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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 held their third annual "Race for Grace" to raise funds for emergency support of CHS students. They raised over \$4000.00 this year.

AFROTC volunteered at the Harvest Hope Food Bank to pack and sort food. In addition, the AFROTC awarded twelve different honors during the awards day ceremony.

Athletic Excellence:

This year:

- Soccer qualified for the AA State Playoffs Individual

Scholarships:

- Tracy Scott – North Greenville (Football)
- Sherelle Jackson – Green Mountain (Basketball)

All Region Awards:

Fall

- Quincy McCauley – Football
- Marcus Grant – Football
- Tracy Scott – Football

Winter

- Kameron Grant-Basketball
- Deandre Hargrove-Basketball

Spring

- Adahi Alarcon - Girls Soccer
- Jonathan Galvan - Boys Soccer
- Juan Diego Suarez-Quintero - Boys Soccer
- Hunter Summey - Baseball

CHS&A Achievements (continued)

Academic All Region

Female:

- Susan Fontillas Forbes
- Cherdricka Nigeria Fleming

Male:

- Hunter Alan Summey
- Sharieff O'Neal Johnson

All County

- Tracy Scott - Football

Vocational Excellence:

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) traveled to their state leadership conference in Charleston, SC and placed 2nd in Prepared Persuasive Speaking in addition to receiving service awards and scholarships. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) traveled to the District I Leadership Conference, placing 3rd in Business Calculations.

Artistic Excellence:

Seventeen students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society. Daniel Simmons was accepted into the 2015 SC Schools Photography Competition, placing 2nd in his division.

Academic Excellence

Following in the tradition of providing rigorous instruction for CHS students, our freshman class 2015 completed their first year of their project-based learning experience provided by our partnership with New Tech Network. Students were assigned an electronic device that provided access to web-based resources and participate in collaborative efforts to solve real-world problems and issues.

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**.

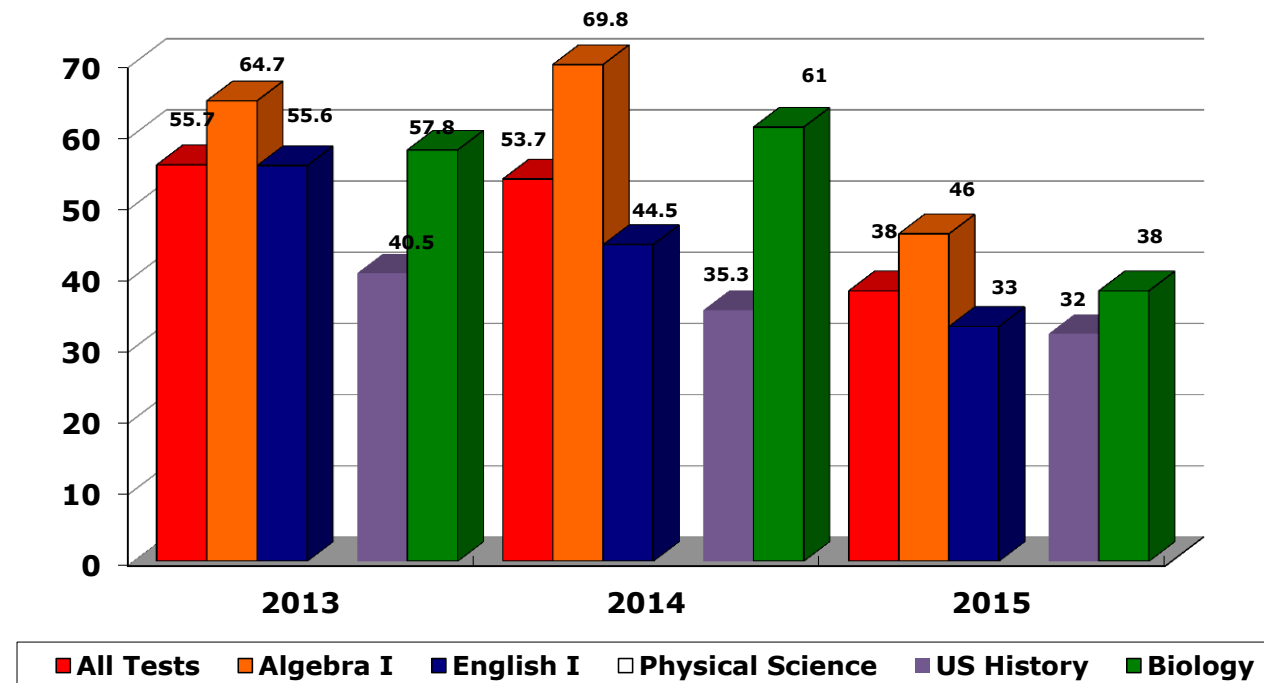
Academic Excellence: This year, two curriculum nights were held to help incoming freshmen and all upperclassmen plan for registration and college. The SIC began to solicit professionals to augment the CARE tutoring program.

Social Development: Student Government completed a survey indicating that student interests in volunteer activities were more aligned with long-term and career-centric opportunities. 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).

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.
- **Carolina posted a 70.6% graduation rate for 2014.**

Demographics indicate that 93.75% of students are from families living below the poverty index; 84.3% receive free or reduced lunch.

Attendance had declined since 2010 (730 students) to 2011 (680 students) and 2012 (678 students). There were slight increases in 2013 (693) and 2014 (718) .

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,
- 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 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!)**