mobile laptop carts, smart boards, etc.

There are 15 athletic teams and 23 student organizations at CHS. There is now a Booster Club to support them financially. **(Volunteers needed!)**