

Carolina High School and Academy

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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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Report to Parents

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CHS&A Achievements

Philanthropy and Community Development:

CHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold their 4th annual "Race for Grace" to raise funds for emergency support of CHS students. They raised over \$4000.00 last year.

AFROTC volunteered at the Harvest Hope Food Bank and "Boo at the Zoo" with the Greenville Zoo in addition several field trips including Ft. Jackson, CNN Studios, and SC Army National Guard Aviation Center.

Athletic Excellence:

This year:

- Soccer qualified for the AA State Playoffs

Volleyball:

- Most Improved – Daniela Ramirez
- Coach's Award – Chu'Quavia Rayford
- MVP – Claudia Moore

Wrestling:

- Most Improved – John Jones
- Most Valuable – Christian Barksdale
- Trojan Award – Nathan Moore

Greenville Touchdown Club

- Alex Barton
- Kahree Evans

All Upstate Football 2nd Team:

- Kahree Evans

CHS&A Achievements (continued)

All Region Awards:

Fall

- Zaccheus Sullivan – Football
- Marcus Grant – Football
- Kahree Evans – Football

Winter

- Deandre Hargrove-Basketball

Upper State Track Meet Quailfiers:

- Ashley Franklin - 100m, Long Jump
- Deandre Hargrove – Long Jump

Vocational Excellence:

- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) traveled to their state leadership conference in Charleston, SC. They received \$1500 in scholarships in addition to several awards.

Artistic Excellence:

- Five students won 16 Scholastic Art Awards/Southeast Region at-Large: 8 gold, 5 silver, and 3 honorable mention.
- The National Art Honor Society inducted 8 new members.

Academic Excellence

- Partnership with the New Tech Network (Year Two)
- JAG Award winners in Poetry, Public Speaking, State Delegate and Executive Director Awards
- Science Olympiad 1st and 3rd place winners in Air Trajectory and Bridge Building
- The Honor Society inducted 24 students

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. Carolina High School implemented “Academic Overtime”, which provided additional lunchtime for students to receive tutoring during the school day.

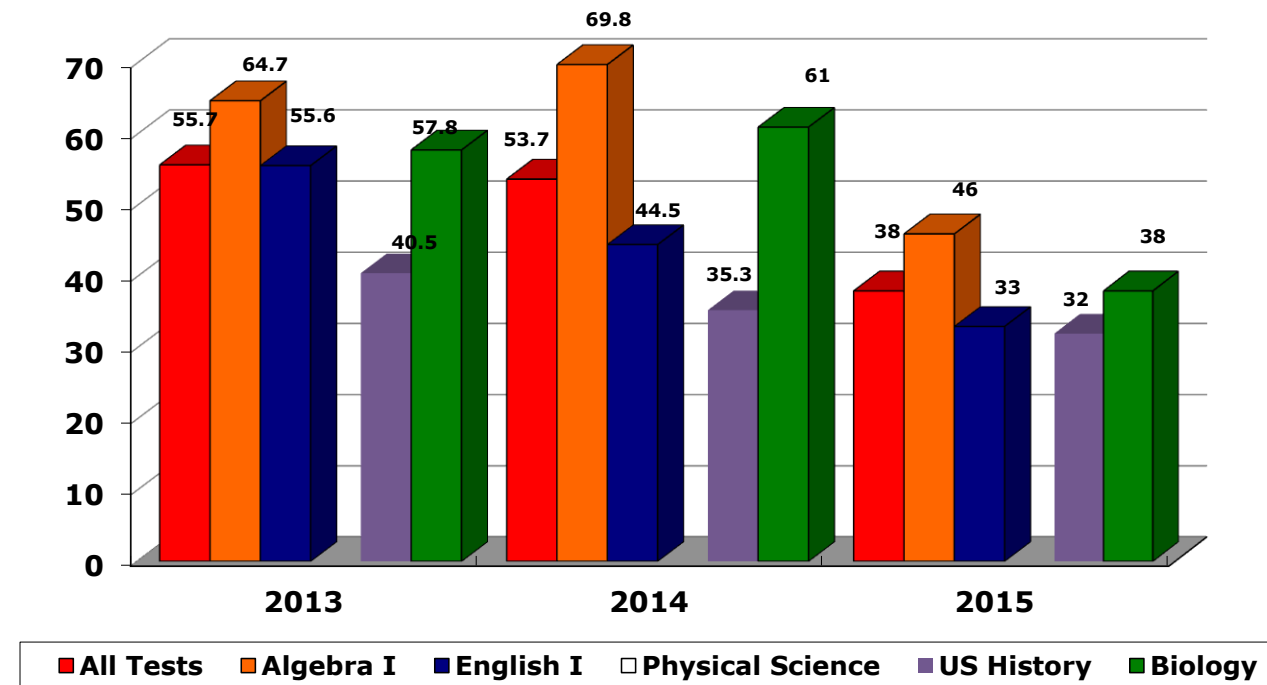
Social Development: Student Government completed a survey indicating that student interests in volunteer activities were more aligned with long-term and career-centric opportunities. The School Improvement Committee created a “Job Readiness Fair”, which provided workshops for interviewing skills and resume’ writing. The Job Readiness Fair featured several employers including Chick Fil-A, Hibbett Sports, Olive Garden, Goodwill Industries, and TJ Maxx. Mentoring programs for boys and girls are growing. The 100 Black Men of the Upstate mentors young men through Lunch & Learn sessions. Boys’ and Girls’ Club partnerships include free membership at KROC center.

Safe & Inviting Environment: More student accomplishments are displayed on the walls and school website than ever before.

Volunteers are Needed!

We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas to help meet our three goals for improving the school. We also need bi-lingual participants to be able to meet and work in two languages (English/Spanish).

Student Achievement



According to the latest school report card:

- The Algebra I End-of-Course passing rate scores have declined by 15.7%.
- The Biology I End-of-Course passing rate scores have declined by 23%.
- The English I End-of-Course passing rate scores have declined by 11.5% .
- The US History End-of-Course passing rate scores have declined by 3.3%.
- Graduation rate continues to improve, from 48.8% in 2010 to 55.8% in 2011, to 58.7% in 2012, and 62.4% in 2013, to 70.6% in 2014.
- **Carolina posted a 72.4% graduation rate for 2015.**

Demographics indicate that 93.75% of students are from families living below the poverty index; 100% receive free or reduced lunch.

Attendance has been on the rise within the last 5 years: 2011 (680 students), 2012 (678 students), 2013 (693), 2014 (718), and 2015 (733) .

The absolute rating for Carolina High School improved from “below average” to “average”, and the growth rating improved from “below average” to “excellent”.

CHS families can participate by

- using the Parent Portal and ECHO to view & support student progress,
- reading at home,
- encouraging student participation in CHS tutoring and other programs that focus on improvement of reading.

CHS&A Programs

Partnership with the New Tech Network (2014)
Health Professions magnet program (2010)
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering and Health magnet programs (2010)
Incentives for improvement (2010)
High Schools that Work (2010)
Online and virtual courses (2010)
Partnership with two career centers (2010)
Advanced Placement courses (2010)
Early College through Greenville Tech (2010)
Jobs for American Graduates (2011)
Engineering Prototype Lab (2011)
Telephone Call-Outs to families (2012)
College Planning Night (2012)

Technology at Carolina High School includes student DELL tablets, improved overlay of wireless internet connection, 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!)**